

RESOLUTION NO. 095-2025(PD), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with GPD Group for engineering design services associated with the construction of a new extension of Blanche Avenue; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, although Blanche Avenue currently terminates just to the east of Revere Road, it has existed as an officially mapped right-of-way through to Andrews Road for over one-hundred years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights has determined that the extension of Blanche Avenue to its historically mapped extent is in the best interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the City of Cleveland Heights was awarded Community Project Funding (CPF) through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$850,000 in order to facilitate the roadway and utility construction (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in order to be in receipt of the federal funding, the City requires professional engineering design services for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended that the services offered by GPD Group best meet the City's needs; and

WHEREAS, such engineering design services are professional services for which no bidding is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the federal allocation permits reimbursement of soft costs such as engineering design services and, therefore, it is not anticipated that there would be any impact to the City budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter into an agreement with GPD Group for engineering design services associated with the construction of a new road to extend Blanche Avenue. The agreement shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the proposed agreement for professional engineering design services submitted by GPD Group, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of Council. Compensation for the services detailed therein shall not exceed the sum of One Hundred and Forty-Seven Thousand, Four Hundred and

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Forty-Eight Dollars (\$147,448.00). All agreements hereunder shall be approved as to form and subject to the final approval of the Director of Law.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Resolution to the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to commence the above-described improvements at the earliest possible time to protect the safety and welfare of the residents of the City. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



TONY CUD
President of Council



ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

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PASSED: May 19, 2025

Presented to Mayor: 05/20/2025 Effective date: 05/30/2025*

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor

*Effective date per Article IV, Section 5 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights