

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2020 (AS)

By Council Member Seren

A Resolution authorizing the use of a Consent Agenda within the agenda of meetings of the City Council; establishing the parameters thereof; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III, Section 8 of the Charter of the City of Cleveland Heights, this Council has the authority to determine its own rules and order of business, including prescribing the form, method, and procedure for legislative enactments; and

WHEREAS, the use of a Consent Agenda would permit this Council to address routine or non-controversial matters more efficiently by permitting the approval of such matters without need for separate discussion, debate, or vote as to each matter contained within the Consent Agenda; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined that having the ability to utilize a Consent Agenda in its meetings is in the best interest of the City, its residents, and the general goal of civic efficiency.

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Article III, Section 8 of the Charter of the City of Cleveland Heights, this Council hereby determines to approve the use of a Consent Agenda. The use of a Consent Agenda is hereby authorized but not mandated with respect to any particular meeting.

SECTION 2. The utilization of a Consent Agenda shall be governed by the following rules: The Consent Agenda may include ordinances and resolutions, acceptance of property and dedications, easement agreements, and such other items as Council determines. Items which may not be included on the Consent Agenda are those which impose a tax or propose a levy or question for popular consideration on the ballot or which would be prohibited by the City Charter or Ordinances. Any member of Council, for any reason, may request that an item on the Consent Agenda be removed and if such request is made the item shall be removed and placed on the regular agenda without discussion on that request. Action on any item on the consent portion of the agenda shall not eliminate the need for a greater majority vote if one is called for by the Charter or the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights. Action upon the Consent Agenda will require two motions: the first to suspend the rules under Chapter 111 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, and a second for approval or adoption of the items within the Consent Agenda. A vote upon adoption of the Consent Agenda operates as to all items on the Consent Agenda at the time the motion to approve or adopt is made.

SECTION 3. At any time, this Council may, as it deems necessary or advisable, prescribe different or additional rules and limitations governing the use of the Consent Agenda, consistent with the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights.

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SECTION 4. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 5. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately 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 implement the above-described practice to streamline Council meetings by providing appropriate flexibility to address in an expedient manner non-controversial matters coming before Council. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) 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.

JASON S. STEIN, Mayor
President of Council

SUSANNA NIERMANN O'NEIL
Acting Clerk of Council

PASSED: February 3, 2020