



# CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

## COUNCIL UPDATE

December 29, 2021

### MEETINGS & REMINDERS

Monday, January 3	7:30 p.m.	City Council Organizational Meeting City Hall – Council Chambers
Tuesday, January 4	5:00 p.m.	Landmark Commission Online
	6:00 p.m.	Council Committee of the Whole Executive Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Architectural Board of Review Online
Thursday, January 6	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Meet Your Police Police Academy, Noble Rd.

Please see the attached agendas for the following:

- Council agenda for the January 3<sup>rd</sup> Organizational meeting of Council at 7:30pm
- Committee of the Whole meeting (Executive session) at 6:00pm on Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder: There is no paper packet this week.

Happy New Year. Susanna



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### **AGENDA (tentative) – CLEVELAND HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING** **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Monday, January 3, 2022**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Cleveland Heights City Hall**  
**40 Severance Circle**  
**Cleveland Heights, Ohio**

- 1) **Meeting called to order by Clerk of Council**
- 2) **Clerk reports results of November 2, 2021 election at which Kahlil Seren was elected as Mayor and Davida Russell, Craig Cobb, Anthony Cuda, Anthony Mattox Jr., and Josephine Moore were elected as Council Members**
- 3) **Oaths of Office administered to newly-elected Council Members**
- 4) **Roll Call of Council Members**
- 5) **Excuse absent members**
- 6) **Selection of President pro tempore (see Section 111.09 of Codified Ordinances)**
- 7) **President pro tem will request nominations for Office of President of Council (no seconds required)**
- 8) **President pro tem will close the floor after all nominations made (motion and second required)**
- 9) **Roll Call on election of President of Council**  

**Note: If there is more than one nomination for this office, Council Member will report their choice for that office when called upon. If there is only one nomination, Council Members will report “aye” or “nay” in their usual vote form.**
- 10) **Oath of Office Administered to Council President**
- 11) **Council President presides and requests nominations for the Office of Vice President of Council**
- 12) **Council President will close the floor after all nominations made (motion and second required)**
- 13) **Roll Call on election of Vice President of Council**

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- 14) Oath of Office administered to Vice President of Council**
- 15) President of Council announces Committee memberships for each standing Committee of Council**
- 16) Other business related to Council Organization**
- 17) Approval of the minutes of the special Council meeting held Monday, November 29, 2021**
- 18) Council Member comments**

**NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022**



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## Committee of the Whole

January 4, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Executive Session

*a. To consider the appointment of a public official*



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**Monday, November 29, 2021 Minutes**

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

7:08 – 7:25 p.m.

Vice President Seren presiding

Roll Call: Present: Seren, Ungar, Hart, Cobb, Moore  
Absent: Stein, Russell

Staff present: Hanna, Himmelein, Niermann O’Neil

**Personal communications from citizens**

John Fleshin from the Cedarbrook area received a note from Robert Brown about adding benches and a few tables to the area. Mr. Brown also mentioned that the squeaky wheel gets the grease. Mr. Fleshin is not sure he’s been “squeaky” enough. He is here tonight to ask Council to slow down and to save as much green space as they can. He said the sunset can no longer be seen at 4:15pm due to the current parking garage located there and he cannot imagine what it will be like once the proposed buildings are constructed on the site. He brought some photographs of the trees in the area and the sunset. He provided the photographs to the Clerk of Council who distributed them to Council. He asked Council to please think carefully about this project. He said he looked through the exhibits provided with the legislation and finds them confusing. Also, he still does not see any numbers for this project. If the City is going to build close to his house, he would appreciate them telling him now. He thanked Council for listening to him and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Catherine Osborn lives near the Cedar Lee Meadowbrook site and is here tonight to voice her support for the project. She loves having so many restaurants and shops within walking distance from her home and is looking forward to additional amenities as well as diversity in housing options so that more residents can enjoy the area. She believes this project will enhance what Cedar Lee already is, which is a great place to live and visit. In her experience, the surface parking lot is never full and the parking garage is underutilized. She believes the parking consultant’s findings should calm the fears of those who are worried about the parking situation. She is excited to welcome new residents and businesses to this area. She hopes Council continues to work towards an agreement and make this project a reality.

Fran Mentch wished everyone a good evening and Happy Hanukkah. She announced that People for the Park obtained nearly 3,800 signatures for their petition to put the initiative on the ballot in May. She believes this proves that the people of Cleveland Heights want a park and a public square on the 1.07 acres on Lee Road between Tullamore and Meadowbrook. Not every person who signed the petition is certain about the proposed park but all who signed it supported the right for it to be on the ballot in order to have an informed discussion on the issue and to vote on it. Ms. Mentch thanked everyone who helped including those who signed the petition, those who circulated it, letter writers, those who put signs in their yards, the businesses that allowed them to collect signatures in front of their stores, and the people who offered words of encouragement along the way. She requested that those who still have petitions return them to her so she can submit them.

Tony Cuda had a few questions he wanted to bring up before the Planning Director spoke about the Cedar-Lee Meadowbrook project. Why can't there be a limit to the number of stories for the proposed development, specifically on the 1.07 acres? Why is the square footage described as approximately 5k-9k? This seems to be more of a range than an approximation. What does the "and/or a public space" around the structure mean in the agreement? Can these issues be resolved before Council votes on it? If not, why not?

## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 154-2021 (PD), *Second Reading***. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Development Agreement with F&C Development, Inc. concerning the "Cedar-Lee Meadowbrook" development; and declaring an emergency.

Introduced by Council Member Ungar

**Legislation Introduced**

**NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jason S. Stein  
President of Council

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Amy Himmelein  
Clerk of Council