

Proposed:11/7/2022

RESOLUTION NO. 159-2022(CRR) *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren, Council President Hart, Council Vice President Cobb, and Council members Russell, Cuda, Larson, Moore, and Mattox

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into negotiations with the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District for a mutually beneficial agreement for the use of each other's meeting and recreational facilities; indicating the Mayor's and this Council's commitment to such an agreement; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District has historically paid an annually negotiated rental fee to the City of Cleveland Heights for the use of certain City recreational facilities for School District sporting events and activities; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District Board of Education ("School District") has requested that the City enter into an agreement with the School District for the use of City recreational facilities for School District sporting events without imposing a fee for use; and

WHEREAS, this Council and the Mayor desire to negotiate and approve an agreement for the School District's use of City ice rink(s), playing fields and other recreational facilities, and for the City's use of the School District's auditoriums, meetings rooms, pool, playing fields and recreational facilities, on terms which are defined, fair, and mutually beneficial to the City and School District and the taxpayers of Cleveland Heights; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has publicly announced his intention to develop a mutually beneficial facilities sharing arrangement with the School District that allows the City and the School District to remove rental fees as a condition of the leasing of facilities and encourages greater collaboration between the City and the School District for the benefit of the residents of Cleveland Heights.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to immediately commence negotiations with the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District for a mutually beneficial agreement whereby each entity and its constituents may utilize the playing fields, recreational facilities, and meeting facilities of the other entity for recreational and other programmatic purposes, on terms which are defined, fair and reasonable.

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SECTION 2. Council and the Mayor hereby affirm their dedication to seeking a mutually beneficial, bilateral facilities-sharing agreement with the School District that, at minimum, removes rental fees as a condition for the use of either entity's facilities.

SECTION 3. Council and the Mayor further reaffirm their dedication to seeking a mutually beneficial, multilateral facilities-sharing agreement with the School District, the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library, and the City of University Heights that maximizes the benefits of cost sharing for each entity and improves the quality of life for each entity's constituency.

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. 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 address the School District's proposal on a timely basis. 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.



MELODY JOY HART
President of Council



ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

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PASSED: 11/07/2022

Presented to Mayor: 11/08/2022

Approved: 11/18/2022

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kahlil Seren", written over a horizontal line.

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor