



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

January 17, 2023

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Start: 7:38pm

End: 8:33pm

President Hart Presiding

Roll Call: Present: Mattox, Russell, Hart, Cobb, Cuda, Larson

Also Present: Mayor Seren, Director Hanna

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Request permission to bid project 2301 Cuyahoga-Lee Rd resurfacing, ODOT PID 112874.

Matter of Record

- Inform Council and the Public that starting January 20, first energy has contracted with a company to perform inspections of specific transmission lines, which will use helicopters; so, if you see helicopters around the city, that is likely what is happening.
- Reminder that MLK essay/poetry/art contest and celebration is Thursday at 7pm at the Community Center; special thanks to President and Vice President who joined city staff in selecting the award winners.
- During the last snow storm, he received no complaints in his office, which he will take as a win. Wants to thank the Department of Public Works and Parks and Recs Staff for their hard work.
- A selection has been made for a new Parks and Recs Director; she will likely start in the first half of February.
- Gave an update on the ice rinks situation at the Rec Center; particularly about whether the North Rink can be opened back up since it has been shut due to the sprinkler leak.

REPORT FROM THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

Notify Council that a notice has been received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control advising that an application has been made by the following:

- Daves Supermarket Inc. dba Daves Market, 1940 Lee Rd. Cleveland Heights, OH 44106 for a liquor agency contract, and for the transfer of a C2/C2X/D6/D8 liquor permit from York Lee Inc. dba Zagaras Marketplace, 1940 Lee Rd. Cleveland Heights, OH 44118 to Daves Supermarket Inc. dba Daves Market, 1940 Lee Rd. Cleveland Heights, OH 44118.

Matter of Record

Referred to: The Mayor, Chief of Police, and the Director of Law

LEGISLATION

a. First Readings—Consideration of Adoption Requested

RESOLUTION NO. 003-2023(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution expressing the concern of the residents and City Council for delays in the United States Postal Service (“USPS”) mail delivery in several Cleveland Heights neighborhoods over the past several months and further expressing the appreciation of the residents and City Council to our USPS postal carriers who are working long hours due to significant staffing shortages.

Motion to Adopt by Councilwoman Russell, Seconded by Councilor Larson

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

Legislation Passed

RESOLUTION NO. 004-2023(PD): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Friends of Mendlesohn, a non-profit corporation, for payment of funding to Naylor Wellman, LLC for historic preservation services related to the placement of Park Synagogue, 3300 Mayfield Road, Cleveland Heights on the national registry of Historic Places and designation of such building as a National Landmark; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopt by Councilman Mattox, Seconded by Councilwoman Russell

Roll Call: Ayes: Mattox, Russell, Hart, Cobb, Cuda, Larson
Nays: None

Legislation Passed

RESOLUTION NO. 005-2023(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Classic Ford of Madison for the purchase of four pick-up trucks with plows, three (3) for the Parks and Recreation Department and one (1) for the Department of Public Works; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopt by Councilwoman Russell, Seconded by Councilman Cuda

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

Legislation Passed

b. First Readings Only

RESOLUTION NO. 006-2023(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a fifth amendment to the agreement with Wade Trim, Inc. of Ohio, for professional engineering services relating to the City’s Sanitary Sewer Overflow Control project and the EPA partial consent decree; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Referred to Committee (MSES)

c. Second Readings

RESOLUTION NO. 002-2023(F): Second Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Schonhardt & Associates for the provision of assistance to the City’s Finance Department in the preparation of the 2022-2024 Annual Comprehensive Finance Reports; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to Adopt by President Hart, Seconded by Vice President Cobb

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

Legislation Passed

d. Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 007-2023(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming February, 2023 to be *American Heart Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

RESOLUTION NO. 008-2023(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing February 2023 as *Black History Month*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to suspend rules by Vice President Cobb, Seconded by Councilor Larson

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6
Nays:0

Motion to adopt by Councilman Mattox, Seconded by Vice President Cobb

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

Legislation Passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a.) Public Safety and Health Committee
 - Committee met today and started work on legislation that will potentially set up a sidewalk repair program.
 - Determined more research is needed for a potential sidewalk snow removal program.
 - Mayor Seren and Nobel Elementary Principal will hold a community meeting on January 26 to discuss the traffic pattern during drop off.
 - Next meeting is February 21, at 10am
- b.) Community Relations and Recreation Committee
 - Community Center is reopened for regular hours.
 - Refuse collection is delayed by one due to the holiday.
 - Update on community events happening throughout Cleveland Heights
 - Reminder regarding speed limit changes
- c.) Planning and Development Committee
 - Met today at 5pm and discussed Appraisal GAP program; a lot to flesh out still; will continue to be discussed during February meeting.
 - Planning Commission recommendations have been sent over; will be discussed during February meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Brian Hare

- Spoke in favor of a turf field replacing the South Rink.

David Lavelle

- Wants the south rink reopened; brought up the bond issue regarding the rec center having two rinks.

Mike Watson

- Wants an update on the ice rink situation; had multiple questions about what the specific issues are concerning the rink and what the city is doing about the situation.

Joe Tekus

- Concerned about the maintenance of the entire community center, not just the rinks.

Jay Tekus

- Brought up concerns regarding the lack of a single ice rink (since the sprinkler system freezing over the holidays); multiple hockey teams are having to cancel games and find ice time elsewhere which is expensive.

Theo Tekus

- Wants to be able to skate and play with his friends and he won't be able to do that if the rink doesn't reopen; wants there to be two rinks so they can have tournaments.

Chris Lacey

- Concerned with the status of the recreation center and the ice rinks.

Scott Hindulak

- Concerned with how the recreation center is being utilized and maintained.

Lisa West

- Concerned about the status of the ice rinks.

Jennifer Bartlett

- Concerned with how the lack of ice rink/the availability of ice time has been limiting ice time for Heights Hockey programs.

Max, Vinnie, Zeke

- Heights's hockey players; they want their rink back because it is inconvenient to travel to other rinks far away from their home ice.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilwoman Russell: Wanted to thank the children that came today and made public comments. Congratulated the winners that will be announced at the MLK Celebration happening later this week.

Councilman Cuda: He is moved by all the hockey enthusiasts that have continued to come out and appreciates their passion. It was an honor to grow up listening to MLK and being captivated

whenever he spoke. It is great to be in Cleveland Heights, where it seems his message has really resonated.

Councilor Larson: Thanked everybody for coming this evening. She attended the grand opening of the Heights Wellness Center at Heights High; the partnership between CHUH School District and Metro Health is going to be a blessing to our community. Students, their families, and staff members can receive routine healthcare at the Wellness Center inside Cleveland Heights High School.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Thanked everybody for coming today and wants everybody to know their concerns are being taken seriously. She learned a lot about Martin Luther King by reviewing the essays and poems that came in through the essay contest, that she didn’t know before. Also learned more about poetry that she didn’t now. The event is Thursday night at the Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023



Melody Joy Hart
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council