



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

AGENDA (tentative) - CLEVELAND HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 6, 2023

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Start: 7:32pm

End: 8:14pm

President Hart Presiding

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

Excused: None

Also Present: Mayor Seren, Director Hanna

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- Vice President Cobb made a motion to add ***ORD 019-2023** to the agenda, seconded by Mattox
 - Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mattox, Russell, Hart, Cobb, Cuda, Larson
Nays: None

Motion Passed

- Councilman Cuda made a motion to add ****RES 018-2023** to the agenda, seconded by Councilor Larson
 - Voice Vote: Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

- January 3, 2023: REVISIONS NEEDED
- January 17, 2023: APPROVED
- January 23, 2023: APPROVED

COMMUNITCATION FROM THE MAYOR

- February is Black History Month, which we will be celebrating in Cleveland Heights as always. The Pan-African Flag will fly in addition to the American Flag on all city properties this month. The city will also host a Black History Month Celebration on Saturday, February 25th from 12pm-5pm at the Community Center.
- Expanded hours at the Community Center start this month; limited hours on Sundays, and extended afternoons on Saturdays.
- New Director of Parks and Recreation, Kelly Ledbetter, has started.
- Update on ice rinks; the north rink has been repaired, but will only last through the end of the season. An RFQ will be issued within the next week for the North Rink. Looking for a complete redesign and rebuild. Any decision about the South Rink must include a discussion from residents. **NO** decision has been made.
- We received a \$200,000.00 Safe Streets for All federal grant. We were one of only 14 cities in Ohio, and the only city in Cuyahoga County. Will make us eligible for future federal funding as well.
- As Mayor, he is part of a council vacancy appointment process, that is outlined in our Charter. This is not dissimilar to many other cities processes (Beachwood, South Euclid, Euclid, Lakewood, Shaker Heights etc.). It is his intention to make his selection from the applicant pool, and will take all of Council's discussion into account. This appointment will only last the 11 remaining months of this year.
- Wants to reflect on two tragedies that have occurred in Cleveland Heights recently; two people here in Cleveland Heights, lost their lives after being struck by speeding vehicles on Lee Rd. These tragedies highlight a need to address transportation and road safety; our culture and habits and environment need to change. The administration will be implementing physical changes to help improve road safety. He wants to express his condolences to the families of the two people who lost their lives.

REPORT FROM THE CLERK OF COUNCIL

Notices received for liquor permits:

- 1318 Warrensville LLC dba Blitz Bar and Grill, 1318-22 Warrensville Center Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44121 for the transfer of a D5/D6 liquor permit from Christophers Pub LLC dba Christophers Pub, 1318-22 Warrensville Center Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44121.
- Wizbang Theatre LLC dba Wizbang Theatre, 2134 Lee Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118 for a new D1 liquor permit.

Matter of Record

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

LEGISLATION

a. First Reading—Consideration of Adoption Requested

RESOLUTION NO. 010-2023(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Ohio CAT for the acquisition of a 430 Caterpillar Backhoe for the Street Maintenance Division of the Department of Public Works; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to Adopt by Councilwoman Russell, Seconded by Councilman Mattox

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

Legislation Passed

RESOLUTION NO. 011-2023(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Ohio CAT for the acquisition of a 430 Caterpillar Backhoe for the Utilities Division of the Department of Public Works; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to Adopt by Councilwoman Russell, Seconded by Councilor Larson

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

Legislation Passed

RESOLUTION NO. 012-2023(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Classic Ford of Madison for the purchase of an F-350 Ford Pickup Truck upfitted with a 6 Door Steel Service Body for the Vehicle Maintenance Division of the Department of Public Works; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to Adopt by Councilwoman Russell, Seconded by Councilman Mattox

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Legislation Passed

RESOLUTION NO. 013-2023(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Valley Freightliner, Inc. for the acquisition of a Freightliner 114SD Plus Semi Tractor for the Street Maintenance Division of the Department of Public Works; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to Adopt by Councilwoman Russell, Seconded by Vice President Cobb

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Legislation Passed

****RESOLUTION NO. 018-2023(COTW): First Reading.** A Resolution honoring Record Revolution; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency.

Introduced by City Council Members

Discussion: Councilman Cuda read the legislation in full, describing all that Record Revolution meant to the community over the 55 years of being in business. Rob Love (co-owner of Record Revolution) thanked Council for recognizing Record Revolution and thanked the community for their support over the years. The Mayor thanked Mr. Love for the work he did and expressed his families love for Record Revolution over the years.

Motion to Adopt by Councilman Cuda, Seconded by Councilwoman Russell

Voice Vote: Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Legislation Passed

b. First Readings Only

***ORDINANCE NO. 019-2023(PD): First Reading.** An Ordinance authorizing a First Amendment to the development agreement with F&C Development, Inc. concerning the Cedar-Lee-Meadowbrook project, and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Read into the Record

c. Second Readings

RESOLUTION NO. 006-2023(MSES): Second 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.

Motion to Adopt by Councilwoman Russell, Seconded by Councilman Mattox

Discussion: Councilman Mattox and Councilwoman Russell thanked Director Clinkscale and her staff for all their hard work on this complicated issue.

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

Legislation Passed

d. Consent Agenda

Note: Individual Consent Agenda items are not discussed separately during the Council meeting, unless removed from the Consent Agenda on the request of a member of Council. Once an item is removed from the Consent Agenda it will be placed on the Regular Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 014-2023(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Bonnie Paul as a member of the Commission on Aging of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Vice President Cobb

RESOLUTION NO. 015-2023(AS): First Reading. A Resolution reappointing Joseph Strauss as a member of the Architectural Board of Review of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Vice President Cobb

RESOLUTION NO. 016-2023(AS): First Reading. A Resolution reappointing Jessica Cohen and Michael Gaynier as members of the Planning Commission of the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Vice President Cobb

RESOLUTION NO. 017-2023(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution proclaiming February 14, 2023 as National Donor Day; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Council Member Russell

Motion to suspend rules by Vice President Cobb, Seconded by Councilwoman Russell

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

Motion to Adopt by Councilman Mattox, Seconded by Councilwoman Russell

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mattox, Russell, Hart, Cobb, Cuda, Larson
 Nays: 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Public Safety and Health Committee:** The next meeting of the Public Safety and Health Committee will be held Tuesday, February 21 at 10am. Agenda will be posted soon, but they will be discussing potential sidewalk repair and sidewalk snow removal programs. Council previously passed Lead Safe Legislation; potential members will apply to be on the board. The Mayor met with Noble elementary school neighbors to discuss traffic issues around drop off/pick up time on January 26. Second meeting will be February 16, at 6pm.
- **Housing and Building Committee:** Meeting happened today to discuss apartment access for political candidates and voter registration drives, and potential legislation on short term rentals. Next meeting will be the first Monday in March.

OLD BUSINESS

- Councilman Cuda wants to know when we will be looking at the ARPA survey results; Mayor says whenever Council decides to hold that meeting. President Hart says likely this will be February 21.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

- **Councilor Larson:** Extends her condolences to the families of the two people who died in the traffic accidents this past week. Wants to get the information about these occurrences so that her committee can look into the safety of that area.
- **Councilwoman Russell:** Update on the postal service; Cleveland Heights will be receiving four new carriers, and in 3 weeks, another 4. So, we will have 8 total new carriers for the Cleveland Heights branch. Also, she and Judge Costello will be moving forward with the tenant/landlord law series, first on March 4, then June 10, then October 14. All at 10:30am at Church of the Disciples.
- **Councilman Cuda:** Congratulated Future Heights on hiring a new Executive Director, Kristine Pugsyoin.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Women's event will be held March 23 at the community center and we will be asking for nominations (council members cannot be nominated). Three categories this year: Amazing Women in Cleveland Heights (5 awards), Outstanding Business Women (3 awards), Inspiring Young Women (2 awards). Deadline for nominations will be March 13.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023



Melody Joy Hart
President of Council

Addie Balester

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Clerk of Council