



**March 6, 2023
Regular Meeting
7:30 PM**

**Cleveland Heights City Hall
Council Chambers
40 Severance Cir
Cleveland Heights, Ohio**

MEETING MINUTES

1) Meeting called to order by Council President

2) Roll Call of Council Members

3) Excuse absent members

4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

Motion to amend agenda to add RES NO. 036-2023 to First Readings -

Consideration of Adoption Requested: Janine Boyd

Seconded: Tony Cuda

Yes: Janine Boyd, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr.,
Davida Russell

No: None

Abstain: None

MOTION PASSED

5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

None to approve

6) Communications from the Mayor

North Rink update: four (4) responses have been received for the RFQ; a panel of the administrative staff is reviewing those responses and will provide him with a recommendation in the near future.

The previous estimates for the Splash Pad at Dennison are "stale" and the bid request will need to be updated with engineering estimates. More information to come soon.

7) **Report of 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: -CAPL RETAIL LLC dba JOES QUICK MARTS, 3983 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44121 for a new C1/C2 liquor permit.

READ INTO THE RECORD

8) **Public Comment - Agenda Items only**

(Note: Persons wishing to speak must register in advance. A 3-minute time limit applies. Council President reserves the right to reduce time limit based on the volume of business on the agenda. Comments unrelated to the agenda may be made after Committee Reports)

None

9) **LEGISLATION**

Note: The title for each piece of legislation contains a parenthetical reference to the Council Committee within which the subject matter of the legislation falls. Council Committees are abbreviated as follows: (AS)-Administrative Services; (COTW)-Committee of the Whole; (CRR)-Community Relations and Recreation; (F)-Finance; (HB)-Housing and Building; (MSES)-Municipal Services and Environmental Sustainability; (PD)-Planning and Development; (PSH)-Public Safety and Health. See Resolution 97-2022 for a list of Council Committee subject matter areas.

a. **First Readings – Consideration of Adoption Requested**

RESOLUTION NO. 036-2023(COTW): First Reading. A Resolution opposing House Bill 1, that cuts and flattens Ohio's income tax rates and stops \$1.2 billion per year in state payments to local governments; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to adopt: Janine Boyd

Seconded: Davida Russell

Discussion: President Hart is in support of this legislation and will be voting yes for it; Councilmember Larson added her support as well, saying that the answer to providing services to the residents of this city is not to have a tax cut; the Mayor made a statement in favor of this legislation, and called out the willful blindness coming out of the State Legislature, and thanked Councilmember Boyd for bringing this piece of legislation forward.

Yes: Janine Boyd, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell

No: None

Abstain: None

**LEGISLATION
PASSED**

b. First Readings Only

RESOLUTION NO. 033-2023(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Wade Trim, Inc. of Ohio, for professional design engineering services relating to control of sanitary sewer overflows CH-13 and CH-61 and illicit connections on Hampshire Road; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

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RESOLUTION NO. 034-2023(MSES): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Cleveland Compaction for the acquisition and installation of a new Transfer Station Compactor for the Refuse and Recycling 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

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RESOLUTION NO. 035-2023(F): First Reading. A Resolution acknowledging receipt from the Coventry Village Special Improvement District of a Plan for public services and improvements, and returning said Plan to the Board of Directors without comments or recommendations for changes; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

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c. Second Readings

RESOLUTION NO. 027-2023(PD): Second Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Home Repair

Resource Center, a non-profit corporation, for the use of HOME Funds to administer the City's Down Payment Assistance loan program; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Move for Adoption

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Davida Russell

Yes: Janine Boyd, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell

No: None

Abstain: None

**LEGISLATION
PASSED**

ORDINANCE NO. 028-2023(CRR): *Second Reading.* An Ordinance amending Subsection (a) of Section 505.06, "Animals Prohibited in Public Parks," of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights to permit leashed dogs in the City's Parks under specified conditions.

Move for Adoption

Motion to amend by substitution: Davida Russell

Seconded: Gail Larson

Yes: Janine Boyd, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell

No: None

Abstain: None

**MOTION
PASSED**

Motion to adopt: Davida Russell

Seconded: Tony Cuda\

Yes: Janine Boyd, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell

No: None

Abstain: None

**LEGISLATION
PASSED**

10) Committee Reports

PSH: Update on MetroHealth schedule for Minority Men's Health Fairs; next PSH Committee meeting is March 20 at 10am

HB: Update from HB Committee Meeting today; he plans on meeting with Director Hanna and modifying some of the legislation on short-term rentals; the next meeting will be in April

CRR: Update from CRR Committee meeting today at 5:30pm, which included a hearing on the dog park legislation that was voted on and passed tonight.

11) Public Comment - General

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Speakers

Diane Hallum	Citizen	Open meetings concerns; ADA compliance
James Williams	Citizen	Black history month/women's history month
Richard Goodwin	Citizen	Ice rinks

12) Old Business

None

13) New Business

None

14) Council Member Comments

(Note: Council comments should directly relate to the business of the City of Cleveland Heights, rather than personal reflection or commentary. A maximum 3-minute time limit applies, but the Council President may reduce time limit based on the volume of business on the agenda, the time of evening, or other similar factors.)

Mattox: Applauded how great the Black History Month event was this year; thanked the Mayor and the city staff.

Russell: Agreed with Councilmember Mattox regarding the Black History Month event. Update from her tenant-landlord series, next one is June 10th, and there will be an added portion called "Pathway to Homeownership."


Cuda: Also wanted to commend the Mayor and staff about the Black History Month event. Spoke about a great African American sax player who recently passed away. He also brought up that he recently went to the Cleveland Orchestra who played a piece of music from the late 1800s by a female composer. It made him wonder how much great art has been lost over the years due to sexism and racism. He is grateful he got to hear this piece of music and it wasn't lost.

15) Council President's Report

Echoed her colleagues' comments regarding the Black History Month event. Council is accepting nominations for Outstanding Women of Cleveland Heights, Business Women of Cleveland Heights, and Inspiring Young Women of Cleveland Heights. The nomination deadline is March 13, the celebration is March 23.

16) Adjournment

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MARCH 20, 2023



Melody Joy Hart
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council