

# **Cleveland City Council**

*Cleveland City Hall, Room 216  
601 Lakeside Avenue, N.E.  
Cleveland, OH 44114*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, October 16, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**The meeting will be live broadcast. See meeting notice for details.**

**Council Chambers**

**City Council**

[Item-735](#) Cleveland City Council Meeting Notice for October 16, 2023

**Attachments:** [Council Meeting Notice for 10-16-2023](#)

**CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

7:02 p.m.

**Present** 11 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

**Excused** 6 - Brian Kazy, Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, and Richard A. Starr

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**DISPENSE WITH THE JOURNAL**

**A motion was made by Council Member Harsh, seconded by Council Member Kelly, that this be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 11 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 6 - Brian Kazy, Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, and Richard A. Starr

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments were made by Kathy McDonald, Dontez Taylor, Stephen Katanovic, Faten Odeh, Abbas Hamideh, Haneen Hamideh, Amina Hamdan, Summer Husein, Omar Kurdi.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**•Communications**

[1180-2023](#) From Mayor Justin M. Bibb. Appointment to City Planning Commission.

**Attachments:** [1180-2023-COMMUNICATION-Mayor's Appointment - City Planning Commission](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

**•Plats**

[1181-2023](#) Dedication Plat for proposed Equinox Subdivision, west side of West 48th Street between Detroit Avenue and Franklin Boulevard (Ward 3). Approved by Committees on Municipal Services and Properties, and Development Planning and Sustainability. Without objection, Plat approved.

**Attachments:** [1181-2023-COMMUNICATION-Plat- Equinox Subdivision](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Harsh, seconded by Council Member Kelly, that this Communication be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 11 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 6 - Brian Kazy, Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, and Richard A. Starr

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

##### **•Condolence; Moment of Silence**

[1205-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Debora Denise Ross Smith

**Sponsors:** Joseph Jones

**This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.**

[1206-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Father Gediminas Kijauskas, SJ

**Sponsors:** Michael Polensek

**This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.**

[1212-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Brandi M. Boswell

**Sponsors:** Stephanie Howse-Jones

**This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.**

[1213-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Judith Burks

**Sponsors:** Stephanie Howse-Jones

**This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.**

[1214-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Randy Burks

**Sponsors:** Stephanie Howse-Jones

**This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.**

[1215-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Emerson McKinley Hollingsworth, Jr.

**Sponsors:** Anthony Hairston

**This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.**

[1216-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Joshua Lamar Cunningham

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin

**This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.**

[1217-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Dominic Jamal Cunningham

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin

**This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.**

**•Congratulations/Recognition/Appreciation/Commendation/Commemoration/Welcome**

[1207-2023](#) Congratulations Resolution for Monroe Kennedy, Sr.

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin

**This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.**

[1208-2023](#) Congratulations Resolution for Ariane B. Kirkpatrick

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin

**This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.**

[1209-2023](#) Recognition Resolution for Pneuma Life Foundation Family Violence Prevention Week

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin

**This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.**

[1210-2023](#) Recognition Resolution for Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Ohio - Sunburst Snacks

**Sponsors:** Brian Kazy

**This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.**

[1211-2023](#) Commemoration Resolution for 60th Anniversary - Beth Israel - The West Temple

**Sponsors:** Charles Slife

**This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.**

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were two presentations; by Council Member McCormack and by Council Member Conwell.

**FIRST READING LEGISLATION****•Emergency Ordinances Referred**

[1182-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Capital Projects to apply to the District One Public Works Integrating Committee for state funding for constructing improvements to portions of Shaker Boulevard from Buckeye Road to the East corporation line; to apply for and accept any gifts or grants for this purpose from any public or private entity; authorizing professional services, agreements with public and private entities, and any relative agreements; and authorizing the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies to acquire, accept, and record for right-of-way purposes any real property and easements necessary to make the improvement.

**Sponsors:** Deborah Gray, Kevin Bishop, Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [1182-023-Ap Ac Issue 1 funds for Shaker Blvd rehab](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1183-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Sections 241.05 and 241.35 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 988-2022, passed October 10, 2022, relating to food shop licenses, fees, and categories.

**Sponsors:** Kevin Conwell, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [1183-2023-Amend 241.05 and 241.35 food shop fees](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1184-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend the title and Sections 1, 2, 4, and 7 of Ordinance No. 490-2023, passed May 31, 2023, relating to professional services to establish, implement, and manage a revolving loan fund for a home repair and rehabilitation program for Cleveland's southeast Side neighborhoods; and to supplement the ordinance by adding a new whereas clause and Section 1a, 1b, and 1c.

**Sponsors:** Joseph Jones, Kevin Bishop, Deborah Gray, Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [1184-2023-Amend 490-2023, SE Housing, CD and Aging](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1185-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Amend Section 1 of Ordinance No. 660-2023, passed June 5, 2023, relating to a Lease Agreement with Unifi Aviation, LLC for the lease of space at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport to support ground handling services for Aer Lingus Airlines.

**Sponsors:** Kerry McCormack, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [1185-2023-Amend 660-2023 Unifi PC](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1186-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Section 213.01 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 1234-12, passed December 3, 2012, relating to public swimming pools, public spas and special use pools, license and fees.

**Sponsors:** Kevin Conwell, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [1186-2023-Amend CO 213.01, pools](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1187-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Capital Projects to apply for and accept a grant from the United States Department of Transportation for the Reconnecting Cleveland I-90 Program; and authorizing the Director to employ one or more professional consultants to implement the grant.

**Sponsors:** Kerry McCormack, Kevin Bishop, Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [1187-2023-Ap & Ac grant from USDOT for I-90 reconnecting and prof serv](#)  
[1187-2023-A-FILE - Ap & Ac grant from USDOT for I-90 reconnecting and prof serv](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1188-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Finance, on behalf of the Cleveland Municipal Court, to apply for and accept a grant from the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County for the Addiction Treatment Program - Admin Fee SFY 24 Program.

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [1188-2023-Ap & Ac grant from ADAMHS Board for addicton treatment program, specialized](#)  
[1188-2023-A-FILE - Ap & Ac grant from ADAMHS Board for addicton treatment program, specialized](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1189-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a grant agreement with Building and Construction Initiative or designee to provide economic development assistance to partially finance completion of renovation of commercial space for training in the construction trades.

**Sponsors:** Deborah Gray

**Attachments:** [1189-2023-Bldg Construction Initiative](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1190-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To supplement the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, by enacting new Section 143.08 relating to authorizing professional services to administer and provide various City employee health care benefits; and to enact new Section 143.09 relating to professional services to administer the City's COBRA program and HIPPA compliance.

**Sponsors:** Jasmin Santana, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [1190-2023-Enact 143.08 and 143.09 health benefits and COBRA](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1191-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Port Control to enter into an amendment to Contract No. PS 2020-27 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. to extend the term of the contract up to two years to provide additional services.

**Sponsors:** Kerry McCormack, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [1191-2023-Extend K w AECOM for services to manage the Enterprise Asset Management System](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1192-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a grant agreement with The Greater Cleveland Sports Commission, or its designee, to provide financial assistance to organize and administer programs for marketing the City of Cleveland as a venue for sporting events and to actively market the Public Auditorium as a premier site for the hosting of major events.

**Sponsors:** Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [1192-2023-Grant w Sports Commission](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**



[1193-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Determining the method of making the public improvement of reconstructing Johnston Parkway from the Garfield Heights City limits to Velma Avenue; authorizing the Director of Capital Projects to enter into one or more public improvement contracts for the making of the improvement; accepting any gifts or grants; authorizing the Commissioner of Purchases and supplies to acquire, accept and record for right-of-way purposes any real property and easements necessary to make the improvement; and authorizing other agreements.

**Sponsors:** Joseph Jones, Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [1193-2023-PIK Johnston Parkway and other Ks](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1194-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Determining the method of making the public improvement of constructing various improvements to the Parma Pump Station; and authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to enter into one or more public improvement contracts for the making of the improvement.

**Sponsors:** Brian Kazy, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [1194-2023-PIK Parma Pumping Station](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1195-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies to sell City-owned air-rights interest no longer needed for the City's public use located on Detroit Avenue adjacent to the West Boulevard-Cudell Rapid Transit Station to Flaherty & Collins Development, LLC for future residential development.

**Sponsors:** Jenny Spencer, Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [1195-2023-Sell air rights to Flaherty & Collins located on Detroit in GCRTA Cudell Transit Station](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1196-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend the Title, the second whereas clause, and Sections 1 and 3 of Ordinance No. 658-2023, passed June 5, 2023, relating to grant agreements with Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity.

**Sponsors:** Jenny Spencer

**Attachments:** [1196-2023-Amend 658-2023 Habitat](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1197-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into one or more contracts with MGT of America Consulting, LLC for preparation of cost allocation plans and indirect cost rates, for the Department of Finance.

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [1197-2023-K w MGT Consulting for indirect cost allocation plan](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1198-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of the Department of Aging to enter into agreement with Senior Transportation Connection for the Senior Transportation Connection Resource Fair project through the use of Ward 16 Casino Revenue Funds.

**Sponsors:** Brian Kazy

**Attachments:** [1198-2023-Sr transportation Fair legislation](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1199-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a grant agreement with the Greater Cleveland Media Development Corporation dba Greater Cleveland Film Commission, or its designee, to assist with the general operating expenses of the organization.

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin, Anthony Hairston and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [1199-2023-Grant w Greater Cleveland Media Dev w new marketing initiative, Film Commission](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1200-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of City Planning to employ one or more professional consultants to provide on-call planning services for a period of one year, with three one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of City Planning.

**Sponsors:** Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [1200-2023-Prof Serv on-call planning, City Planning](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1201-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Section 2 of Ordinance 889-2023, passed August 16, 2023, relating to an agreement with Jones Road Family Development for the Literacy through the Arts Summer Academy 2023.

**Sponsors:** Rebecca Maurer

**Attachments:** [1201-2023-amendment to Jones Road Family Development](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1202-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Section 1 of Ordinance No. 655-2023, passed May 22, 2023, relating to an agreement with Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation for the Housing Code Enforcement Program.

**Sponsors:** Brian Kazy

**Attachments:** [1202-2023-Bellaire Puritas code enforcement 2022 amendment](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

[1203-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1036-2023, passed September 18, 2023 relating to the First Amendment to Agreement with Hispanic Police Officers Association for the Puerto Rican Expo.

**Sponsors:** Kevin Bishop, Kerry McCormack, Deborah Gray, Richard Starr, Blaine Griffin, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Michael Polensek, Kevin Conwell, Anthony Hairston, Danny Kelly, Rebecca Maurer, Kris Harsh, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Brian Kazy and Charles Slife

**Attachments:** [1203-2023-Hispanic Expo amendment](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council**

•Emergency Resolutions Referred

[1204-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Declaring October 22, 2023, as KISS Day in the City of Cleveland to celebrate the rock band's 50th year of making music and touring.

**Sponsors:** Brian Kazy

**Attachments:** [1204-2023-declaring October 22, 2023 KISS Day](#)

This Emergency Resolution was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Council Members McCormack, Howse-Jones and Conwell made remarks.

**MOTION TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCES**

The absences of Council Members Kazy, Jones, Maurer, Santana, Spencer and Starr were excused.

This was approved.

**ADJOURN**

8:12 p.m.