

Cleveland City Council

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 5, 2024

7:00 PM

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

Council Chambers

City Council

[Item-797](#) Cleveland City Council Meeting Notice for February 5, 2024

Attachments: [Council Meeting Notice for 2-5-2024](#)

CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

7:02 p.m.

Present 16 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused 1 - Richard A. Starr

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISPENSE WITH THE JOURNAL

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

Yea: 16 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Richard A. Starr

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were made by Lois Skinner-Arnold, Kamal Alkayali, Elana Ross, Omar Kurdi, Khalid, Hamdallah, Basma Hamid, Riley Petro, Chance Zurub, Alaa Muhammad.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

•Communications

[164-2024](#) From Andrea Zwischenberger Kotecki, Executive Director of Administration, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Notice of Operations for calendar year 2023, pursuant to Chapter 686 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976.

Attachments: [164-2024-COMMUNICATION-Notice of Operations 2023 by CCF](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

•The Ohio Division of Liquor Control

[171-2024](#) #0082502. Stock Application, D5J D6. Air Ventures LLC, 5300 Riverside Dr. (Ward 17).

Attachments: [171-2024-COMMUNICATION-Liquor5300Riverside](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

•Condolence; Moment of Silence

[172-2024](#) Condolence Resolution for Thomas Anthony "Tony" Steele

Sponsors: Anthony Hairston

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[173-2024](#) Condolence Resolution for Hazel Inez Johnson

Sponsors: Michael Polensek

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[184-2024](#) Condolence Resolution for Sgt. Kennedy Sanders

Sponsors: Michael Polensek

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[185-2024](#) Condolence Resolution for Sgt. Breonna Moffett

Sponsors: Michael Polensek

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[186-2024](#) Condolence Resolution for Sgt. William Jerome Rivers

Sponsors: Michael Polensek

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

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

[174-2024](#) Congratulations Resolution for Glenville Library Groundbreaking

Sponsors: Kevin Conwell

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[175-2024](#) Congratulations Resolution for Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[176-2024](#) Recognition Resolution for Honey Bell-Bey

Sponsors: Kevin Conwell

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[177-2024](#) Recognition Resolution for Jay Barnett

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[178-2024](#) Recognition Resolution for Jus Heal Bro - Black Male Mental Health Tour

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[179-2024](#) Recognition Resolution for Lawrence E. Adjah

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[180-2024](#) Recognition Resolution for Hope Allen

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[181-2024](#) Recognition Resolution for Dr. O'Shan D. Gadsden

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[182-2024](#) Recognition Resolution for Lamman Rucker

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[183-2024](#) Recognition Resolution for Dr. Joel A. Tudman

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

PRESENTATIONS

Council Member Conwell made a presentation.

FIRST READING LEGISLATION**•Emergency Ordinances Referred**

[157-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District to accept funding in support of the Department of Public Safety's Environmental Crimes Task Force for purposes, including but not limited to, the purchase of training and equipment necessary to assist in combatting illegal dumping.

Sponsors: Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [157-2024-Ag w County Solid Waste District for funding for illegal dumping - Environmental Crimes Task fo \(2\)](#)

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

[158-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security for the FY22 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program; and authorizing the purchase of one or more contracts of smoke/CO detectors, including installation and installation tools.

Sponsors: Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [158-2024-Ap & Ac Fire Prevention and Safety Grant, K for smoke detectors](#)
[158-2024-A-FILE - Ap & Ac Fire Prevention and Safety Grant, K for smoke detectors](#)

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

[159-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY 2023 State Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to provide funding for the operation of the Cartel Gang Narcotics and Laundering Task Force; and authorizing agreements with various entities to implement the grant.

Sponsors: Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [159-2024-Ap & Ac State Byrne funding for Cartel Gang Narcotics & Laundering, formerly known as NOLETF, var Ks](#)
[159-2024-A-FILE - Ap & Ac State Byrne funding for Cartel Gang Narcotics & Laundering, formerly known as NOLETF, var Ks](#)

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

[160-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To make appropriations and provide current expenses for the daily operation of all municipal departments of the City of Cleveland for the fiscal year from January 1, 2024, until December 31, 2024.

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [160-2024-appropriations ordinance for 2024](#)
[160-2024-A-FILE - Mayor's Estimate 2024](#)

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

[161-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a grant agreement with Manufacturing Works, or its designee, to provide economic development assistance for the Cleveland Industrial Retention Initiative Program during the first half of 2024.

Sponsors: Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [161-2024-Grant Ag w Manufacturing Works for CIRI](#)

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

[162-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the purchase by one or more requirement contracts of recycled or virgin asphalt concrete, for the Division of Streets, Department of Public Works, for a period of one year, with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Public Works.

Sponsors: Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [162-2024-Req K recycled or virgin asphalt - reclaimed](#)

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

[165-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security for the FY 22 Assistance to Firefighters Grant; and authorizing the Director to employ one or more professional consultants to conduct cancer and behavioral health screenings and medical and fitness evaluations and expanding health and cancer screenings.

Sponsors: Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [165-2024-Ap & Ac Assistance to Firefighters Grant, K for cancer and health screenings](#)
[165-2024-A-FILE - Ap & Ac Assistance to Firefighters Grant, K for cancer and health screenings](#)

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

[166-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Community Development to apply for and accept grants from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for PY2024 under the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, for the 2024 Federal HOME Investment Partnerships Act Program, Emergency Solutions Grant Program, and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program; and authorizing contracts and other expenditures.

Sponsors: Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [166-2024-CDBG Legislation - 2024 Estimated Allocations](#)
[166-2024-FILE-A - CDBG Legislation - 2024 Estimated Allocations](#)

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

[167-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to extend the lease with City Rose, Ltd., for the public purpose of operating the Division of Cleveland Public Power's Eastside Service Center at 14100 Darley Avenue, for a term of five years, with one option to renew for an additional five- year period, exercisable by the Director of Public Utilities.

Sponsors: Brian Kazy, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [167-2024-Extend Lease with City Rose for CPP East Side Service Center](#)

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

•Emergency Ordinances Read in Full and Passed

[168-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Works to cause payment to Stoneco Inc. dba Allied Corporation for the cost of providing asphalt materials to the Division of Streets from July 9, 2023, to August 30, 2023.

Sponsors: Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [168-2024-FOR PASSAGE-Cause payment to Allied Corporation for asphalt materials](#)
[168-2024-FP Letter - Cause payment to Allied Corporation for asphalt materials](#)
[168-2024-Exec Summary](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Gray, seconded by Council Member Hairston, that this Emergency Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 15 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

[169-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1279-2023, passed November 13, 2023, relating to a First Amendment Agreement with Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation for Cleveland City Council.

Sponsors: Brian Kazy

Attachments: [169-2024-FOR PASSAGE - amendment to 2023 Bellaire Puritas code enforcement](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Gray, seconded by Council Member Hairston, that this Emergency Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 15 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

[170-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 655-2023, passed May 22, 2023, as amended by Ordinance 1329-2023, passed November 13, 2023, authorizing the Director of Community Development to enter into an agreement with the Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation to conduct a Housing Code Enforcement Program.

Sponsors: Brian Kazy

A motion was made by Council Member Gray, seconded by Council Member Hairston, that this Emergency Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 15 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

•Emergency Resolutions Read in Full and Adopted

[163-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Withdrawing objection to the transfer of ownership of a C1 and C2 Liquor Permit at 15518 St. Clair Avenue, and repealing Resolution No. 1097-2023 objecting to said permit.

Sponsors: Michael Polensek

Attachments: [163-2024-FOR ADOPTION-WITHDRAW-15518 ST. CLAIR](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Gray, seconded by Council Member Hairston, that this Emergency Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 15 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

SECOND READING LEGISLATION

•Emergency Ordinances Passed

[1039-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend various Sections of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by various ordinances, relating to the Department of Building and Housing generally; to renumber existing Section 3143.04 to 3143.98; to change the name of Chapter 3143; and to enact new Sections 3104.01 to 3104.09, 3104.99, 3106.01 to 3106.10, 3106.99, 3143.04, and 3143.05, relating to civil enforcement, vacant property registration, and parking garage inspections.

Sponsors: Kevin Conwell, Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: BUILDING AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT; CODIFIED ORDINANCES

Attachments: [1039-2023-'Residents First' - change various code sects re B+H](#)

[1039-2023 PRESENTATION](#)

[1039-2023 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)

[1039-2023-Amend 1039-2023](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Gray, seconded by Council Member Hairston, that this Emergency Ordinance be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 16 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Richard A. Starr

[1278-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to employ one or more professional consultants to assist in the management of Program Year 3 of the City's project of replacing various lead and galvanized service lines; authorizing the purchase by one or more requirement contracts of copper service lines, copper connections, and related appurtenances, including but not limited to materials, labor and installation, if necessary, for the Division of Water; and authorizing the Director of Public Utilities and/or the Director of Finance to apply for and accept one or more Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loans, grants and other funding.

Sponsors: Brian Kazy, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: FINANCE DEPARTMENT; LOANS; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS; UTILITIES DEPARTMENT; WATER DIVISION

Attachments: [1278-2023-Req K Prof Serv replace lead and galvanized service lines Year 3](#)
[1278-2023 Executive Summary](#)
[1278-2023 PRESENTATION](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Gray, seconded by Council Member Hairston, that this Emergency Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 16 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Richard A. Starr

[37-2024](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Works, on behalf of the Office of Sustainability, to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the Ohio's Urban Forestry Grant Program; and authorizing the director to enter into one or more requirement contracts for labor and materials needed for urban forestry services, including but not limited to, maintaining and planting trees, and removing trees, stumps, and tree waste material.

Sponsors: Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: GRANTS; OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; PUBLIC WORKS; URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

Attachments: [37-2024-Ap & Ac Ohio Urban Forestry Grant from ODNR, Req K](#)
[37-2024-A-FILE Executive Summary](#)
[37-2024 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)
[37-2024-Amend 37-2024](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Gray, seconded by Council Member Hairston, that this Emergency Ordinance be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 16 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Richard A. Starr

[104-2024](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Clerk of Council to enter into an agreement with JS Strategies, LLC for the professional services necessary to conduct an audit, review and assessment of Cleveland City Council's communications programs.

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

Indexes: AGREEMENTS; CITY COUNCIL; CLERK OF COUNCIL; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Attachments: [104-2024-Council communications audit](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Gray, seconded by Council Member Hairston, that this Emergency Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 16 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Richard A. Starr

[106-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Clerk of Council to enter into an agreement with the Housing Research & Advocacy Center dba Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research to provide professional services regarding the Vacant and Abandoned Property Action Council (VAPAC).

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

Indexes: AGREEMENTS; CLERK OF COUNCIL; HOUSING RESEARCH & ADVOCACY CENTER ; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Attachments: [106-2024-Fair Housing Center for Rights and Research \(VAPAC\) K 2024](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Gray, seconded by Council Member Hairston, that this Emergency Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 16 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Richard A. Starr

[110-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Human Resources to employ one or more consultants to provide assessment and design of a city-wide management training strategy and implementation program, and a city-wide employee performance management and implementation program.

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: CITY EMPLOYEES; HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

Attachments: [110-2024-Prof Serv to assess and design citywide management training and employee performance](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Gray, seconded by Council Member Hairston, that this Emergency Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 16 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Richard A. Starr

[112-2024](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the purchase by one or more requirement contracts of paging equipment, cellular devices and data services, and for wireless connectivity and equipment, and various related products and services, including materials, equipment, supplies, services, maintenance, training, support and monthly fees and charges for citywide use, for the Division of Information Technology and Services, Department of Finance, for a period of one year, with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Finance.

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: CONTRACTS; FINANCE DEPARTMENT; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES

Attachments: [112-2024-Std and Req K cellular, pagers, citywide, cell phones](#)

[112-2024 Executive Summary](#)

[112-2024 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)

[112-2024-Amend 112-2024](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Gray, seconded by Council Member Hairston, that this Emergency Ordinance be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 16 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Richard A. Starr

INTRODUCTIONS

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Members Harsh, Conwell, Spencer, Jones, Howse-Jones and Polensek made remarks.

MOTION TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCES

The absence of Council Member Starr was excused.

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

Yea: 16 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Richard A. Starr

ADJOURN

8:18 p.m.