

Cleveland City Council

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 8, 2021

3:00 PM

This is the approximate start time; the meeting will start after the Finance Committee. This meeting will be conducted electronically; see meeting notice for public access.

City Council

[Item-240](#) City Council Meeting Notice for March 8, 2021

Attachments: [Council Meeting Notice for 3-8-2021](#)

CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

2:32 p.m.

Present 14 - Anthony T. Hairston, Basheer S. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Blaine A. Griffin, Anthony Brancatelli, Brian Kazy, Kenneth Johnson, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Kevin Kelley, Michael Polensek, Charles Slife, Brian Mooney, and Jenny Spencer

Excused 2 - Jasmin Santana, and Phyllis E. Cleveland

Absent 1 - Joseph T. Jones

MOMENT OF REFLECTION**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****DISPENSE WITH THE JOURNAL****REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Yea: 14 - Anthony T. Hairston, Basheer S. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Blaine A. Griffin, Anthony Brancatelli, Brian Kazy, Kenneth Johnson, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Kevin Kelley, Michael Polensek, Charles Slife, Brian Mooney, and Jenny Spencer

Excused: 2 - Jasmin Santana, and Phyllis E. Cleveland

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•Communications

[136-2021](#) Oath of Office for Richard D. Barton, Interim Commissioner of Cleveland Public Power, Department of Public Utilities, City of Cleveland.

Attachments: [136-2021-COMMUNICATIONS-Oath of Office for Richard Barton, Interim Comm CPP](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

[137-2021](#) Oath of Office for Frances Mills, Interim Commissioner of Division of Health, Department of Public Health, City of Cleveland.

Attachments: [137-2021-COMMUNICATIONS-Oath of Office for Frances Mills, Interim Comm Div of Health](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

[139-2021](#) From United Way of Greater Cleveland and The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. Right to Counsel-Cleveland Annual Report (July-December 2020), pursuant to Section 375.12 of the Codified Ordinances.

Attachments: [139-2021-COMMUNICATIONS-Right to Counsel - Cleveland Year 1 Report](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

•The Ohio Division of Liquor Control

[140-2021](#) #1890999. New License Application, D4. DA Legion 315 Buffalo Soldiers, 769 East 105th St. (Ward 9).

Attachments: [140-2021-COMMUNICATIONS-Liquor769East105th](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

[141-2021](#) #7682850. Transfer of Ownership Application, C1 C2. Nefuz Salem, 3074 West 14th St. (Ward 3).

Attachments: [141-2021-COMMUNICATIONS-Liquor3074West14th](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

[142-2021](#) #1190854. Liquor Agency Contract Application. CBJF, Inc., 7401-05 Central Ave. (Ward 5).

Attachments: [142-2021-COMMUNICATIONS-Liquor7401-05Central-agency contract](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

[143-2021](#) #1190854. Transfer of License Application. CBJF, Inc., 7401-05 Central Ave. (Ward 5).

Attachments: [143-2021-COMMUNICATIONS-Liquor7401-05Central-tfol](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

[144-2021](#) #98364790006. Transfer of Location Application, C1 C2 D6. Yogikrupa LLC, 4417-4423 West 150th St. (Ward 16).

Attachments: [144-2021-COMMUNICATIONS-Liquor4417-4423West150th](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

[145-2021](#) #8730655. Transfer of License Application, D1 D2 D3 D3A D6. Sweet Sadie Mae, Inc, 7513-15 St. Clair Ave. (Ward 10).

Attachments: [145-2021-COMMUNICATIONS-Liquor7513-15StClair](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

[146-2021](#) #8922813. Transfer of License Application, D1 D2. 3945 West 130th Gas, Inc., 3945 West 130th St. (Ward 11).

Attachments: [146-2021-COMMUNICATIONS-Liquor3945West130th](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

[147-2021](#) #83594800001. Transfer of Location Application, D2 D2X D6. Sol Services LLC, 5601 Tillman Ave. (Ward 15).

Attachments: [147-2021-COMMUNICATIONS-Liquor5601Tillman](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

•Plats

[138-2021](#) Dedication Plat to widen and/or enlarge the public right of ways for various lands in the Circle Square development project; on Chester Avenue, Reserve Court, Stokes Boulevard, and Euclid Avenue (Ward 9). Approved by Committees on Municipal Services and Properties, and Development Planning and Sustainability. Without objection, Plat approved.

Attachments: [138-2021-COMMUNICATIONS-Plat-Circle Square ROW](#)

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

Yea: 14 - Anthony T. Hairston, Basheer S. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Blaine A. Griffin, Anthony Brancatelli, Brian Kazy, Kenneth Johnson, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Kevin Kelley, Michael Polensek, Charles Slife, Brian Mooney, and Jenny Spencer

Excused: 2 - Jasmin Santana, and Phyllis E. Cleveland

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

Condolence; Moment of Silence

[158-2021](#) Condolence Resolution for Michael Stanley

Sponsors: Kevin Kelley

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[162-2021](#) Condolence Resolution for Sally Miller

Sponsors: Michael Polensek

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[163-2021](#) Condolence Resolution for Ken Ferguson

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

PRESENTATIONS

Council Member McCormack made a presentation regarding Res. No. 131-2021.

FIRST READING LEGISLATION

•Emergency Ordinances Referred

[148-2021](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Executive Director of the Community Relations Board to apply for and accept a grant from the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, to conduct the 2021 Cleveland Community Diversion Program.

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin, Kevin Kelley and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [Ord. No. 148-2021](#)

[148-2021-A-FILE - Ap & Ac Cleveland Community Diversion Program](#)

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

[149-2021](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Community Development to enter into an amendment to Lease Agreement No. NF 2017-058 with Shaia Parking, Inc. or its designee, for the purpose of operating a parking lot at 1301-1325 Chester Avenue; and to enter into an amendment to the Option to Purchase Agreement No. NF 2017-059 with Shaia to extend both the lease and the option to purchase for an additional four years.

Sponsors: Anthony Brancatelli, Kevin Kelley and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [149-2021-Extend Shaia parking lease and option to purchase CD](#)

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

[150-2021](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Works to enter into an agreement with the Neighborhood Leadership Institute to implement educational, recreational, and cultural programs in various school buildings and other facilities during evening hours, provide leadership training, and supervise the summer tennis program.

Sponsors: Kevin Bishop, Kevin Kelley and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [150-2021-K w Neighborhood Leadership Institute for education, recreation and cultural prog in var school bgs, \(2\)](#)

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

[151-2021](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Building and Housing to lease certain space located on the fourth floor and a portion of the first floor of 65-75 Erieview Plaza from Alto 55 Erieview, LLC, for a term not to exceed eight years, with two five-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Building and Housing for the public purpose of providing office and administrative spaces for use by the various divisions of the Department of Building and Housing; to accept gifts or grants for the purposes of this ordinance; and authorizing various written standard purchase and requirement contracts needed for movers, furniture, fixtures, equipment, and related office materials, including labor, materials, and installation, if necessary.

Sponsors: Anthony Brancatelli, Kevin Kelley and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [Ord. No. 151-2021](#)

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

[152-2021](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to enter into one or more contracts with the Cleveland Water Alliance for professional services necessary to provide state-of the art water quality detection equipment, deploy, maintain, and retrieve data from four buoys in Lake Erie, for the Division of Water, Department of Public Utilities, for a period of three years with an option for the City to purchase all or a portion of the monitoring equipment any time after the first year of the contract.

Sponsors: Brian Kazy, Kevin Kelley and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [152-2021-Prof Serv K w Cleveland Water Alliance to provide data from operation and maintenance of four buoys - option to purchase](#)

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

[156-2021](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Providing for the issuance and sale of revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$16,000,000 to provide funds for Economic and Community Development in the City and authorizing related matters.

Sponsors: Kevin Kelley and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [156-2021-Core City Bonds 2021](#)

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

[157-2021](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$23,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to improve municipal parks and recreation facilities and authorizing related matters.

Sponsors: Kevin Kelley and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [157-2021-GO Bonds 2021, Parks and Recreation facilities](#)
[157-2021-A-FILE](#)

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

[159-2021](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$18,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to improve buildings and structures housing and providing for the discharge of governmental functions and services otherwise benefiting the public safety, health and welfare and for the provision of necessary fixtures, furnishings, equipment, technology, appurtenances, utilities, and site improvements for the purpose and authorizing related matters.

Sponsors: Kevin Kelley and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [159-2021-GO Bonds 2021, Public Facilities](#)
[159-2021-A-FILE](#)

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

[160-2021](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$17,500,000 for the purpose of providing funds to improve the municipal street system and related facilities and authorizing related matters.

Sponsors: Kevin Kelley and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [160-2021-GO Bonds 2021, Roads and Bridges](#)
[160-2021-A-FILE](#)

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

[161-2021](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$65,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to improve facilities for the discharge of governmental functions or for services otherwise benefitting public safety, health and welfare, and authorizing related matters.

Sponsors: Kevin Kelley and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [161-2021-SLITS Bonds 2021, police headquarters](#)
[161-2021-A-FILE](#)

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

•Emergency Ordinances Read in Full and Passed

[153-2021](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Amending the Title and Section 1 of Ordinance No. 201-2020 passed February 10, 2020 as amended by Ordinance No. 409-2020 passed May 27, 2021 it pertains to authorizing the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an agreement with the Broadway School of Music and Arts for the Community Arts Instruction and Enrichment Program through the use of Wards 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 Casino Revenue Funds.

Sponsors: Kevin Bishop, Kerry McCormack, Kenneth Johnson, Phyllis E. Cleveland, Blaine Griffin, Basheer Jones, Michael Polensek, Kevin Conwell, Anthony Brancatelli, Kevin Kelley, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Brian Kazy and Charles Slife

Attachments: [Ord. No. 153-2021](#)

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

Yea: 14 - Anthony T. Hairston, Basheer S. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Blaine A. Griffin, Anthony Brancatelli, Brian Kazy, Kenneth Johnson, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Kevin Kelley, Michael Polensek, Charles Slife, Brian Mooney, and Jenny Spencer

Excused: 2 - Jasmin Santana, and Phyllis E. Cleveland

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

•Emergency Resolutions Referred

[154-2021](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Supporting Amtrak's proposed expansion of passenger rail services in Ohio and urging the Congressional delegation from Ohio to support a renewal of the five-year federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization and to otherwise authorize and appropriate funds to support the Amtrak expansion in Ohio.

Sponsors: Phyllis E. Cleveland and Charles Slife

Attachments: [Res. No. 154-2021](#)

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

•Emergency Resolutions Read in Full and Adopted

[155-2021](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Appointing two members to the Local Board of Tax Review.

Sponsors: Kevin Kelley

Attachments: [155-2021-Tax Review Board appt](#)

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

Yea: 14 - Anthony T. Hairston, Basheer S. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Blaine A. Griffin, Anthony Brancatelli, Brian Kazy, Kenneth Johnson, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Kevin Kelley, Michael Polensek, Charles Slife, Brian Mooney, and Jenny Spencer

Excused: 2 - Jasmin Santana, and Phyllis E. Cleveland

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

SECOND READING LEGISLATION

•Emergency Ordinances Passed

[901-2020](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of the Community Relations Board to enter into one or more contracts with The Bobby Tripodi Foundation Inc. dba Cornerstone of Hope for the public purpose of providing monthly trauma support group and debriefing for City of Cleveland Community Relations Outreach Board, individual counseling for children, teens and adults, and trauma therapy, for a period of one year, with one option to renew for an additional year, exercisable by the Director of Community Relations.

Sponsors: Kevin Kelley and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [Ord. No. 901-2020](#)

[Ord. No. 901-2020 Exec. Summary - Cornerstone of Hope Executive Summary](#)

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

Yea: 14 - Anthony T. Hairston, Basheer S. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Blaine A. Griffin, Anthony Brancatelli, Brian Kazy, Kenneth Johnson, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Kevin Kelley, Michael Polensek, Charles Slife, Brian Mooney, and Jenny Spencer

Excused: 2 - Jasmin Santana, and Phyllis E. Cleveland

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

[980-2020](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to exercise options to renew contracts with various vendors for the towing of motor vehicles.

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin, Kevin Kelley and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [980-2020-Exer option to renew towing contracts entered into under 135.42 Exec Summ - Ord No 980-2020](#)

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

Yea: 14 - Anthony T. Hairston, Basheer S. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Blaine A. Griffin, Anthony Brancatelli, Brian Kazy, Kenneth Johnson, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Kevin Kelley, Michael Polensek, Charles Slife, Brian Mooney, and Jenny Spencer

Excused: 2 - Jasmin Santana, and Phyllis E. Cleveland

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

•Emergency Resolutions Adopted

[131-2021](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION_Declaring March 19th annually as Cleveland CACNA1A Awareness Day; and encouraging our citizens to work together to raise awareness of this condition and support our citizens with CACNA1A variants and their loved ones.

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack, Brian Kazy, Kevin Bishop, Anthony Brancatelli, Phyllis E. Cleveland, Kevin Conwell, Blaine Griffin, Anthony Hairston, Kenneth Johnson, Basheer Jones, Joseph Jones, Kevin Kelley, Brian Mooney, Michael Polensek, Jasmin Santana, Charles Slife and Jenny Spencer

Attachments: [131-2021-declaring CACNA1A Awareness Day](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Conwell, seconded by Council Member Polensek, that this Emergency Resolution be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 14 - Anthony T. Hairston, Basheer S. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Blaine A. Griffin, Anthony Brancatelli, Brian Kazy, Kenneth Johnson, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Kevin Kelley, Michael Polensek, Charles Slife, Brian Mooney, and Jenny Spencer

Excused: 2 - Jasmin Santana, and Phyllis E. Cleveland

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Members Polensek, Kazy and Brancatelli made remarks.

MOTION TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCES

The absences of Council Members Cleveland and Santana were excused.

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

Yea: 14 - Anthony T. Hairston, Basheer S. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Blaine A. Griffin, Anthony Brancatelli, Brian Kazy, Kenneth Johnson, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Kevin Kelley, Michael Polensek, Charles Slife, Brian Mooney, and Jenny Spencer

Excused: 2 - Jasmin Santana, and Phyllis E. Cleveland

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

ADJOURN

3:09 p.m.