

Cleveland City Council

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 21, 2025

7:00 PM

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

Council Chambers

City Council

[Item-1039](#) Cleveland City Council Meeting Notice for April 21, 2025

Attachments: [Council Meeting Notice for 4-21-2025](#)

CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

7:04 p.m.

Present 17 - 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, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISPENSE WITH THE JOURNAL

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

Yea: 17 - 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, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were made by Darrell Houston, Brenda Bickerstaff, Diab Dar-Issa, Teri Wang, Jeon Francis, Jimmy Gates, Essie Williams, Austreeia Everson, Ashley Schreder, Angela Davis.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

•Communications

[552-2025](#) From The Independent Monitoring Team for the Consent Decree. 16th Semiannual Report (June 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024).

Attachments: [552-2025-COMMUNICATION-Monitor's 16th Semiannual Report](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

•The Ohio Division of Liquor Control

[526-2025](#) #1789449. Transfer of License Application, D1 D2 D3 D3A D6. Coyoacan Taqueria & Brew LLC, 13133 Shaker Square (Ward 4).

Attachments: [526-2025-COMMUNICATION-Liquor13133ShakerSq](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

[553-2025](#) #4004382. Transfer of Ownership Application, D2 D2X D3 D3A D6. Icon Acquisitions LLC, 211 Center St. (Ward 3).

Attachments: [553-2025-COMMUNICATION-Liquor2111Center](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

[554-2025](#) #31980590005. New License Application, D3A. Ginsburg LLC, 3232 Lakeside Ave. (Ward 7).

Attachments: [554-2025-COMMUNICATION-Liquor3232Lakeside](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

•Condolence; Moment of Silence

[541-2025](#) Condolence Resolution for Curtis Lee Houston, Sr.

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[555-2025](#) Condolence Resolution for Pope Francis

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

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[556-2025](#) Condolence Resolution for John Boyd

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

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

[542-2025](#) Congratulations Resolution for Faith United Baptist Church

Sponsors: Michael Polensek

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[543-2025](#) Congratulations Resolution for Reverend Joseph Bacevice

Sponsors: Michael Polensek

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[544-2025](#) Congratulations Resolution for Senior Transportation Connection

Sponsors: Stephanie Howse-Jones

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[545-2025](#) Congratulations Resolution for Frank and Janice Rose Tkacz - 50th Anniversary

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[546-2025](#) Congratulations Resolution for Loco Mango Restaurant Grand Opening

Sponsors: Brian Kazy

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[547-2025](#) Recognition Resolution for Eleanore Elizabeth Hilow

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[548-2025](#) Recognition Resolution for 2025 Inclusiv Conference

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

PRESENTATIONS

Council Member Griffin made a presentation.

FIRST READING LEGISLATION

•Emergency Ordinances Referred

[527-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend section 1 of Ordinance No 1086-2023, passed November 13, 2023, relating to authorizing the general fund to receive and use revenue from tax remittances collected by Cleveland Public Power during the years 2024 and 2025 and transfer 100% of tax remittances collected in both years back to Cleveland Public Power, to extend through additional years.

Sponsors: Brian Kazy, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [527-2025-Amend 1086-2023 tax remittances](#)

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

[528-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Section 125.01 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 443-2019, passed April 22, 2019, relating to Director's Powers and Duties.

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [528-2025-Amend CO 125.01 Directors Powers](#)

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

[529-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to exercise the second option to renew Contract Nos. PS 2023-175 with Amsive LLC and PS 2023-262 with KUBRA Data Transfer Ltd. to provide professional consultants to host and manage billing systems and related systems and activities.

Sponsors: Brian Kazy, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [529-2025-Exercise second option to renew k's PS 2023-175 w Amsive OH LLC and PS 2023-262 with KUBRA Data Transfer Ltd](#)

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

[530-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a Donor Advised Fund Agreement with The Cleveland Foundation to establish, manage, and implement a Slavic Village Neighborhood Development Fund to provide grants for programs and initiatives serving Cleveland residents and nonprofit organizations, supporting economic and community development projects in the Slavic Village neighborhood, including gap financing, predevelopment costs, and other neighborhood improvements.

Sponsors: Rebecca Maurer, Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [530-2025-K w Cleveland Foundation to establish Donor Advised Fund known as Slavic Village Neighborhood Development Fund](#)
[530-2025-A-FILE-K w Cleveland Foundation to establish Donor Advised Fund known as Slavic Village Neighborhood Development Fund](#)

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

[531-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Port Control to employ one or more professional consultants, computer software developers, or vendors or one or more firms of consultants, computer software developers, or vendors necessary to provide an airport runway incursion prevention and management system and related services, for a period of one year, with a one-year option to renew, exercisable by the Director of Port Control.

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [531-2025-Prof Serv runaway incursion program- PC](#)

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

[532-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to employ one or more professional consultants to assist in the management of Program Year 4 of the City's project of replacing various lead and galvanized service lines; authorizing the purchase by one or more requirement and/or standard 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

Attachments: [532-2025-Req K Prof Serv replace lead and galvanized services lines Year 4 \(004\)](#)

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

[533-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the purchase by one or more requirement contracts of petroleum-based fuels for various types of backup generators, including regular and emergency deliveries, purchases, rentals, maintenance and miscellaneous supporting services, for the various divisions of the Department of Public Utilities, for a period of two years.

Sponsors: Brian Kazy, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [533-2025-Req k purchase and deliver of petroleum fuel for backup generators](#)

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

[534-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the purchase by one or more contracts for friction measuring equipment, including training, software and installation, for the Division of Airports, Department of Port Control.

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [534-2025-Std k friction measuring equipment and training- PC-](#)

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

[549-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Capital Projects to enter into an amendment to Contract No. CT 0103 PS 2021*0248 with Osborn Engineering to provide additional services relating to the North Coast Connector Project aka the Lakefront Pedestrian Bridge Connector to the Lakefront and other associated infrastructure.

Sponsors: Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [549-2025-Auth 4th Modific'n to Osborn Engin'r'g Contract - Lakefront Pedestrian Bridge](#)

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

[550-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter into one or more contracts with Case Western Reserve University to provide a youth summer sports, nutrition, health, and life skills development program for 2025 under the National Youth Sports Program supported by Case Western Reserve University.

Sponsors: Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [550-2025-K w Case for summer program at Case under National Youth Sports Commission, CWRU](#)

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

[551-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Innovation and Technology or Director of Economic Development, as appropriate, to employ one or more professional consultants, computer software developers, or vendors or one or more firms of consultants, computer software developers, or vendors necessary for a customer relationship management software system, and other related professional services, for a period of one year, with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Innovation and Technology or Director of Economic Development, as appropriate; and to enter into various contracts to implement this ordinance.

Sponsors: Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [551-2025-Prof Serv for CRM software system-Innovation and Technology](#)

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

•Emergency Ordinances Read in Full and Passed

[535-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Clerk of Council to enter into an agreement with Shoestring Productions for temporary use of the Council Chamber for filming certain scenes of a movie.

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

Attachments: [535-2025-FOR PASSAGE-Chambers use agreement w Shoestring Prods](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Maurer, seconded by Council Member Santana, 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, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Absent: 1 - Jenny Spencer

[536-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into agreement with the Famicos Foundation for the public purpose of providing the E. 105 Safety and Security Program through the use of Ward 9 neighborhood Equity Funds.

Sponsors: Kevin Conwell

Attachments: [536-2025-FOR PASSAGE-E 105 Safety and Security Program 2025](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Maurer, seconded by Council Member Santana, 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, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Absent: 1 - Jenny Spencer

[537-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of the Department of Public Health to enter into agreement with the Thrive For Change for the public purpose of providing Community Overdose Prevention and Outreach Program through the use of Ward 15 Casino Revenue Funds.

Sponsors: Jenny Spencer

Attachments: [537-2025-FOR PASSAGE-Thrive for change legislation](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Maurer, seconded by Council Member Santana, 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, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Absent: 1 - Jenny Spencer

•Emergency Resolutions Read in Full and Adopted

[538-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Fixing the 2025 summer schedule of meetings of the Council of the City of Cleveland.

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

Attachments: [538-2025-FOR ADOPTION-2025 summer schedule](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Maurer, seconded by Council Member Santana, that this Emergency Resolution be adopted. 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, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Absent: 1 - Jenny Spencer

[539-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Recognizing April 22, 2025, as Earth Day in the City of Cleveland.

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

Attachments: [539-2025-FOR ADOPTION-Earth Day 2025](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Maurer, seconded by Council Member Santana, that this Emergency Resolution be adopted. 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, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Absent: 1 - Jenny Spencer

[540-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Objecting to the transfer of location of a D1, D2, D3, D3A, and D6 Liquor Permit to 3704 Superior Avenue.

Sponsors: Stephanie Howse-Jones

Attachments: [540-2025-FOR ADOPTION-OBJ-TFOL-3704 Superior Ave](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Maurer, seconded by Council Member Santana, that this Emergency Resolution be adopted. 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, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Absent: 1 - Jenny Spencer

SECOND READING LEGISLATION

•Emergency Ordinances Passed

[228-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Sections 630.01 and 630.02 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 574-18, passed May 14, 2018, relating to criminal activity nuisances declared and action to abate nuisances and cost of enforcement.

Sponsors: Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: CODIFIED ORDINANCES; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [228-2025-Amend CO ord 630.01 and 630.02, criminal nuisance](#)

[228-2025 Executive Summary](#)

[228-2025-Amend 228-2025](#)

[228-2025 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Maurer, seconded by Council Member Santana, 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, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Absent: 1 - Jenny Spencer

[330-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into one or more agreements with Case Western Reserve University for professional services necessary to continue implementation of a data collection and analysis process, for the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, for a period of one year with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Public Safety.

Sponsors: Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: AGREEMENTS; CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY; POLICE DIVISION; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [330-2025-K w Case Western Reserve for data collection and analysis](#)

[330-2025 Executive Summary](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Maurer, seconded by Council Member Santana, 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, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Absent: 1 - Jenny Spencer

[378-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter into a contract with the Northeast Ohio Muni Football League aka Cleveland Municipal Football Association dba Cleveland Muni Football League to conduct a city-wide youth football program.

Sponsors: Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin, Richard Starr and By Departmental Request

Indexes: CONTRACTS; PARKS AND RECREATION ; YOUTH FOOTBALL PROGRAM

Attachments: [378-2025-K w Northeast Ohio Muni football league](#)

[378-2025 Executive Summary](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Maurer, seconded by Council Member Santana, 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, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Absent: 1 - Jenny Spencer

INTRODUCTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Members Howse-Jones and Polensek made remarks.

ADJOURN

8:15 p.m.