

Cleveland City Council

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 9, 2023

7:00 PM

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

Council Chambers

City Council

[Item-728](#) Cleveland City Council Meeting Notice for October 9, 2023

Attachments: [Council Meeting Notice for 10-9-2023](#)

CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

7:00 p.m.

Present 15 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused 2 - Brian Kazy, and Rebecca Maurer

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISPENSE WITH THE JOURNAL

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

Yea: 15 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused: 2 - Brian Kazy, and Rebecca Maurer

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were made by Noel Cummings, Isaiah Dixon.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

•Communications

[1160-2023](#) From Denise VanLeer, Executive Director, Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation. Notice of intent to apply to Ohio Housing Finance Agency for multifamily funding programs for the development known as Innovation Square Phase II at 2287 East 103rd Street (Ward 6), Cleveland, Ohio.

Attachments: [1160-2023-COMMUNICATION-notice of intent to apply to OHFA by FRDC for Innovation Sq Ph II](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

•Condolence; Moment of Silence

[1164-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Thelma Donella Thomas

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1165-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Douglas H. Glenn

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1166-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Erik James Faulhaber

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1167-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Howard P. Frank

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1168-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Doris W. Cuellar

Sponsors: Michael Polensek and Kevin Conwell

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1169-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Anderson Thadon Perkins

Sponsors: Richard Starr

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1179-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Virginia A. O'Malley

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

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

[1170-2023](#) Congratulations Resolution for Louise Jackson

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1171-2023](#) Congratulations Resolution for Champions Barber Shop

Sponsors: Anthony Hairston

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1172-2023](#) Congratulations Resolution for Aerosmith - Final Tour

Sponsors: Brian Kazy

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1173-2023](#) Recognition Resolution for East Technical High School - 50th Class Reunion

Sponsors: Deborah Gray

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1174-2023](#) Recognition Resolution for Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Gamma Chapter

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1175-2023](#) Recognition Resolution for CLEclipse Day

Sponsors: Kris Harsh

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1176-2023](#) Recognition Resolution for Sammy DeLeon

Sponsors: Jasmin Santana

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1177-2023](#) Appreciation Resolution for Timothy Hauser

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1178-2023](#) Appreciation Resolution for Ray T. Leach

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

PRESENTATIONS

A presentation was made by Council Member Harsh.

FIRST READING LEGISLATION**•Emergency Ordinances Referred**

[1153-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a grant agreement with LG Blanket Mill Main, LLC to provide economic development assistance to partially finance the Northern Ohio Blanket Mill mixed-use neighborhood project located in the Clark-Fulton neighborhood.

Sponsors: Jasmin Santana

Attachments: [1153-2023-Blanket Mill](#)

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

[1154-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Capital Projects to enter into a maintenance, inspection and repair agreement with and to issue a permit to The Cleveland Clinic Foundation to encroach onto, over and within the public right-of-way of East 100th Street by constructing, installing, using, and maintaining an overhead pedestrian bridge.

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

Attachments: [1154-2023-Encr w Cleveland Clinic for pedestrian bridge over E 100](#)

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

[1155-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Human Resources to enter into one or more contracts with Pluto Acquisition Opco, LLC, dba OPENonline for professional services necessary to provide pre-employment background and criminal checks, for the Department of Human Resources, for a period of one year, with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Human Resources.

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [1155-2023-K w Open Online for pre employment background and criminal checks](#)

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

[1156-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a grant agreement with Jordan Community Residential Center dba Jordan Community Resource Center to provide economic development assistance to partially finance renovation of its health and wellness facility known as “The Oasis in the City”.

Sponsors: Deborah Gray

Attachments: [1156-2023-Oasis in the City](#)

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

[1157-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Capital Projects to employ one or more consultants to provide professional services necessary to rehabilitate the Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Bridge; to apply for and accept any gifts or grants for this purpose from any public or private entity; 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: Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [1157-2023-Prof Serv MLK Bridge and other Ks](#)

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

[1158-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a grant agreement with Serenity Health and Wellness Corporation to provide economic development assistance to partially finance renovation of its youth home and behavioral health facility.

Sponsors: Deborah Gray

Attachments: [1158-2023-Serenity ASPIRE](#)

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

•Emergency Ordinances Read in Full and Passed

[1159-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Port Control to enter into an amendment to Contract No. MA 1505 RC2019-87 with Nachurs Alpine Solutions, LLC to extend the contract for an additional six months for the purchase of various FAA-approved deicing chemicals and to allow for a modification to the unit prices of the products.

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [1159-2023-FOR PASSAGE-Amend K w Nachurs for chemicals recalculate and extend 6 months](#)
[1159-2023 FP Letter - Amend K w Nachurs for chemicals recalculate](#)
[1159-2023 Executive Summary](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused: 2 - Brian Kazy, and Rebecca Maurer

[1161-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into agreement with Northwest Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation for the Summer Safety Film Series 2023 through the use of Ward 15 Casino Revenue Funds.

Sponsors: Jenny Spencer

Attachments: [1161-2023-FOR PASSAGE-Summer Safety Film Series 2023 legislation](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused: 2 - Brian Kazy, and Rebecca Maurer

•Emergency Resolutions Read in Full and Adopted

[1162-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Objecting to a New C2 Liquor Permit at 9305 Miles Avenue.

Sponsors: Kevin Bishop

Attachments: [1162-2023-FOR ADOPTION-OBJ-NEW-9305 MILES](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused: 2 - Brian Kazy, and Rebecca Maurer

[1163-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Declaring Monday April 8, 2024, Total Solar Eclipse Day.

Sponsors: Kris Harsh

Attachments: [1163-2023-FOR ADOPTION-Solar Eclipse Day 4-8-2024](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused: 2 - Brian Kazy, and Rebecca Maurer

SECOND READING LEGISLATION

•Emergency Ordinances Passed

[1007-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a grant agreement with Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center to provide economic development assistance to partially finance repairs and upgrades to certain existing facilities of the Center.

Sponsors: Stephanie Howse-Jones and Richard Starr

Indexes: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; GRANT AGREEMENT

Attachments: [1007-2023-Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center assistance for repairs and upgrades](#)
[1007-2023 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)
[1007-2023-Amend 1007-2023](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused: 2 - Brian Kazy, and Rebecca Maurer

[1009-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Community Development to enter into a grant agreement with Northwest Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation to partially finance the construction of 51 apartment units for seniors on West 80th Street and Detroit Avenue.

Sponsors: Jenny Spencer

Indexes: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; GRANT AGREEMENT ; WARD 15

Attachments: [1009-2023-Karam Senior Living assistance construction](#)
[1009-2023 PRESENTATION Karam presentation for City Council](#)
[ARPA TNP v4](#)
[1009-2023 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)
[1009-2023-Amend 1009-2023](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused: 2 - Brian Kazy, and Rebecca Maurer

[1011-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a grant agreement with Near West Side Multi-Service Corporation d.b.a. the May Dugan Center, to provide economic development assistance to partially finance completion of renovations and expansion of the Center.

Sponsors: Jenny Spencer, Jasmin Santana, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Deborah Gray, Kris Harsh, Danny Kelly, Rebecca Maurer, Michael Polensek and Charles Slife

Indexes: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; GRANT AGREEMENT ; NEAR WEST SIDE MULTI-SERVICE CORPORATION

Attachments: [1011-2023-May Dugan Center assistance for renovations and expansion](#)
[1011-2023 PRESENTATION MDC](#)
[1011-2023 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)
[1011-2023-Amend 1011-2023](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused: 2 - Brian Kazy, and Rebecca Maurer

[1012-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a grant agreement with Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation to provide economic development assistance to partially finance the Memphis and Pearl mixed-use neighborhood project located on Memphis and Pearl Roads in Ward 13.

Sponsors: Kris Harsh, Anthony Hairston, Jasmin Santana, Rebecca Maurer, Kevin Conwell, Kerry McCormack and Charles Slife

Indexes: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; GRANT AGREEMENT ; OLD BROOKLYN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; WARD 13

Attachments: [1012-2023-Memphis and Pearl mixed-use assistance project financing](#)
[1012-2023 PRESENTATION Memphis&PearlDeck-FinanceCommittee](#)
[1012-2023 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)
[1012-2023-Amend 1012-2023](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused: 2 - Brian Kazy, and Rebecca Maurer

[1015-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Mayor and the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies to sell certain City-owned property no longer needed for the City's public use located on Lawnview Avenue to the Famicos Foundation, or its designee, for purposes of developing the Henrietta Homes project.

Sponsors: Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: FAMICOS FOUNDATION; PURCHASES AND SUPPLIES DIVISION; WARD 10

Attachments: [1015-2023-Sell property on Lawnview to Famicos for Henrietta Homes Project](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused: 2 - Brian Kazy, and Rebecca Maurer

[1137-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the purchase by one or more requirement contracts of paper and envelopes, for the various divisions of City government 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

Attachments: [1137-2023-Req K paper, envelopes, citywide](#)
[1137-2023 Executive Summary](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused: 2 - Brian Kazy, and Rebecca Maurer

[1138-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the purchase by one or more requirement contracts of Group I, II and III copiers and services for the various divisions of City government, for a period of five years, with three one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Finance.

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: CONTRACTS; FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [1138-2023-Req K purchase Group I, II and III copiers and services, Fin](#)
[1138-2023 Executive Summary](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused: 2 - Brian Kazy, and Rebecca Maurer

INTRODUCTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISCELLANEOUS

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

MOTION TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCES

The absences of Council Members Kazy and Maurer were excused.

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

Yea: 15 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused: 2 - Brian Kazy, and Rebecca Maurer

ADJOURN

7:50 p.m.