

# **Cleveland City Council**

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



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 31, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

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

**Council Chambers**

**City Council**

[Item-1020](#) Cleveland City Council Meeting Notice for March 31, 2025

**Attachments:** [Council Meeting Notice for 3-31-2025](#)

**CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

7:02 p.m.

**Present** 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**DISPENSE WITH THE JOURNAL**

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

**Yea:** 13 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

**Absent:** 1 - Stephanie Howse-Jones

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments were made by Pamela Pinkney, Zoey Johnson, Faouzi Baddour, James Lamb, Stacey Steggert, Teri Wang, Christopher Serio, Chris Malinoski, Essie Williams.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**•Communications**

[403-2025](#) Oath of Office for Bryant Francis, Commissioner of Airports, Department of Port Control, City of Cleveland.

**Indexes:** OATH OF OFFICE; PORT CONTROL DEPARTMENT; AIRPORTS DIVISION

**Attachments:** [403-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Bryant Francis, Comm of Airports](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[404-2025](#) Oath of Office for Maya Kincaid, Member of Community Police Commission, City of Cleveland.

**Indexes:** OATH OF OFFICE; COMMUNITY POLICE COMMISSION

**Attachments:** [404-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Maya Kincaid, Comm Police Commission](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[405-2025](#) Oath of Office for Shandra Moreira-Benito, Member of Community Police Commission, City of Cleveland.

**Indexes:** OATH OF OFFICE; COMMUNITY POLICE COMMISSION

**Attachments:** [405-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Shandra Moreira-Benito, Comm Police Commission](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[406-2025](#) Oath of Office for Tera N. Coleman, Member of Community Police Commission, City of Cleveland.

**Indexes:** OATH OF OFFICE; COMMUNITY POLICE COMMISSION

**Attachments:** [406-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Tera Coleman, Comm Police Commission](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[407-2025](#) Oath of Office for Sheila Mason, Member of Community Police Commission, City of Cleveland.

**Indexes:** OATH OF OFFICE; COMMUNITY POLICE COMMISSION

**Attachments:** [407-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Sheila Mason, Comm Police Commission](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[408-2025](#) Oath of Office for Untaya T. Miller, Member of Community Police Commission, City of Cleveland.

**Indexes:** OATH OF OFFICE; COMMUNITY POLICE COMMISSION

**Attachments:** [408-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Untaya Miller, Comm Police Commission](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[409-2025](#)

Oath of Office for Michael L. Nelson, Sr., Member of Community Police Commission, City of Cleveland.

**Indexes:** OATH OF OFFICE; COMMUNITY POLICE COMMISSION

**Attachments:** [409-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Michael Nelson, Comm Police Commission](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[410-2025](#)

Oath of Office for Sharena Zayed, Member of Community Police Commission, City of Cleveland.

**Indexes:** OATH OF OFFICE; COMMUNITY POLICE COMMISSION

**Attachments:** [410-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Sharena Zayed, Comm Police Commission](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[411-2025](#)

Oath of Office for Calley Mersmann, Director of City Planning Commission, City of Cleveland.

**Indexes:** OATH OF OFFICE; CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

**Attachments:** [411-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Calley Mersmann, CPC Dir](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[412-2025](#)

From Council President Blaine Griffin. Recommending approval of the appointment of several members to the Cleveland Urban Forestry Commission.

**Indexes:** APPOINTMENT ; URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

**Attachments:** [412-2025-COMMUNICATION-Griffin to Council 3-26-2025 re UFC appts](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[449-2025](#)

Oath of Office for Antoine Draft, Lieutenant, Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety, City of Cleveland.

**Indexes:** OATH OF OFFICE; FIRE DIVISION; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

**Attachments:** [449-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Antoine Draft, Lieut Fire](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[450-2025](#) Oath of Office for Philip Fitzgerald, Lieutenant, Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety, City of Cleveland.

**Indexes:** OATH OF OFFICE; FIRE DIVISION; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

**Attachments:** [450-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Philip Fitzgerald, Lieut Fire](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[451-2025](#) Oath of Office for Thomas English, Captain, Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety, City of Cleveland.

**Indexes:** OATH OF OFFICE; FIRE DIVISION; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

**Attachments:** [451-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Thomas English, Capn Fire](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[452-2025](#) Oath of Office for Angel Guzman, Lieutenant, Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety, City of Cleveland.

**Indexes:** OATH OF OFFICE; FIRE DIVISION; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

**Attachments:** [452-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Angel Guzman, Lieut Fire](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[453-2025](#) Oath of Office for Matthew Manzuk, Lieutenant, Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety, City of Cleveland.

**Indexes:** OATH OF OFFICE; FIRE DIVISION; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

**Attachments:** [453-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Matthew Manzuk, Lieut Fire](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[454-2025](#) Oath of Office for Patrick McCarthy, Lieutenant, Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety, City of Cleveland.

**Indexes:** OATH OF OFFICE; FIRE DIVISION; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

**Attachments:** [454-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Patrick McCarthy, Lieut Fire](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[455-2025](#) Oath of Office for Robert Obleton, Lieutenant, Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety, City of Cleveland.

**Indexes:** OATH OF OFFICE; FIRE DIVISION; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

**Attachments:** [455-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Robert Obleton, Lieut Fire](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[456-2025](#) Oath of Office for Adam Schulte, Lieutenant, Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety, City of Cleveland.

**Indexes:** OATH OF OFFICE; FIRE DIVISION; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

**Attachments:** [456-2025-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Adam Schulte, Lieut Fire](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

•The Ohio Division of Liquor Control

[413-2025](#) #88693390005. Transfer of License Application, D1 D2 D3 D3A D6. Thirty Nine Eleven LLC, 3704 Superior Ave. (Ward 7).

**Indexes:** LIQUOR PERMITS

**Attachments:** [413-2025-COMMUNICATION-Liquor3704Superior](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[414-2025](#) #3582131. New License Application, D3. Harolds Kitchen Soul Food Cafe LLC, 3456 West 117th St. (Ward 11).

**Indexes:** LIQUOR PERMITS

**Attachments:** [414-2025-COMMUNICATION-Liquor3456 West117th](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[415-2025](#) #3425478. New License Application, D3. Guanaquitas 2 LLC, 5107 Detroit Ave. (Ward 15).

**Indexes:** LIQUOR PERMITS

**Attachments:** [415-2025-COMMUNICATION-Liquor5107Detroit](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[416-2025](#) #2704971. Transfer of Ownership Application, C2 C2X. FF Market LLC, 3738 Newark Ave. (Ward 14).

**Indexes:** LIQUOR PERMITS

**Attachments:** [416-2025-COMMUNICATION-Liquor3738Newark](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

•Appointments

[417-2025](#) From Council President Blaine Griffin, pursuant to Chapter 163 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, recommending approval of the appointment of Tom Schreiber to the Cleveland Urban Forestry Commission (Certified Arborist), with a term ending December 31, 2027. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

**Indexes:** APPOINTMENT ; URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

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

**Yea:** 12 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kris Harsh, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

**Absent:** 2 - Joseph T. Jones, and Stephanie Howse-Jones

[418-2025](#) From Council President Blaine Griffin, pursuant to Chapter 163 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, recommending approval of the appointment of Jennifer Chandler to the Cleveland Urban Forestry Commission (Developer in the City), to a term ending December 31, 2027. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

**Indexes:** APPOINTMENT ; URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

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

**Yea:** 12 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kris Harsh, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

**Absent:** 2 - Joseph T. Jones, and Stephanie Howse-Jones

[419-2025](#)

From Council President Blaine Griffin, pursuant to Chapter 163 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, recommending approval of the appointment of Laura Marks to the Cleveland Urban Forestry Commission (City Resident), to a term ending December 31, 2027. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

**Indexes:** APPOINTMENT ; URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

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

**Yea:** 12 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kris Harsh, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

**Absent:** 2 - Joseph T. Jones, and Stephanie Howse-Jones

[420-2025](#)

From Council President Blaine Griffin, pursuant to Chapter 163 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, recommending approval of the appointment of Beck Swab to the Cleveland Urban Forestry Commission (Representative of a Non-Profit Organization with Mission to Preserve Nature), to a term ending December 31, 2027. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

**Indexes:** APPOINTMENT ; URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

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

**Yea:** 12 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kris Harsh, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

**Absent:** 2 - Joseph T. Jones, and Stephanie Howse-Jones

[421-2025](#)

From Council President Blaine Griffin, pursuant to Chapter 163 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, recommending approval of the appointment of Sara Tillie to the Cleveland Urban Forestry Commission (Representative of a Non-Profit Organization with Mission to Preserve Nature), to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2027. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

**Indexes:** APPOINTMENT ; URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

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



**Yea:** 12 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kris Harsh, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

**Absent:** 2 - Joseph T. Jones, and Stephanie Howse-Jones

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

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

#### **438-2025**      Condolence Resolution for Robert Thompson

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin

**Indexes:** CONDOLENCES

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

#### **439-2025**      Condolence Resolution for Ruth Harris

**Sponsors:** Deborah Gray

**Indexes:** CONDOLENCES

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

#### **440-2025**      Condolence Resolution for Mother Joanne Clayton

**Sponsors:** Joseph Jones

**Indexes:** CONDOLENCES

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

#### **458-2025**      Condolence Resolution for Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell

**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

**Indexes:** CONDOLENCES

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

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

[441-2025](#)      Congratulations Resolution for Julia Campbell

**Sponsors:** Danny Kelly

**Indexes:** CONGRATULATIONS

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

[442-2025](#)      Congratulations Resolution for Cleveland Community Relations Board - 80th Anniversary

**Sponsors:** Richard Starr and Blaine Griffin

**Indexes:** CONGRATULATIONS

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

[443-2025](#)      Recognition Resolution for National Library Workers' Day

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin, Kevin Bishop, Kevin Conwell, Deborah Gray, 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

**Indexes:** RECOGNITION

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

[444-2025](#)      Recognition Resolution for National Crime Victims' Rights Week

**Sponsors:** Stephanie Howse-Jones

**Indexes:** RECOGNITION

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

[445-2025](#)      Recognition Resolution for Gospel Divine Evangelic Ministries

**Sponsors:** Joseph Jones

**Indexes:** RECOGNITION

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

[446-2025](#)      Recognition Resolution for Congresswoman Shontel M.Brown

**Sponsors:** Joseph Jones

**Indexes:** RECOGNITION

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

[447-2025](#) Recognition Resolution for Raj Khadijah Samad

**Sponsors:** Kevin Conwell

**Indexes:** RECOGNITION

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

[448-2025](#) Recognition Resolution for El-Hajj Amir Khalid Samad

**Sponsors:** Kevin Conwell

**Indexes:** RECOGNITION

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

Council Member Griffin and Council Member Conwell made presentations.

**FIRST READING LEGISLATION**

**•Emergency Ordinances Referred**

[422-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into an amendment to Contract No. CT 1506 PS 2023-287 with the Diligent Canada Inc., for Audit Management Software as a Service, or audit management software, and other services for the Department of Finance, to extend the term of the contract for a period of three years.

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

**Indexes:** FINANCE DEPARTMENT; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

**Attachments:** [422-2025-Amend contract CT 1506 PS 2023-287 w Diligent Canada Inc for audit management software](#)

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

[423-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To add the name Jonah Moore, Sr. Way as a secondary and honorary name to Dickens Avenue between East 93rd Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

**Sponsors:** Deborah Gray

**Indexes:** CITY PLANNING COMMISSION; STREETS -- DEDICATION; WARD 04

**Attachments:** [423-2025-desig honorary name of Jonah Moore Way to Dickens Ave](#)

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

[424-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to exercise the first option to renew Contract No. PS 2023-0208 with Pinkney Enterprises, L.L.C. dba Take a BREAK Quick Catering to provide for the operation of a first-class food and beverage service at the Carl B. Stokes Public Utilities Building.

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

**Attachments:** [424-2025-Exercise first option to renew k PS 2023-0208 with Pinkney Enterprises](#)

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

[425-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Health to enter into contract with the Ohio Department of Health to perform environmental lead investigations of residences of Medicaid-eligible and non-Medicaid-eligible children; and to enter into one or more contracts with various agencies, entities, or individuals to provide services necessary to implement this ordinance.

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

**Attachments:** [425-2025-K w Ohio Health for lead investigations- Medicaid reimburse](#)

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

[426-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Determining the method of making the public improvement of maintaining and improving the interior and exterior of various buildings and sites, including but not limited to, roofs and related building and site systems; authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to enter into one or more public improvement contracts to construct the improvement; authorizing the Director to employ one or more professional consultants necessary to design the improvement; and authorizing the Director to apply for and accept any grants, including but not limited to, grants from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for Community Cost Share Program funding, for a period of two years.

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

**Attachments:** [426-2025-PIK various building systems and site improvements- PU](#)

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

[432-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the purchase by one or more requirement contracts of labor and materials needed to clean high voltage insulators, bushings, lightning arrestors, transformers, and associated equipment at various locations, for the Division of Cleveland Public Power, Department of Public Utilities, for a period or periods not to exceed a total of two years.

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

**Attachments:** [432-2025-Req k for labor and material to clean voltage, insulations and bushings](#)

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

[433-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the purchase by one or more requirement contracts of rigging services, for the Division of Cleveland Public Power, Department of Public Utilities, for a period or periods not to exceed a total of two years.

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

**Attachments:** [433-2025-Req k rigging](#)

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

[434-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a Tax Increment Financing Agreement with JSAACC LLC, and/or its designee, to assist with the financing of the African Town Plaza Project to be located at 7515 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; to provide for payments to the Cleveland Metropolitan School District; and to declare certain improvements to real property to be a public purpose.

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

**Attachments:** [434-2025-TIF Ag w JSAACC LLC for African Town Plaza](#)  
[434-2025-A-FILE-TIF Ag w JSAACC LLC for African Town Plaza](#)

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

[435-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To supplement the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio 1976 by amending Section 127.49, as amended by Ordinance No. 151-2025, passed January 27, 2025, relating to funding for certain items for the Cleveland Commission on Black Women and Girls.

**Sponsors:** Stephanie Howse-Jones

**Attachments:** [435-2025-amend CO Sec 127.49 - Comm on Black Women and Girls](#)

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

**•Emergency Ordinances Read in Full and Passed**

[427-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of the Department of Aging to enter into agreement with the Cleveland Music School Settlement for the Creative Aging Program through the use of Ward 9 Casino Revenue Funds.

**Sponsors:** Kevin Conwell

**Attachments:** [427-2025-FOR PASSAGE-Creative Aging Music Program Ward 9 legislation](#)

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

**Yea:** 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

[428-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of the Department of Aging to enter into agreement with NuPoint Community Development Corporation for the public purpose of providing the senior lawn care Program through the use of Ward 2 Casino Funds.

**Sponsors:** Kevin Bishop

**Attachments:** [428-2025-FOR PASSAGE-Senior grass cutting Ward 2 2025](#)

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

**Yea:** 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

[429-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of the Department of Aging to enter into agreement with NuPoint Community Development Corporation for the public purpose of providing the senior lawn care Program through the use of Ward 4 Casino Funds.

**Sponsors:** Deborah Gray

**Attachments:** [429-2025-FOR PASSAGE-Senior grass cutting Ward 4 2025](#)

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

**Yea:** 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

[430-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of the Department of Aging to enter into agreement with Famicos Foundation for Senior Grass Cutting Program through the use of Ward 1 Neighborhood Equity Funds.

**Sponsors:** Joseph Jones

**Attachments:** [430-2025-FOR PASSAGE-Senior Grass Cutting Ward 1 2025](#)

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

**Yea:** 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

•Emergency Resolutions Referred

[431-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Recognizing April 2025 as Reentry Awareness Month

**Sponsors:** Stephanie Howse-Jones

**Attachments:** [431-2025-declare April Reentry Awareness Month](#)

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

[436-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Adopting the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights to declare the City of Cleveland's commitment to providing access to parks and green spaces and a wide variety of quality outdoor opportunities for every Cleveland child.

**Sponsors:** Brian Kazy and Stephanie Howse-Jones

**Attachments:** [436-2025-Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights](#)

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

•Emergency Resolutions Read in Full and Adopted

[437-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Withdrawing objection to the renewal of a C1, C2 and D6 Liquor Permit at 15521 St. Clair Avenue, 1st floor and basement and repealing Resolution No. 701-2024 objecting to said renewal.

**Sponsors:** Michael Polensek

**Indexes:** LIQUOR PERMITS; WARD 08

**Attachments:** [437-2025-FOR ADOPTION-WITHDRAWAL-REN-15521 ST. CLAIR](#)

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

**Yea:** 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

[457-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Opposing the United States Department of Agriculture's cuts and proposed state budget cuts to food assistance programs impacting the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and urging the federal government and the Ohio legislature to restore those dollars in order to adequately fund critical nutrition programs for people and families in need.

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

**Attachments:** [457-2025-FOR ADOPTION-oppose US cuts to food assistance](#)

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



**Yea:** 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

## **SECOND READING LEGISLATION**

### **•Emergency Ordinances Passed**

[1062-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Works to accept a donation of three single-unit public restroom structures from the Campus District, Inc., a community development corporation, for general public use to be installed by the Department of Public Works.

**Sponsors:** Stephanie Howse-Jones, Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Indexes:** DONATION ; PUBLIC WORKS

**Attachments:** [1062-2024-Accept donation of outdoor restrooms from Campus District, Loos](#)  
[1062-2024 Executive Summary](#)  
[1062-2024 PRESENTATION](#)

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

**Yea:** 13 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Nay:** 1 - Stephanie Howse-Jones

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

[21-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Works to employ one or more professional consultants to provide education and training for employees; and to enter into contract with the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), for a period of one year, with a one-year option to renew, exercisable by the Director of Public Works.

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

**Indexes:** PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS; PUBLIC WORKS

**Attachments:** [21-2025-Prof serv for educational training; Dir k w SWANA](#)

[21-2025 Executive Summary](#)

[21-2025 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)

[21-2025-Amend 21-2025](#)

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

**Yea:** 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

[40-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Directors of Public Works and Economic Development to enter into a ground lease with Rust Belt Riders Composting, LLC for the use and occupancy of property located at 3270 East 79th Street to consolidate its composting facility operations and to install a retail operation at the location, for a period of ten years with two ten-year options to renew, exercisable by the Directors of Public Works and Economic Development.

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

**Indexes:** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; LEASES; PUBLIC WORKS

**Attachments:** [40-2025-Ground Lease w Rust Belt Riders for composting facility at 3270 E 79](#)

[40-2025 Executive Summary](#)

[40-2025 PRESENTATION](#)

[40-2025 PRESENTATION 3.24.25](#)

[40-2025 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)

[40-2025-Amend 40-2025](#)

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

**Yea:** 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

**227-2025** AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Clerk of Council to enter into an amendment to the agreement with JS Strategies, LLC for the professional services necessary to continue the audit, review and assessment of Cleveland City Council's communications programs.

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin

**Indexes:** AGREEMENTS; CITY COUNCIL; CLERK OF COUNCIL; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

**Attachments:** [227-2025-amend agreement with JS Strategies](#)

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

**Yea:** 13 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Nay:** 1 - Stephanie Howse-Jones

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

**231-2025** AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Community Development to transfer several permanent parcels located in the vicinity of East 75th Street and Grand Avenue, to the control, possession, and use of the Department of Economic Development for inclusion into a consolidated site to be used for future redevelopment.

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

**Indexes:** CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; WARD 05

**Attachments:** [231-2025-Interdepartmental Transfer from CD and PSaf to ED land bank - E 75 and Grand](#)  
[231-2025 PRESENTATION](#)  
[231-2025 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)  
[231-2025-Amend 231-2025](#)  
[231-2025 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)

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

**Yea:** 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

**244-2025** AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into an amendment to Contract No. CT 0114 PS 2023-42 with Murtis Taylor Human Services System, to provide social support services.

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

**Indexes:** CONTRACTS; FINANCE DEPARTMENT; MURTIS TAYLOR

**Attachments:** [244-2025-Amend contract CT 0114 PS 2023-42 Murtis Taylor to authorize additional one year](#)  
[244-2025 NCAN- Program Stats March 2023 to Jan 2025-V1](#)

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

**Yea:** 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

**251-2025** AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects to sell City-owned air-rights interest no longer needed for the City's public use located at the right-of-way of Scranton Road aka Eagle Avenue, to GPP Medical Facility LLC for the purpose of constructing a building and; Enter into an agreement for the construction, operation, maintenance, inspection and repair of the overhead structure within the air-rights parcel above the Scranton Road right-of- way.

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

**Indexes:** CAPITAL PROJECTS; CITY-OWNED AIR-RIGHTS ; WARD 03

**Attachments:** [251-2025-Sell air rights to GPP Medical Facility located above Scranton ave-Eagle Ave](#)  
[251-2025 Location Map Sale of air Rights](#)

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

**Yea:** 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

**323-2025** AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Section 143.06 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 413-2024, passed May 13, 2024, relating to applications for and acceptance of fellowship, and intern grants and other funding and services from any public or private entity to add apprenticeship grants.

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

**Indexes:** CODIFIED ORDINANCES; GRANTS; INTERNS

**Attachments:** [323-2025-Amend CO 143.06 include apprentices for grant funding](#)

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

**Yea:** 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

•**Emergency Resolutions Adopted**

**298-2025** AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Declaring the intent to vacate a portion of East 70th Street.

**Sponsors:** Richard Starr, Kevin Bishop, Anthony Hairston and By Departmental Request

**Indexes:** CITY PLANNING COMMISSION; STREET VACATION; WARD 05

**Attachments:** [298-2025-Int to vacate E 70](#)  
[298-2025 Executive Summary](#)

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

**Yea:** 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

[299-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Declaring the intent to vacate a portion of East 71st Place.

**Sponsors:** Richard Starr, Kevin Bishop, Anthony Hairston and By Departmental Request

**Indexes:** CITY PLANNING COMMISSION; STREET VACATION; WARD 05

**Attachments:** [299-2025-Int to vacate E 71](#)  
[299-2025 Executive Summary](#)

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

**Yea:** 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

[300-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Declaring the intent to vacate a portion of East 73rd Street.

**Sponsors:** Richard Starr, Kevin Bishop, Anthony Hairston and By Departmental Request

**Indexes:** CITY PLANNING COMMISSION; STREET VACATION; WARD 05

**Attachments:** [300-2025-Int to vacate E 73](#)  
[300-2025 Executive Summary](#)

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

**Yea:** 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

[301-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Declaring the intent to vacate a portion of Hancock Avenue.

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

**Indexes:** CITY PLANNING COMMISSION; STREET VACATION; WARD 03

**Attachments:** [301-2025-Int to vacate Hancock](#)  
[301-2025 Executive Summary](#)

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

**Yea:** 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

## INTRODUCTIONS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MISCELLANEOUS

Council Members Hairston, Spencer, Howse-Jones and McCormack made remarks.

## MOTION TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCES

The absences of Council Members Bishop, Maurer and Santana were excused.

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

**Yea:** 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

**Excused:** 3 - Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana, and Kevin L. Bishop

## ADJOURN

8:36 p.m.