

# **Cleveland City Council**

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



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, October 7, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

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

**Council Chambers**

**City Council**

[Item-905](#) Cleveland City Council Meeting Notice for October 7, 2024

**Attachments:** [Council Meeting Notice for 10-7-2024](#)

**CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

7:02 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 Jones, seconded by Council Member Kazy, 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 Brenda Bickerstaff, Rev. Pamela Pinkney, Stephanie Webb, Sandy Osso, Tony Anderson, Adam Noah, Shejuti Wahib.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS****•Communications**

[1085-2024](#) From Jeffrey B. Marks, Secretary, Board of Control. City of Cleveland. Board of Control Resolution No. 484-24, amending Board of Control Resolution No.377-24 regarding Ordinance No. 521-2024, establishing new Department of Parks and Recreation and associated Divisions. Received.

**Attachments:** [#1085-2024 Communication-Re Amendment to BOC Concurrence-Ord. No. 521-2024](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

**•The Ohio Division of Liquor Control**

[1086-2024](#) #65215090600. New License Application, D1. Ohio Springs Inc.,  
6200 Brookpark Rd.( Ward 13).

**Indexes:** LIQUOR PERMITS; WARD 13

**Attachments:** [#1086-2024 Communication-Liquor 6200 Brookpark Rd. \(Ward13\)](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

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

[1087-2024](#) Condolence Resolution for Samuel J. Thomas, Ph.D.

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin

**Indexes:** CONDOLENCES

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

[1088-2024](#) Condolence Resolution for Florence Geraldine Hairston

**Sponsors:** Kevin Conwell

**Indexes:** CONDOLENCES

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

[1089-2024](#) Condolence Resolution for Benny Richardson

**Sponsors:** Stephanie Howse-Jones

**Indexes:** CONDOLENCES

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

[1090-2024](#) Condolence Resolution for Luz Maria Rivera

**Sponsors:** Jasmin Santana

**Indexes:** CONDOLENCES

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

[1091-2024](#) Condolence Resolution for Jo Ann (Davis) Dawson

**Sponsors:** Joseph Jones

**Indexes:** CONDOLENCES

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

[1092-2024](#) Condolence Resolution for James Harland

**Sponsors:** Anthony Hairston

**Indexes:** CONDOLENCES

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

[1093-2024](#) Condolence Resolution for Scottie Lyndale Sanders

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin

**Indexes:** CONDOLENCES

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

[1094-2024](#) Condolence Resolution for Winnifred Denson Albert

**Sponsors:** Kevin Conwell

**Indexes:** CONDOLENCES

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

[1107-2024](#) Condolence Resolution for Dan Coughlin

**Sponsors:** Michael Polensek

**Indexes:** CONDOLENCES

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

[1108-2024](#) Condolence Resolution for John Amos

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin

**Indexes:** CONDOLENCES

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

[1109-2024](#) Condolence Resolution for Pete Rose

**Sponsors:** Brian Kazy

**Indexes:** CONDOLENCES

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

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

[1095-2024](#)      Congratulations Resolution for American Limousine Services

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin and Michael Polensek

**Indexes:** CONGRATULATIONS

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

[1096-2024](#)      Congratulations Resolution for Senator Jerry C. Cirino

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin and Michael Polensek

**Indexes:** CONGRATULATIONS

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

[1097-2024](#)      Congratulations Resolution for O.A. Bertin Company

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin and Michael Polensek

**Indexes:** CONGRATULATIONS

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

[1098-2024](#)      Congratulations Resolution for Raymond Guarino

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin and Michael Polensek

**Indexes:** CONGRATULATIONS

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

[1099-2024](#)      Congratulations Resolution for Second New Hope Baptist Church

**Sponsors:** Deborah Gray

**Indexes:** CONGRATULATIONS

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

[1100-2024](#)      Recognition Resolution for University Settlement

**Sponsors:** Richard Starr

**Indexes:** RECOGNITION

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

[1101-2024](#)      Recognition Resolution for Nor-Am Cold Storage

**Sponsors:** Richard Starr

**Indexes:** RECOGNITION

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

[1102-2024](#) Recognition Resolution for Cleveland Down Syndrome Day

**Sponsors:** Brian Kazy

**Indexes:** RECOGNITION

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

[1103-2024](#) Recognition Resolution for Credessa Croce

**Sponsors:** Brian Kazy

**Indexes:** RECOGNITION

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

[1104-2024](#) Recognition Resolution for Mary Kidd

**Sponsors:** Brian Kazy

**Indexes:** RECOGNITION

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

[1105-2024](#) Recognition Resolution for Olivia DePiere

**Sponsors:** Brian Kazy

**Indexes:** RECOGNITION

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

[1106-2024](#) Recognition Resolution for Katherine Koenig

**Sponsors:** Brian Kazy

**Indexes:** RECOGNITION

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

Council Member Kazy made a presentation.

**FIRST READING LEGISLATION**

**•Emergency Ordinances Referred**

[1077-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Port Control to enter into an amendment to the Lease By Way of Concession No. 67743 with BAA USA, Inc. dba Fraport Cleveland, LLC for the lease, management, design, and construction of retail merchandise, food, beverage, and service concessions for the Department of Port Control facilities to extend the termination date of the agreement for a period of one year.

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

**Attachments:** [1077-2024-Amend LBWOC 67743 w Fraport PC](#)

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

[1078-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of the Department of Public Works, Division of Recreation to enter into a grant agreement with Ohio City Incorporated to provide program support for Near West Recreation youth programs.

**Sponsors:** Kerry McCormack

**Attachments:** [1078-2024-authorizing 2024-25 grant agreement with OCI for NWR](#)

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

[1079-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to enter into one or more contracts without competitive bidding with Windstream Communications, LLC dba Kinetic Business by Windstream for telecommunication service lines for primary and backup communications for SCADA control, security cameras, and telephones at various locations which are outside of Cuyahoga County and beyond the AT&T service area; and to authorize payment of monthly charges to Windstream, for a period up to three years, for the Division of Water, Department of Public Utilities.

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

**Attachments:** [1079-2024-K w Windstream for primary and backup SCADA service lines, Util](#)

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

[1080-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To supplement the Codified Ordinances by amending Section 433.07 as amended by Ordinance No. 1279-15, passed April 24, 2017, related to street racing.

**Sponsors:** Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and Kerry McCormack

**Attachments:** [1080-2024-amend CO Sec 433.07 re street racing](#)

[1080-2024-Legislative Summary - amend CO Sec 433.07 re street racing](#)

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

[1081-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To discontinue the Division of Information Technology and Services, the Office of Information Technology Planning, and the Office of Urban Analytics and Innovation by repealing various sections of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976; to establish the Department of Innovation and Technology; to enact new Sections 148.01 to 148.03; to repeal Section 127.12; and to amend Section 171.40, of the codified ordinances, relating to the foregoing changes.

**Sponsors:** Justin Bibb

**Attachments:** [1081-2024-Establish Dept of Innovation and Technology](#)

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

•Emergency Ordinances Read in Full and Passed

[1082-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Section 171.30 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 561-2021, passed July 14, 2021, relating to holidays.

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin, Kevin Conwell, Anthony Hairston, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Michael Polensek, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [1082-2024-FOR PASSAGE-Amend 171.30 - Holidays, General Election](#)  
[1082-2024-FP Letter - Amend 171.30 Holidays, General Election](#)

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

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

**Nay:** 1 - Kevin L. Bishop

**•Emergency Resolutions Referred**

[1084-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Declaring the intent to vacate a portion of Bronson Court, S.E., and a portion of East 12th Street.

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

**Attachments:** [1084-2024-Int to vacate Bronson Court](#)

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

**•Emergency Resolutions Read in Full and Adopted**

[1083-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Supporting the Citizens Not Politicians-Citizens Redistricting Commission Initiative, which would transfer the power of drawing legislative and congressional maps from politicians and lobbyists to the citizens of Ohio; and urging Ohioans and Cleveland citizens to support this Issue 1 citizen-lead ballot initiative to end partisan gerrymandering in Ohio for a freer, more democratic state.

**Sponsors:** Richard Starr and Jenny Spencer

**Attachments:** [1083-2024-FOR ADOPTION-supporting Issue 1 Citizens Not Politicians-Citizens Redistricting Commission Initiative](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kazy, that this Emergency Resolution be adopted. 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

**SECOND READING LEGISLATION****•Emergency Ordinances Passed**

[934-2024](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into one or more agreements with the United States Navy, or its designee, to display two bells and any other memorabilia of the United States naval warship, the USS Cleveland, for a period or periods not to exceed a total of five years, with one or more options to renew not to exceed a total of ten years, exercisable by the Director of Public Safety.

**Sponsors:** Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Indexes:** AGREEMENTS; SAFETY DEPARTMENT; US NAVY

**Attachments:** [934-2024-Ag w US Navy to display bells of USS Cleveland](#)

[934-2024 Executive Summary](#)

[934-2024 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)

[934-2024-Amend 934-2024](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kazy, that this Emergency Ordinance be approved as amended. 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

[939-2024](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into one or more contracts with the International Association of Chiefs of Police to conduct training through a Faculty Development Workshop and to provide mentoring and instruction through Leadership in Police Organization training, for the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety.

**Sponsors:** Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Indexes:** CONTRACTS; POLICE DIVISION; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

**Attachments:** [939-2024-K w International Association for Chiefs of Police for leadership training](#)

[939-2024 Executive Summary](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kazy, that this Emergency Ordinance 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

[941-2024](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the purchase by one or more requirement contracts of hazmat suits, for the Division of Emergency Medical Service, Department of Public Safety, for a term 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:** CONTRACTS; EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DIVISION; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

**Attachments:** [941-2024-Req k hazmat suits-EMS](#)  
[941-2024 Executive Summary](#)  
[941-2024 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)  
[941-2024-Amend 941-2024](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kazy, that this Emergency Ordinance be approved as amended. 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

[942-2024](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the purchase by one or more requirement contracts of medical stair chairs, for the Division of Emergency Medical Service, Department of Public Safety, for a term 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:** CONTRACTS; EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DIVISION; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

**Attachments:** [942-2024-Req k medical stairchairs-EMS](#)  
[942-2024 Executive Summary](#)  
[942-2024 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)  
[942-2024-Amend 942-2024](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kazy, that this Emergency Ordinance be approved as amended. 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

[943-2024](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the purchase by one or more requirement contracts of patient ventilators, for the Division of Emergency Medical Service, Department of Public Safety, for a term 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:** CONTRACTS; EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DIVISION; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

**Attachments:** [943-2024-Req k patient ventilators-EMS](#)

[943-2024 Executive Summary](#)

[943-2024 Amend 943-2024](#)

[943-2024 Desk Copy](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kazy, that this Emergency Ordinance be approved as amended. 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

[945-2024](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the purchase by one or more requirement contracts of turnout gear, for the Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety, for a term 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:** CONTRACTS; FIRE DIVISION; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

**Attachments:** [945-2024-Req k turnout gear-fire](#)

[945-2024 Executive Summary](#)

[945-2024 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)

[945-2024-Amend 945-2024](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kazy, that this Emergency Ordinance be approved as amended. 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

[987-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend various Sections of Chapter 396 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as enacted by Ordinance No. 2020-A-96, passed December 14, 1998, relating to notification, environmental abatement and securing of closed or vacated facilities.

**Sponsors:** Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Indexes:** BUILDING AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT; BUILDING CODE; CODIFIED ORDINANCES

**Attachments:** [987-2024-Amend Chapter 396 - closed or vacated facilities](#)  
[987-2024 Executive Summary](#)  
[987-2024 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)  
[987-2024-Amend 987-2024](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kazy, that this Emergency Ordinance be approved as amended. 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

[1008-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Contract No. PS 2023-0119 with Axon Enterprise, Inc., to consolidate various contracts with Axon for purchases and services for the various divisions of the Department of Public Safety.

**Sponsors:** Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

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

**Attachments:** [1008-2024-Amend one contract with Axon to consolidate several.](#)  
[PSaf](#)  
[1008-2024 Executive Summary](#)  
[1008-2024 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)  
[1008-2024-Amend 1008-2024](#)

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

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

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

## INTRODUCTIONS

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Council Members Maurer, Polensek and Spencer made remarks.

**ADJOURN**

8:10 p.m.