

Cleveland City Council

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 6, 2026

7:00 PM

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

Council Chambers

City Council

Council Meeting Notice 4/6/2026

Attachments: [Council Meeting Notice 4.6.26](#)

CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

This meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****DISPENSE WITH THE JOURNAL**

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

Present 15 - Blaine A. Griffin, Kevin L. Bishop, Kevin Conwell, Austin Davis, Deborah A. Gray, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Nikki Hudson, Joseph T. Jones, Brian Kazy, Michael Polensek, Jasmin Santana, Tanmay Shah, Charles Slife, and Richard A. Starr

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals were present for public comment: Adrian Freeman, Michael Armstrong, Faouzi Baddour, Sherry Baker, and Damon Smith.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**•Communications**

#10014652-1. New License Application, C1 C2. Jordan Convenience Store LLC., 14002 Triskett Rd., (Ward 15) Received.

Indexes: LIQUOR PERMITS; WARD 15

This Communication was received and filed.

#10014183-1. Transfer of Ownership, C2 C1. Nem & Bang Food Mart Inc., 12702 Lorain Ave. (Ward 13).

Indexes: LIQUOR PERMITS; WARD 13

This Communication was received and filed.

#07247067-1. Stock Application, Red Lantern at KAMMAS Inc., 17446 Lorain Ave. (Ward 15).

Indexes: LIQUOR PERMITS; WARD 15

This Communication was received and filed.

From Council President Blaine A. Griffin, Recommending approval of the appointment of Council Member Tanmay Shah (Ward 12) to the

Fair Employment Wage Board.

Indexes: COMMUNICATIONS; FAIR EMPLOYMENT WAGE BOARD ; WARD 12

This Communication was received and filed.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

•Condolence; Moment of Silence

Condolence Resolution for Dayvontae Chrishon Stubbs

Indexes: CONDOLENCES; WARD 05

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Condolence Resolution for Robert Lewis

Indexes: CONDOLENCES; WARD 02

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Condolence Resolution for Helena Ward

Indexes: CONDOLENCES; WARD 03

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Condolence Resolution for Anthony Vincent “Tony” Gutowski

Indexes: CONDOLENCES; WARD 15

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

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

Congratulations Resolution for Seona Goerndt

Indexes: CONGRATULATIONS; WARD 08

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Recognition Resolution for Yvonne Gardner-Whitt

Indexes: RECOGNITION; WARD 06

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Recognition Resolution for Glenville High School Class of 1966 Reunion

Indexes: RECOGNITION; WARD 09

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Recognition Resolution for Am Public Works Association National Public Work

Week

Indexes: RECOGNITION; WARD 06

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Recognition Resolution for Rosa Lee Bell Williams Thomas-100th Birthday

Indexes: RECOGNITION; WARD 06

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Recognition Resolution for Anthony C. Nicholson, Esq. Tallerworks Music & Education Honoree

Indexes: RECOGNITION; WARD 06

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Recognition Resolution for Rev. Richard Parker Tallerworks Music & Education Honoree

Indexes: RECOGNITION; WARD 06

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Recognition Resolution for Taller Williams Tallerworks Music & Education Honoree

Indexes: RECOGNITION; WARD 06

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Recognition Resolution for Derrick Lockett Jr. Tallerworks Music & Education Honoree

Indexes: RECOGNITION; WARD 06

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Recognition Resolution for Dale Edwards Tallerworks Music & Education Honoree

Indexes: RECOGNITION; WARD 06

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation was made by Council Member Harsh regarding April 18 as an annual Superman Day in the City of Cleveland

FIRST READING LEGISLATION**•Emergency Ordinances Referred**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to execute various deeds of easement granting to the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District certain easement rights at several City-owned properties located along Mill Creek corridor through the Kerruish Basin located in the cities of Cleveland and Warrensville Heights as part of their Mill Creek Restoration Project; and declaring the easement rights not needed for the City's public use.

Attachments: [453-2026 Grant easements to NEORSD for Kerruish Basin Mill Creek Restoration Project](#)
[453-2026-LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY- Donation of Easements to NEORSD for its Mill Creek Restoration Project](#)

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

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a Utilities Repair Agreement with the County of Cuyahoga to pay or reimburse directly related costs incurred by the County for the repair of storm and sanitary sewer lines, on an as-needed basis, for a period of two years, with one option to renew for an additional one-year period, exercisable by the Director of Public Utilities.

Attachments: [455-2026 K w County for Utilities Repair Ag for storm and sanitary sewer lines](#)

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

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Community Development to lease certain property located at 1301-1325 Chester Avenue to Playhouse Square Foundation, or its designee, for the purpose of operating a parking lot, for a term not to exceed ten years; authorizing the Director of Community Development to enter into an Option to Purchase Agreement with Playhouse Square Foundation, or its designee, in connection with the sale of the property; and authorizing the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies to convey the property, which is no longer needed for the City's public use.

Attachments: [456-2026 Lease w Opt to Purc and sale to Playhouse Square for parking lot on Chester and E 13](#)
[456-2026-Legislative Summary - Playhouse Square E 13th Chester Parking](#)
[456-2026-A File - Lease w Opt to Purc and sale to Playhouse Square for parking lot on Chester and E 13](#)

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

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Allocating 50% of Marijuana Legalization Initiative Revenues received by the City for use by Cleveland City Council; and appropriating these funds to the established Neighborhood Equity Fund to benefit the neighborhoods and residents of Cleveland.

Attachments: [460-2026 allocating Marijuana Legalization Initiative Revenues](#)

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

•Emergency Ordinances Read in Full and Passed

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Sections 8, 30, 35, 37, 38, and 39 of Ordinance No. 194-2021, passed March 29, 2021, as amended by various ordinances, relating to salaries for various classifications.

Indexes: FINANCE DEPARTMENT; HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT; SALARIES

Attachments: [452-2026 FOR PASSAGE Amend payband section 8 30 35 37 38 and 39](#)
[452-2026-FP letter- Amend payband section 8, 30, 35, 37, 38 and 39](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Blaine A. Griffin, Kevin L. Bishop, Kevin Conwell, Austin Davis, Deborah A. Gray, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Nikki Hudson, Joseph T. Jones, Brian Kazy, Michael Polensek, Jasmin Santana, Tanmay Shah, Charles Slife, and Richard A. Starr

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Finance to make payment from the Neighborhood Equity Fund to Care Alliance Health Center for health screenings.

Attachments: [458-2026-FOR PASSAGE-CareAlliancePymt Starr](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Blaine A. Griffin, Kevin L. Bishop, Kevin Conwell, Austin Davis, Deborah A. Gray, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Nikki Hudson, Joseph T. Jones, Brian Kazy, Michael Polensek, Jasmin Santana, Tanmay Shah, Charles Slife, and Richard A. Starr

•Emergency Resolutions Referred

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Declaring the necessity and intention to appropriate property for the public use of constructing

new Fire Station No. 23 for the Division of Fire, located at 10022 Madison Avenue.

Attachments: [457-2026 Reso to appropriate property at 10022 Madison for Fire Station 23](#)
[457-2026-LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY-Intent to Appropriate](#)

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

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Declaring the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month annually in the City of Cleveland.

Indexes: CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH ; RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT; WARD 06

Attachments: [459-2026 Griffin - Resolution declaring April Child Abuse Prevention Month](#)

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

SECOND READING LEGISLATION

•Emergency Ordinances Read in Full and Passed

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Capital Projects to enter into a license and right-of-entry agreement granting the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, also known as AMTRAK, or its designee, the right to use and occupy City-owned property located adjacent to the Cleveland Memorial Shoreway to operate its rail passenger station for a period of two years continuing month-to-month thereafter and to make the public improvement of installing and maintaining Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA-compliant, improvements at the site.

Indexes: AGREEMENTS; CAPITAL PROJECTS; CLEVELAND MEMORIAL SHOREWAY

Attachments: [34-2026 License ag AMTRAK to complete ADA improvements at the rail passenger station](#)
[34-2026 File - License ag Amtrak to complete ADA improvements at the rail passenger station](#)
[34-2026-Legislative Summary - License to Amtrak for Station ADA Improvements - 11.3.25](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Blaine A. Griffin, Kevin L. Bishop, Kevin Conwell, Austin Davis, Deborah A. Gray, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Nikki Hudson, Joseph T. Jones, Brian Kazy, Michael Polensek, Jasmin Santana, Tanmay Shah, Charles Slife, and Richard A. Starr

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter into one or more agreements with Urban Bridges for the exchange of easements; authorizing the Director to

execute deeds of easement granting to Urban Bridges certain utility easement rights on City-owned property; declaring the easement rights not needed for the City's public use; and authorizing the Director to accept from Urban Bridges certain easement rights needed for mutual rights of entry and exiting access.

Indexes: AGREEMENTS; EASEMENTS; PARKS AND RECREATION

Attachments: [89-2026-Exchange easements w Urban Bridges for mutual ingress, egress and utility access](#)
[89-2026-Reciprocal Easement Location map](#)
[89-2026-LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY Recipical Easement Agreement](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Blaine A. Griffin, Kevin L. Bishop, Kevin Conwell, Austin Davis, Deborah A. Gray, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Nikki Hudson, Joseph T. Jones, Brian Kazy, Michael Polensek, Jasmin Santana, Tanmay Shah, Charles Slife, and Richard A. Starr

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Port Control to exercise the first option to renew Contract No. PS 2025-0082 with Team Hallahan, LLC to provide lobbying services to assist with legislative, regulatory and policy issues with the Cleveland Airport System.

Indexes: PORT CONTROL DEPARTMENT; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

Attachments: [230-2026 Exercise option to renew ct PS 2025-00882 w Team Hallahan LLC for lobbying services-PC](#)
[230-2026 Legislative Summary](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Blaine A. Griffin, Kevin L. Bishop, Kevin Conwell, Austin Davis, Deborah A. Gray, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Nikki Hudson, Joseph T. Jones, Brian Kazy, Michael Polensek, Jasmin Santana, Tanmay Shah, Charles Slife, and Richard A. Starr

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter into one or more concession agreements for the operation of a first-class food and beverage service at the Cleveland City Hall Cafeteria, for a period not to exceed two-years, with a one-year option to renew, exercisable by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Indexes: CITY HALL; CONCESSION AGREEMENTS; PARKS AND RECREATION

Attachments: [281-2026-Conc Ag for food & beverage at City Hall cafeteria](#)
[281-2026-Legislative Summary-Cafeteria Lease 03092026](#)
[281-2026 Amend 281-2026](#)
[281-2026-as amended-desk copy-Final \(food & beverage at City Hall cafeteria\)](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Blaine A. Griffin, Kevin L. Bishop, Kevin Conwell, Austin Davis, Deborah A. Gray, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Nikki Hudson, Joseph T. Jones, Brian Kazy, Michael Polensek, Jasmin Santana, Tanmay Shah, Charles Slife, and Richard A. Starr

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter into one or more concession agreements for the operation of a first-class food and catering service in the City Hall Rotunda, and for marketing the rental of the Rotunda for catered events, for a period not to exceed two years, with a one-year option to renew, exercisable by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Indexes: CONCESSION AGREEMENTS; PARKS AND RECREATION ; ROTUNDA

Attachments: [282-2026-Conc Ag for food and beverage at rotunda, City Hall cafeteria, and marketing rotunda](#)
[282-2026-Legislative Summary-Catering in Rotunda 03092026](#)
[282-2026 Amend 282-2026](#)
[282-2026-as amended-desk copy-Final \(food & beverage at rotunda\)](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Blaine A. Griffin, Kevin L. Bishop, Kevin Conwell, Austin Davis, Deborah A. Gray, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Nikki Hudson, Joseph T. Jones, Brian Kazy, Michael Polensek, Jasmin Santana, Tanmay Shah, Charles Slife, and Richard A. Starr

•Emergency Resolutions Read in Full and Adopted

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Supporting the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial, AMERICA250-OH, and endorsing their mission to educate, preserve, innovate, and celebrate every Ohioan in every county.

Indexes: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT; WARD 06; WARD 07

Attachments: [414-2026 Griffin - Resolution supporting AMERICA250-OH](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Blaine A. Griffin, Kevin L. Bishop, Kevin Conwell, Austin Davis, Deborah A. Gray, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Nikki Hudson, Joseph T. Jones, Brian Kazy, Michael Polensek, Jasmin Santana, Tanmay Shah, Charles Slife, and Richard A. Starr

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Designating April 18th as Annual Cleveland Superman Day.

Indexes: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

Attachments: [415-2026 SupermanDay RESO](#)

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

Yea: 15 - Blaine A. Griffin, Kevin L. Bishop, Kevin Conwell, Austin Davis, Deborah A. Gray, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, Nikki Hudson, Joseph T. Jones, Brian Kazy, Michael Polensek, Jasmin Santana, Tanmay Shah, Charles Slife, and Richard A. Starr

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by Council Member Polensek

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements

MISCELLANEOUS

Miscellaneous comments were made by Council Members Starr, Polensek, Conwell, Howse-Jones, and Kazy.

MOTION TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCES

There were no absences.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.