

Cleveland City Council

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



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

2:00 PM

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING. Tentative start time; meeting will be held immediately after Committee of the Whole meeting. Note special meeting location. The meeting will be live broadcast. See meeting notice for details.

City Council

THIS IS A SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

***Pursuant to Council Rule 5, only Items on the Special Council Meeting notice may be considered.**

CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

4:52 p.m.

- Present** 14 - 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, and Danny Kelly
- Excused** 3 - Brian Kazy, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

[677-2023](#) Notice of Special Meeting of Council on May 31, 2023

Indexes: CITY COUNCIL; CLERK OF COUNCIL; COMMUNICATIONS; SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Attachments: [677-2023-COMMUNICATION-REVISED Special Council Meeting Notice for 5-31-2023](#)

This Communication was read into the record.

SECOND READING LEGISLATION

- Emergency Ordinances Passed

[482-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into, or cause to be entered into, one or more agreements to provide economic development assistance for commercial corridor projects in Cleveland's Southeast Side neighborhoods and other agreements; and authorizing the Director to apply for and accept any gifts, grants or services from any public or private entity.

Sponsors: Joseph Jones, Kevin Bishop, Deborah Gray, Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: AGREEMENTS; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [482-2023-Auth K w various to revitalize SE side commercial corridors -12](#)
[482-2023 as amended-desk copy-Final-Auth K w various to revitalize SE side commercial corridors -12](#)
[482-2023 483-2023 and 490-2023 Presentation -SE Side DPS 2023-05-22 DRAFT](#)
[482-2023 Amend 482-2023](#)
[482-2023 Executive Summary -Commercial Corridor Fund](#)

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

Yea: 14 - 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, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Brian Kazy, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

[483-2023](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Directors of Community Development and Economic Development, as appropriate, to enter into one or more agreements for professional services necessary to prepare several vacant sites for development and authorizing other agreements; authorizing the directors to apply for and accept any gifts, grants or services from any public or private entity; authorizing the Mayor and the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies to acquire, accept, and record all real property and permanent and temporary easements to implement this ordinance; and authorizing other contracts.

Sponsors: Joseph Jones, Kevin Bishop, Deborah Gray, Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

Attachments: [483-2023-Prof Serv for SE side catalytic redevelopment - 14](#)
[482-2023, 483-2023 and 490-2023 - SE Side DPS 2023-05-22 DRAFT](#)
[483-2023 as amended-desk copy-Final-Prof Serv for SE side catalytic redevelopment - 14](#)
[483-2023 Amend 483-2023](#)

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

Yea: 14 - 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, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Brian Kazy, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

[490-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Community Development to enter into one or more agreement for professional services to establish, implement, and manage a revolving loan fund for a home repair and rehabilitation program for Cleveland's Southeast Side neighborhoods and to enter into other agreements; and authorizing the Director to apply for and accept any gifts, grants or services from any public or private entity.

Sponsors: Joseph Jones, Kevin Bishop, Deborah Gray, Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: AGREEMENTS; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; HOME REPAIR PROGRAM; LOANS; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

Attachments: [490-2023-Prof Serv for revolving loan for home repair and rehab, 13](#)
[482-2023, 483-2023 and 490-2023 - SE Side DPS 2023-05-22 DRAFT](#)
[490-2023 as amended-desk copy-Final-Prof Serv for revolving loan for home repair and rehab, 13](#)
[490-2023-Amend 490-2023](#)

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

Yea: 14 - 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, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Brian Kazy, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

[527-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the appropriation of \$3,000,000 from Fund No. 10 SF 400 for the detailed design of the North Coast Connector; and authorizing the Director of Capital Projects to apply for and accept any gifts, grants, or services from any public or private entity.

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

Indexes: CAPITAL PROJECTS; FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [527-2023-Appropriating for design of North Coast Connector](#)
[527-2023 as amended-desk copy-Final-Appropriating for design of North Coast Connector](#)
[527-2023-Amend 527-2023](#)
[527-2023 Executive Summary](#)
[527-2023 Presentation -BacktoBasics NorthCoastConnector](#)
[527-2023, 529-2023, 530-2023 and 531-2023 Presentation - Council Waterfront Activation Fund ARPA 05302023](#)

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

Yea: 14 - 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, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Brian Kazy, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

529-2023

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director Capital Projects to enter into one or more contracts with the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District for the detailed design of Euclid Creek Greenway Phase 2 North project; and to apply for and accept any gifts, grants or services from any public or private entity.

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

Indexes: CAPITAL PROJECTS; CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT; CONTRACTS

Attachments: [529-2023-K w Metro Parks for detailed design of Euclid Creek Greenway Phase 2 North](#)
[529-2023 Executive Summary](#)

[527-2023, 529-2023, 530-2023 and 531-2023 Presentation - Council Waterfront Activation Fund_ARPA_05302023](#)
[529-2023 as amended-desk copy-Final-K w Metro Parks for detailed design of Euclid Creek Greenway Phase 2 North](#)
[529-2023-Amend 529-2023](#)
[Spencer recusal Ord. 529-2023](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Brian Kazy, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

Recused: 1 - Jenny Spencer

[530-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Capital Projects to enter into one or more contracts with the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port and L.A.N.D. Studio, Inc., or their designees, related to the Irishtown Bend project; and authorizing the Director to apply for and accept any gifts, grants or services from any public or private entity.

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

Indexes: CAPITAL PROJECTS; CONTRACTS; CUYAHOGA COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

Attachments: [530-2023-K w Port and Land Studio for Irishtown Bend](#)

[530-2023 Executive Summary](#)

[530-2023 Presentation -May Irishtown Bend Project Overview](#)

[527-2023, 529-2023, 530-2023 and 531-2023 Presentation - Council Waterfront Activation Fund ARPA 05302023](#)

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

Yea: 14 - 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, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Brian Kazy, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

[531-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Capital Projects and/or Port Control, as appropriate, to enter into one or more contracts with the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority for the detailed design of the Early Implementation Phase of the Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment Resilience Strategy project; and authorizing the appropriate director to apply for and accept any gifts, grants or services from any public or private entity.

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

Indexes: CAPITAL PROJECTS; CONTRACTS; CUYAHOGA COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY; PORT CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [531-2023-K w Port Authority for design of CHEERS project](#)

[531-2023 Executive Summary](#)

[527-2023, 529-2023, 530-2023 and 531-2023 Presentation - Council Waterfront Activation Fund ARPA 05302023](#)

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

Yea: 14 - 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, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Brian Kazy, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

[612-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To make additional appropriations of One Hundred Twenty-One Million Seven Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$121,765,000) to the General Fund and to transfer such amount to the Strategic Priority Subfund.

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: APPROPRIATIONS; FINANCE DEPARTMENT; GENERAL FUND

Attachments: [612-2023-To make additional appropriations to the General Fund and to transfer amount to the Strategic Priority Subfund](#)
[612-2023 Executive Summary -Strategic Priority Appropriation](#)
[612-2023-Amend 612-2023](#)
[612-2023 as amended-desk copy-Final-To make additional appropriations to the General Fund and to transfer amount to the Strategic Prior \(2\)](#)

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

Yea: 14 - 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, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Brian Kazy, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

MOTION TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCES

The absences of Council Members Howse, Kazy and Starr were excused.

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

Yea: 14 - 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, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Brian Kazy, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

ADJOURN

5:01 p.m.