

Cleveland City Council

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 20, 2023

7:00 PM

Attendees should observe COVID protocols, including social distancing and wearing a face mask. The meeting will be live broadcast. See meeting notice for details.

City Council

[Item-630](#) Cleveland City Council Meeting Notice for March 20, 2023

Attachments: [Council Meeting Notice for 3-20-2023](#)

CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

7:01 p.m.

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

Excused 1 - Jasmin Santana

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISPENSE WITH THE JOURNAL

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were made by Kristin Englund, Akilah Porter, Dontez Taylor, Kareem Henton, Brenda Bickerstaff, LaTonya Goldsby, DeSeanna Morgan, Tamara Sobolewski, Jeremy Taylor, Lady Palmer.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A motion was made by Council Member Spencer, seconded by Council Member Harsh, that this 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, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Jasmin Santana

•Communications

[356-2023](#) From Division of Treasury, Department of Finance, City of Cleveland. City of Cleveland Cash Management and Investment Policy (March 27, 2015). Received, pursuant to Section 178.14 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976.

Attachments: [356-2023-COMMUNICATION-City of Cleveland Statement of Cash Management and Investment Policy 3-27-2015](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**•Condolence; Moment of Silence**

[357-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Cheryle Allen (nee Anderson) Wills

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[358-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Odessa Brown Parks

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[359-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Eddie Lackey

Sponsors: Joseph Jones

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[360-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Richard J. Wild

Sponsors: Danny Kelly

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[376-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Mamie J. Mitchell

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

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[377-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Mihail “Mparmpasan” Tsambounieris

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[378-2023](#) Condolence Resolution for Laura Thompson

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

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

[361-2023](#) Congratulations Resolution for Heather M. Holmes-Dillard

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin and Kerry McCormack

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[362-2023](#) Congratulations Resolution for East Technical High School Executive Grill

Sponsors: Richard Starr

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[363-2023](#) Recognition Resolution for Spencer R. Crew

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[364-2023](#) Recognition Resolution for Marvin D. Williams

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[365-2023](#) Recognition Resolution for Henry R. Stoudermire, Jr.

Sponsors: Joseph Jones

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[366-2023](#) Recognition Resolution for Rick Gilliam

Sponsors: Jenny Spencer

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

PRESENTATIONS

Council Member Conwell made a presentation.

FIRST READING LEGISLATION

- Emergency Ordinances Referred

[367-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Port Control to enter into one or more requirement contracts without competitive bidding with Wadsworth Service, Inc. for various proprietary services of labor and materials needed for the maintenance, repair, enhancement, expansion, installation, testing, operation, and management of the integrated access control, closed circuit television cameras, and ID badging systems, for the Division of Airports, Department of Port Control, for a period not to exceed two years, with three one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Port Control.

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [367-2023-Dir Req K w Wadsworth for closed circuit electronic access control and ID badging PC](#)

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

[368-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Port Control to enter into various written standard purchase and requirement contracts needed for the purchase or rental of various safety equipment, materials and supplies for compliance of general safety standards, for the Division of Airports, Department of Port Control, for a period of two years, with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Port Control.

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [368-2023-Std and Req K for safety equipment, PC](#)

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

•Emergency Ordinances Read in Full and Passed

[369-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into agreement with The Historic Warehouse District Development Corporation of Cleveland for the Warehouse District Place Enhancements Project through the use of Ward 3 Casino Revenue Funds.

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack

Attachments: [369-2023-FOR PASSAGE-Warehouse District Place Enhancements Ordinance Ward 3](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Spencer, seconded by Council Member Harsh, 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, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Jasmin Santana

[373-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To supplement Ordinance No. 761-2022, passed September 19, 2022, by adding new Sections 1a. and 1b. relating to authorizing the Director of Public Works to enter into one or more contracts without competitive bidding with The McLean Company and Columbus Equipment Company, for the purchase, lease, or lease with option to purchase, of various resurfacing vehicles needed for the 2023 Residential Resurfacing Project; and to amend Section 5 of that ordinance.

Sponsors: Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Attachments: [373-2023-FOR PASSAGE-Amend 761-2022, direct K w McLean & Columbus for resurfacing vehicles, GF vehicles](#)
[373-2023-Summary](#)

[373-2023-FP Letter - Amend 761-2022, direct K w McLean & Columbus for resurfacing vehicles, GF vehicles](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Spencer, seconded by Council Member Harsh, 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, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Jasmin Santana

•Emergency Resolutions Referred

[375-2023](#)

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Encouraging the Bibb Administration to continue reviewing a possible lawsuit against TikTok for airing on its platform how to steal Kias and Hyundais.

Sponsors: Michael Polensek and Kris Harsh

Attachments: [375-2023-TikTok lawsuit](#)

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

•Emergency Resolutions Read in Full and Adopted

[370-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Strongly urging the Ohio General Assembly to restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels so that local communities can provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety and also strongly opposing further cuts or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund.

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

Attachments: [370-2023-FOR PASSAGE-Local Govt Fund](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Spencer, seconded by Council Member Harsh, that this Emergency Resolution be adopted. 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, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Jasmin Santana

[371-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Withdrawing objection to a New D3 Liquor Permit at 1253 East 55th Street and repealing Resolution No. 346-2021, objecting to said permit.

Sponsors: Anthony Hairston

Attachments: [371-2023-FOR ADOPTION-WITHDRAW-1253 EAST 55th](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Spencer, seconded by Council Member Harsh, that this Emergency Resolution be adopted. 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, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Jasmin Santana

[372-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Withdrawing objections to the transfer of location of a D2, D2X, D3 and D3A Liquor Permit at 4317 State Road, and repealing Resolution Nos. 589-2022 and 822-2022, objecting to said permit.

Sponsors: Kris Harsh

Attachments: [372-2023-FOR ADOPTION-WITHDRAW-4317 STATE](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Spencer, seconded by Council Member Harsh, that this Emergency Resolution be adopted. 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, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Jasmin Santana

[374-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Strongly opposing House Bill 1, and urging the Ohio General Assembly to defeat this bill that would gut funding for crucial local government services, schools, parks, and libraries by cutting income taxes predominantly for highest earners.

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

Attachments: [374-2023-FOR PASSAGE-opposing HB 1](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Spencer, seconded by Council Member Harsh, that this Emergency Resolution be adopted. 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, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Jasmin Santana

SECOND READING LEGISLATION

•Emergency Ordinances Passed

[39-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Port Control to exercise the first option to renew Contract No. RC2021-23 with The Shelly Company to provide asphalt for runways, taxiways, ramps and roadways including labor and materials for repair and installation, for the various divisions of the Department of Port Control.

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: CONTRACTS; PORT CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [39-2023-Exercise option to renew K w Shelly Co for asphalt, PC](#)
[39-2023 Executive Summary -The Shelly Company RC2021-23 option to renew](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Spencer, seconded by Council Member Harsh, 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, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Jasmin Santana

[54-2023](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Directors of Capital Projects, Public Safety and/or Public Works to enter into a Development and/or Purchase Agreement with TurnDev, or its designee, for the development and sale of real property and buildings located at 2530-2570 Superior Avenue as the new police headquarters; authorizing the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies to acquire the property; authorizing other agreements to implement; authorizing the purchase of materials, equipment, services and supplies to equip the new facility and for moving services; authorizing consulting contracts; and authorizing the Directors to apply for and accept gifts or grants from various public or private entities to implement this ordinance.

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

Indexes: CAPITAL PROJECTS; GRANTS; PUBLIC WORKS; PURCHASE AGREEMENT; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [54-2023-Development Project Ag w TurnDev, purc prop on Superior for new police headquarters](#)
[54-2023 Executive Summary](#)
[54-2023 Presentation -03-20 CDP HQ a](#)
[54-2023 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)
[54-2023-Amend 54-2023](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Spencer, seconded by Council Member Harsh, 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, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Jasmin Santana

[135-2023](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Community Development to apply for and accept grants from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for PY2023 under the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, for the 2023 Federal HOME Investment Partnerships Act Program, Emergency Solutions Grant Program, and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program; and authorizing contracts and other expenditures.

Sponsors: Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; GRANTS; HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

Attachments: [135-2023-Ap & Ac HUD grants, CDBG, HOPWA, ESG, HOME, 2023](#)

[135-2023-A-FILE - Ap Ac HUD grants CDBG HOPWA ESG HOME 2023](#)

[135-2023 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)

[135-2023-Amend 135-2023](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Spencer, seconded by Council Member Harsh, 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, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Jasmin Santana

[281-2023](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Clerk of Council to enter into an agreement with iVideo for the professional services necessary to permanently install in the Council Chambers a video production system for broadcasting and streaming meetings for Cleveland City Council.

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

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

Attachments: [281-2023-cameras for council chambers](#)

[281-2023 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)

[281-2023 Executive Summary](#)

[281-2023 Amend 281-2023](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Spencer, seconded by Council Member Harsh, 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, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Jasmin Santana

•Emergency Resolutions Adopted

[340-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Urging Congress and the Ohio General Assembly to enact legislation to further protect the citizens of the City of Cleveland from the inherent dangers of a train derailment on the tracks located in our City; and urging Congress to pass Senate Bill 576, The Railway Safety Act of 2023.

Sponsors: Jenny Spencer

Indexes: CONGRESS OF UNITED STATES; RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT; SENATE BILLS

Attachments: [340-2023-urging Congress and the Ohio General Assembly re Train Derailment Protection 2](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Spencer, seconded by Council Member Harsh, that this Emergency Resolution be adopted. 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, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Jasmin Santana

THIRD READING LEGISLATION

•Emergency Ordinances Passed

[183-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To make appropriations and provide current expenses for the daily operation of all municipal departments of the City of Cleveland for the fiscal year from January 1, 2023 until December 31, 2023.

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: BUDGET; FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [183-2023-Appropriations Ord 2023](#)
[183-2023-A-FILE - 2023 Mayor's Estimate](#)
[183-2023 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)
[183-2023-2023 Schedule of Changes](#)
[183-2023-Amend 183-2023](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Spencer, seconded by Council Member Harsh, 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, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, Richard A. Starr, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 1 - Jasmin Santana

INTRODUCTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Members Jones, Spencer, Howse, Conwell, Kazy and Griffin made remarks.

MOTION TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCES

The absence of Council Member Santana was excused.

This was approved.

ADJOURN

8:12 p.m.