

Cleveland City Council

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 14, 2024

7:00 PM

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

Council Chambers

City Council

[Item-916](#) Cleveland City Council Meeting Notice for October 14, 2024

Attachments: [Council Meeting Notice for 10-14-2024](#)

CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

7:02 p.m.

Present 13 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused 4 - Brian Kazy, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, and Kevin L. Bishop

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISPENSE WITH THE JOURNAL

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

Yea: 13 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused: 4 - Brian Kazy, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, and Kevin L. Bishop

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were made by Rev. Pamela Pinkney, Brent Eysenbach, Christine Fergus.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

•Communications

[1110-2024](#) From Department of Public Works, City of Cleveland. Notice of gift acceptance from Trust for Public Land of public art at Tillman Triangle Park (Ward 15), valued at \$20,000.

Attachments: [1110-2024-COMMUNICATION-Notice of gift acceptance by DPW of site improvements from TPL at Tillman Triangle Park](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

[1111-2024](#) From Department of Public Works, City of Cleveland. Notice of gift acceptance from Friends of Impett Park of public art on the pool house at Impett Park (Ward 17), valued at \$6,160.

Attachments: [1111-2024-COMMUNICATION-Notice of gift acceptance by DPW of public art from Frds IP at Impett Park](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

[1112-2024](#) From Department of Public Works, City of Cleveland. Notice of gift acceptance from ChangeOver of improvements to tennis courts at Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center (Ward 7), valued at \$60,000.

Attachments: [1112-2024-COMMUNICATION-Notice of gift acceptance by DPW of tennis courts improvements from ChangeOver at Thurgood Marshall Rec](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

[1113-2024](#) From Department of Public Works, City of Cleveland. Notice of gift acceptance from Western Reserve Land Conservancy of improvements to land associated with Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center (Ward 7), valued at \$50,000.

Attachments: [1113-2024-COMMUNICATION-Notice of gift acceptance by DPW of site improvements from WRLC at Thurgood Marshall Rec](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

[1121-2024](#) Oath of Office for Alexandria Nichols, Director of Department of Parks and Recreation, City of Cleveland.

Indexes: COMMUNICATIONS; OATH OF OFFICE; PARKS AND RECREATION

Attachments: [1121-2024-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Alexandria Nichols, Dir Dept Parks & Rec](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

•The Ohio Division of Liquor Control

[1124-2024](#) #7797161. New License Application, D5A. Savour Hospitality LLC, 1360 W Mall Dr. (Ward 3).

Indexes: LIQUOR PERMITS; WARD 03

Attachments: [#1124-2024 COMMUNICATION-Liquor 1360 West Mall Dr.\(Ward 3\)](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

•Condolence; Moment of Silence

[1125-2024](#) Condolence Resolution for Reverend Yvonne Tufts Jeans

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

Indexes: CONDOLENCES

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1136-2024](#) Condolence Resolution for Henry L. Tucker, Sr.

Sponsors: Stephanie Howse-Jones

Indexes: CONDOLENCES

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

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

[1126-2024](#) Congratulations Resolution for Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.

Sponsors: Joseph Jones

Indexes: CONGRATULATIONS

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1127-2024](#) Congratulations Resolution for Dr. E. Theophilus Caviness

Sponsors: Joseph Jones

Indexes: CONGRATULATIONS

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1128-2024](#) Congratulations Resolution for Bishop C. Wayne Brantley

Sponsors: Joseph Jones

Indexes: CONGRATULATIONS

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1129-2024](#) Congratulations Resolution for Zion Pentecostal Church of Christ

Sponsors: Joseph Jones

Indexes: CONGRATULATIONS

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1130-2024](#) Congratulations Resolution for Alexa Nichole Kess

Sponsors: Danny Kelly

Indexes: CONGRATULATIONS

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1131-2024](#) Recognition Resolution for Sister Shajuan S. Gray

Sponsors: Deborah Gray

Indexes: RECOGNITION

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1132-2024](#) Recognition Resolution for Greater Cleveland Food Bank

Sponsors: Michael Polensek

Indexes: RECOGNITION

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1133-2024](#) Recognition Resolution for Pastor Aaron L. Phillips

Sponsors: Kevin Bishop

Indexes: RECOGNITION

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1134-2024](#) Recognition Resolution for Mayor Aliovne Pouye

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

Indexes: RECOGNITION

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[1135-2024](#) Recognition Resolution for Timothy M. Wells

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin

Indexes: RECOGNITION

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations were made by Council Member Conwell and by Council President Griffin.

FIRST READING LEGISLATION**•Emergency Ordinances Referred**

[1114-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to amend Lease Agreement No. LS 2018-24 with Cuyahoga County for the lease of certain space located on various floors of the Justice Center to extend the term for one additional year, beginning October 2, 2024, and to include additional space for the Clerk of Cleveland Municipal Court located on the 4th floor of the Justice Center.

Sponsors: Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: CLEVELAND MUNICIPAL COURT; CUYAHOGA COUNTY; LEASE AGREEMENT; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [1114-2024-Amend lease with County in Justice Center for police headquarters, add lease with Clerk's office](#)

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

[1115-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY24 Recovery Ohio LE Program to provide funding for the operation of the Cartel Gang Narcotics Laundering Task Force.

Sponsors: Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: GRANTS; OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES ; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [1115-2024-Ap & Ac Recovery Ohio LE grant 24](#)
[1115-2024-A-FILE - Ap & Ac Recovery Ohio LE grant 24](#)

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

[1116-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY 2024 State Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to provide funding for the operation of the Cartel Gang Narcotics Laundering Task Force; and authorizing agreements with various entities to implement the grant.

Sponsors: Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: GRANTS; OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES ; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [1116-2024-Ap & Ac State Byrne funding for Cartel Gang Narcotics & Laundering](#)
[1116-2024-A-FILE - Ap & Ac State Byrne funding for Cartel Gang Narcotics & Laundering](#)

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

[1117-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To supplement the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, by enacting new Section 385.82 relating to the requirements for vehicle impact protection guard posts for the Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety.

Sponsors: Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: CODIFIED ORDINANCES; FIRE DIVISION; SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [1117-2024-Enact new section 385.82](#)

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

[1118-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to employ one or more professional consultants to administer a Backflow Data Management Program, for a period of three years, with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Public Utilities.

Sponsors: Brian Kazy, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS; UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [1118-2024-Prof Serv administer backflow data management program.](#)
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This Emergency Ordinance was read and referred to administrative review.to the City Council

[1122-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the purchase by one or more standard and requirement contracts for the purchase, lease, or lease with option to purchase, of various on-road vehicles, apparatus, and off-road equipment, cabs, bodies, and accessories, equipment and other aftermarket items necessary to equip the vehicles authorized for their intended purposes, including vehicle rehabilitation, training, and inspections, as needed, for the various divisions of City government.

Sponsors: Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: CONTRACTS; LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ; PUBLIC WORKS; VEHICLES

Attachments: [1122-2024-GF vehicles-2024](#)

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

[1123-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Determining the method of making the public improvement of constructing the Berry Avenue/West 73rd Street, Chatfield Avenue, East 72nd Street, East 81st Street, East 83rd Street, East 125th Street, Fidelity Avenue, Frazee Avenue, Goodman Avenue, Hampden Avenue/Olivet Avenue, Myron Avenue, Talbot Avenue, West 82nd Street, West 92nd Street and Woodbury Avenue Areas Sewer Replacement or Rehabilitation Projects; authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to enter into one or more public improvement contracts to construct the improvement; and authorizing the director to employ one or more professional consultants necessary to design and implement the improvement; and to apply for and accept funding.

Sponsors: Brian Kazy, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS ; UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [1123-2024-PIK Berry ave and W 73 sewer area projects community cost loans and grants](#)

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

•Emergency Ordinances Read in Full and Passed

[1119-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of the Department of Community Development to enter into agreement with Famicos Foundation for the 2023 Five Points Senior Meal Program 2023 through the use of Ward 10 Casino Revenue Funds.

Sponsors: Anthony Hairston

Indexes: AGREEMENTS; CASINO REVENUE FUNDS ; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; FAMICOS FOUNDATION; WARD 10

Attachments: [1119-2024-FOR PASSAGE-Five Points Meal Program 2023](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused: 4 - Brian Kazy, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, and Kevin L. Bishop

[1120-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of the Department of Community Development to enter into agreement with Famicos Foundation for the 2024 Five Points Senior Meal Program through the use of Ward 10 Casino Revenue Funds.

Sponsors: Anthony Hairston

Indexes: AGREEMENTS; CASINO REVENUE FUNDS ; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; FAMICOS FOUNDATION; WARD 10

Attachments: [1120-2024-FOR PASSAGE-Five Points Meal Program 2024](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused: 4 - Brian Kazy, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, and Kevin L. Bishop

SECOND READING LEGISLATION

•Emergency Ordinances Passed

[937-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Port Control to exercise the first option to renew Contract No. PS2023-0298 with PMG Executive Program Management, LLC to provide executive airport development programming, financing, planning, design and related services.

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: PORT CONTROL DEPARTMENT; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

Attachments: [937-2024-Exercise option to renew K with PMG for airport development programming planning and related services](#)
[937-2024 Executive Summary](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused: 4 - Brian Kazy, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, and Kevin L. Bishop

[944-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the purchase by one or more requirement contracts of labor and materials necessary to remove rubber and any other contaminants from paved surfaces, for the various divisions of the 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

Indexes: PORT CONTROL DEPARTMENT; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

Attachments: [944-2024-Req k remove rubber and contaminants from paved surfaces](#)
[944-2024 Executive Summary](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

Excused: 4 - Brian Kazy, Rebecca Maurer, Anthony T. Hairston, and Kevin L. Bishop

[1014-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a loan agreement with Neighborhood Health Care, Incorporated, or its designee, to provide economic development assistance to partially finance the redevelopment of property located at 13027 Lorain Avenue needed to expand their operations and for other associated costs necessary to redevelop the property.

Sponsors: Brian Kazy, Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; LOAN AGREEMENT; WARD 16

Attachments: [1014-2024-Loan w Neighborhood Health Care for building at 13027 Lorain, ED](#)
[1014-2024-A File-Executive Summary](#)
[1014-2024 PRESENTATION](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

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INTRODUCTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Member Jones made remarks.

MOTION TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCES

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

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

Yea: 13 - Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, 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

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ADJOURN

7:59 p.m.