

Cleveland City Council

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 13, 2025

7:00 PM

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

Council Chambers

City Council

[Item-970](#) Cleveland City Council Meeting Notice for January 13, 2025

Attachments: [Council Meeting Notice for 1-13-2025](#)

CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

7:03 p.m.

Present 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused 3 - Anthony T. Hairston, Jasmin Santana, and Richard A. Starr

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISPENSE WITH THE JOURNAL

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

Yea: 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Anthony T. Hairston, Jasmin Santana, and Richard A. Starr

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were made by Darrell Houston, Brenda Bickerstaff, Faouzi Baddour, Leonard Weiss, Chairman Faheim, Austreeia Everson, Josiah Quarles, Kaci Roach, Dean Van Farowe.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

•The Ohio Division of Liquor Control

[94-2025](#) #90525700005. New License Application, C2. Tropical Mini Mart LLC, 2103 Clark Ave. (Ward 14).

Indexes: LIQUOR PERMITS; WARD 14

Attachments: [94-2025-COMMUNICATION-Liquor2103Clark](#)

This Communication was received and filed.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

•Condolence; Moment of Silence

[101-2025](#) Condolence Resolution for James J. Sweeney

Sponsors: Charles Slife

Indexes: CONDOLENCES; WARD 17

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[102-2025](#) Condolence Resolution for Reverend Edward Francis "Ned" Weist

Sponsors: Charles Slife

Indexes: CONDOLENCES; WARD 17

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

[103-2025](#) Condolence Resolution for Robert Poindexter

Sponsors: Kevin Bishop

Indexes: CONDOLENCES; WARD 02

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

PRESENTATIONS

Council Members Conwell and Hairston made a presentation.

FIRST READING LEGISLATION

•Emergency Ordinances Referred

[95-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Mayor and the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies to acquire and re-convey properties presently owned by TDG Franklin North LLC, and/or its designee, located at 3210 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44113 for the purpose of entering into the chain-of-title prior to the adoption of tax increment financing legislation authorized under Section 5709.41 of the Revised Code for the Franklin Yards North Project.

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

Indexes: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; PURCHASES AND SUPPLIES DIVISION; TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF); WARD 03

Attachments: [95-2025-Enter into chain of title for TDG Franklin NORTH, LLC](#)

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

[96-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Mayor and the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies to acquire and re-convey properties presently owned by TDG Franklin Realty, LLC, and/or its designee, located at 3105 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44113 for the purpose of entering into the chain-of-title prior to the adoption of tax increment financing legislation authorized under Section 5709.41 of the Revised Code for the Franklin Yards South Project.

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

Indexes: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; PURCHASES AND SUPPLIES DIVISION; TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) ; WARD 03

Attachments: [96-2025-Enter into chain of title for TDG Franklin Realty - SOUTH](#)

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

[99-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing Three Million Ninety-Six Thousand, Eighty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Nine Cents (\$3,096,087.79) that has previously been allocated for improvements to the West Side Market to be performed by the City to be reallocated for the improvements to the West Side Market contemplated under Ordinance No. 532-2023, passed May 15, 2023.

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

Indexes: CAPITAL PROJECTS; FINANCE DEPARTMENT; PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS ; PUBLIC WORKS; WEST SIDE MARKET

Attachments: [99-2025-Auth funding for West Side Market \\$3096087.79](#)

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

•Emergency Ordinances Read in Full and Passed

[97-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Consenting and approving the issuance of a permit for the Homeward Bound 5k on June 14, 2025, managed by Hermes Sports & Events, and repealing Ordinance No. 81-2025, passed January 6, 2025.

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack

Indexes: HERMES SPORTS & EVENTS, INC. ; PERMITS; RACES; WARD 03

Attachments: [97-2025-FOR PASSAGE-run permit-Homeward Bound 5K 6-14-2025](#)
[97-2025-Homeward Bound 5K Course Map](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Anthony T. Hairston, Jasmin Santana, and Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

[98-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE_Consenting and approving the issuance of a permit for the Walk to End Colon Cancer event, on August 24, 2025, managed by Hermes Sports & Events.

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack

Indexes: HERMES SPORTS & EVENTS, INC. ; PERMITS; RACES; WARD 03

Attachments: [98-2025-FOR PASSAGE-run permit-Walk to End Colon Cancer 8-24-2025](#)
[98-2025-Walk to End Colon Cancer Course Map](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Anthony T. Hairston, Jasmin Santana, and Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

•Emergency Resolutions Read in Full and Adopted

[100-2025](#)

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Opposing AT&T's tariff application at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and supporting the Ohio Municipal League's challenge of AT&T's tariff application; and further requesting the Director of Law to participate and intervene in the PUCO proceeding challenging said tariff application.

Sponsors: Brian Kazy and Stephanie Howse-Jones

Indexes: AT&T CORP. ; OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE; PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUCO)

Attachments: [100-2025-FOR ADOPTION-opposing ATT tariff app at PUCO](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Anthony T. Hairston, Jasmin Santana, and Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

SECOND READING LEGISLATION

•Emergency Ordinances Passed

[1252-2023](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a grant agreement with Burten Bell Carr Development, Inc. or designee, to provide economic development assistance to partially finance renovation of storefronts and office space associated with the Moreland Theater Building on Buckeye Road.

Sponsors: Deborah Gray

Indexes: BURTEN BELL CARR DEVELOPMENT CORP. ; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; GRANT AGREEMENT ; WARD 04

Attachments: [1252-2023-assistance for Moreland Theater](#)
[1252-2023 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)
[1252-2023-Amend 1252-2023](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Anthony T. Hairston, Jasmin Santana, and Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

[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: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS; PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS ; UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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

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

Yea: 13 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Anthony T. Hairston, Jasmin Santana, and Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

[1165-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to enter into one or more requirement contracts without competitive bidding with Ohio Machinery Co., dba Ohio CAT for replacement parts for Caterpillar heavy duty construction equipment, and labor and materials to repair and maintain the proprietary equipment, for the Divisions of Water Pollution Control and Water, Department of Public Utilities, for a term of two years.

Sponsors: Brian Kazy, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS; WATER DIVISION; WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION; UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [1165-2024-Dir Req K Ohio Machinery dba Ohio CAT to repair caterpillar equipment_Rev 102324](#)
[1165-2024 Executive Summary](#)
[1165-2024 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)
[1165-2024-Amend 1165-2024](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Anthony T. Hairston, Jasmin Santana, and Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

[1167-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of City Planning to exercise the first option to renew Contract No. PS 2024-0030 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., to provide provide professional services for on-call planning services.

Sponsors: Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: CITY PLANNING COMMISSION; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

Attachments: [1167-2024-Exercise option to renew K w Stantec for on-call planning services, City Planning](#)
[1167-2024 Executive Summary](#)
[1167-2024 PRESENTATION](#)
[1167-2024 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)
[1167-2024-Amend 1167-2024](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Anthony T. Hairston, Jasmin Santana, and Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

[1248-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to exercise the second option to renew Contract No. PS 2023-0050 with Utility Solutions Partners, LLC to provide Oracle Customer Care and Billing managed services for the Department of Public Utilities and for a computing environment for its support and other related systems.

Sponsors: Brian Kazy, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: CONTRACTS; UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [1248-2024-Exercise option to renew K w Utility Solutions Partners for Oracle billing system, PU](#)
[1248-2024 Executive Summary](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Anthony T. Hairston, Jasmin Santana, and Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

[1276-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a grant agreement with The Merrick House to provide economic development assistance to partially finance renovation of Merrick House's security systems, kitchen, bathroom, and gymnasium wall, in order to increase client capacity for early childhood education and childcare.

Sponsors: Kerry McCormack

Indexes: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; GRANT AGREEMENT ; MERRICK HOUSE; WARD 03

Attachments: [1276-2024-Merrick House agreement for renovation to increase client capacity](#)
[1276-2024-Merrick House proposal 2024](#)
[1276-2024 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)
[1276-2024-Amend 1276-2024](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Anthony T. Hairston, Jasmin Santana, and Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

[1312-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to enter into one or more requirement contracts without competitive bidding with Hach Company to provide services for calibration, preventive maintenance, appropriate repairs and to certify accuracy of laboratory and in-line process equipment used to test drinking water that is manufactured by the Hach Company, for the Division of Water, Department of Public Utilities, for a term of two years.

Sponsors: Brian Kazy, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS; UTILITIES DEPARTMENT; WATER DIVISION

Attachments: [1312-2024-K w Hach Company for testing of existing lab equipment](#)
[1312-2024 Executive Summary](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Anthony T. Hairston, Jasmin Santana, and Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

[1314-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Designating New Sardis Primitive Baptist Church (former Kinsman Jewish Center) as a Cleveland Landmark.

Sponsors: Joseph Jones

Indexes: CITY PLANNING COMMISSION; LANDMARK COMMISSION; WARD 01

Attachments: [1314-2024-Landmark - New Sardis Primitive Baptist Church](#)
[1314-2024 PRESENTATION](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Anthony T. Hairston, Jasmin Santana, and Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

[1322-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Mayor and the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies to acquire property from Gustave R. Molnar located at 1216 West 65th Street for future redevelopment; to consolidate that property with adjacent vacant City-owned property; to convey the consolidated property back to Gustave R. Molnar; and to enter into a purchase agreement between the City and Molnar for the future redevelopment.

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

Indexes: CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ; PURCHASE AGREEMENT; PURCHASES AND SUPPLIES DIVISION; WARD 15

Attachments: [1322-2024-Buy and sell property w Gustav Molnar for property on W 65, purchase ag](#)
[1322-2024-A-FILE - Exec. Summ.](#)
[1322-2024 PRESENTATION](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Anthony T. Hairston, Jasmin Santana, and Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

[1325-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To supplement the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, by enacting new Section 129.361 relating to agreements for the use of the City's 800 MHz radio system.

Sponsors: Brian Kazy, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: AGREEMENTS; CODIFIED ORDINANCES; UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [1325-2024-Amend 129.361 participant ags for use of City MHz radio system](#)
[1325-2024 Executive Summary](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Anthony T. Hairston, Jasmin Santana, and Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

[1352-2024](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to enter into one or more requirement contracts without competitive bidding with United Systems and Software, Inc. for remote endpoints and mounting kits for Itron mobile reader devices, for the Division of Water, Department of Public Utilities, for a period of two years.

Sponsors: Brian Kazy, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: CONTRACTS; WATER DIVISION; UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [1352-2024-K w United Systems and Software for endpoints and mounting kits for Itron devices, PU](#)
[1352-2024 Executive Summary](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Anthony T. Hairston, Jasmin Santana, and Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

[19-2025](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Finance, on behalf of the Cleveland Municipal Court, to apply for and accept a grant from the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County for the Addiction Treatment Program - Admin Fee SFY 25 Program.

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: ADAMHS BOARD ; CLEVELAND MUNICIPAL COURT; FINANCE DEPARTMENT; GRANTS

Attachments: [19-2025-Ap & ac grant from ADAMHS board for addiction treatment](#)
[19-2025-A-FILE - Executive Summary](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Anthony T. Hairston, Jasmin Santana, and Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

20-2025

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into an agreement with the Holland & Knight LLP for federal lobbying services for the City of Cleveland, for a period of one year, with one option to renew for an additional one-year period, exercisable by the Director of Finance.

Sponsors: Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

Indexes: AGREEMENTS; FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [20-2025-K w Holland Knight for federal lobbying-citywide](#)

[20-2025 Executive Summary](#)

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

Yea: 13 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Anthony T. Hairston, Jasmin Santana, and Richard A. Starr

Absent: 1 - Joseph T. Jones

INTRODUCTIONS**ANNOUNCEMENTS****MISCELLANEOUS**

Council Members Conwell and McCormack made remarks.

MOTION TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCES

The absences of Council Members Hairston, Santana, and Starr were excused.

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

Yea: 14 - Brian Kazy, Kerry McCormack, Kevin Conwell, Michael Polensek, Rebecca Maurer, Blaine A. Griffin, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kevin L. Bishop, Kris Harsh, Stephanie Howse-Jones, and Danny Kelly

Excused: 3 - Anthony T. Hairston, Jasmin Santana, and Richard A. Starr

ADJOURN

8:11 p.m.