

Cleveland City Council

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 20, 2025

7:00 PM

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

Council Chambers

City Council

CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**MOMENT OF REFLECTION****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****DISPENSE WITH THE JOURNAL**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS****•Communications**

From Mayor's Appointments Committee. Recommending approval of the Mayor's appointment of Anthony R. Whitfield (File No. 1275-2025) to the City Planning Commission, six-year term ending October 10th, 2031. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

Indexes: CITY PLANNING COMMISSION; MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE; MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Attachments: [1344-2025-APPOINTMENT-Anthony R. Whitfield-CPC](#)

This Appointment was approved.

From Mayor's Appointments Committee. Recommending approval of the Mayor's appointment of Shanelle Smith Whigham (File No. 1278-2025) to the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Board - New Appointment term ending March 2027. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

Indexes: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE; MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS; REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Attachments: [1345-2025-APPOINTMENT-Shanelle Smith Whigham-GCRTA](#)

This Appointment was approved.

From Mayor's Appointments Committee. Recommending approval of the Mayor's appointment of Michele Anderson (File No. 1279-2025) to the Landmarks Commission, Re-appointment term ending August 1, 2029. without objection, the appointment is approved.

Indexes: LANDMARK COMMISSION; MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE; MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Attachments: [1346-2025-APPOINTMENT-Michele Anderson-Landmark Comm.](#)

This Appointment was approved.

From Mayor's Appointments Committee. Recommending approval of Mayor's appointment of Robert Strickland (File No. 1279-2025) to the Landmark Commission, Re-Appointment term ending August 1, 2029. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

Indexes: LANDMARK COMMISSION; MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE; MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Attachments: [1347-2025-APPOINTMENT-Robert Strickland-Landmark Comm.](#)

This Appointment was approved.

From Mayor's Appointments Committee. Recommending approval of the Mayor's appointment of Raymond Tarasuck Jr., (File No. 1279-205) to the Landmark Commission, Re-Appointment term ending August 1, 2029. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

Indexes: LANDMARK COMMISSION; MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE; MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Attachments: [1348-2025-APPOINTMENT-Raymond Tarasuck Jr., -Landmark Comm.](#)

This Appointment was approved.

From Mayor's Appointments Committee. Recommending approval of the Mayor's appointment of Julie Trott (File No. 1279-2025) to the Landmark Commission , Re-Appointment term ending August 1, 2029. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

Indexes: LANDMARK COMMISSION; MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE; MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Attachments: [1349-2025-APPOINTMENT-Julie Trott-Landmark Comm.](#)

This Appointment was approved.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

•Condolence; Moment of Silence

Condolence Resolution for George Hood

Indexes: CONDOLENCES; WARD 07

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Condolence Resolution for Sister Matilda Jeanette Goings

Indexes: CONDOLENCES; WARD 06

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Condolence Resolution for Marvin William Reid

Indexes: CONDOLENCES; WARD 06

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Condolence Resolution for Bettie Jean Spragin

Indexes: CONDOLENCES; WARD 01

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Condolence Resolution for Jahari Stegall

Indexes: CONDOLENCES; WARD 10

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

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

Congratulations Resolution for Father Anthony Simone

Indexes: CONGRATULATIONS; WARD 08

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Congratulations Resolution for Golden Cyphers 25th Anniversary

Indexes: CONGRATULATIONS; WARD 05

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Congratulations Resolution for Clara Lee Clinkscales-Parker

Indexes: CONGRATULATIONS; WARD 06

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Congratulations Resolution for Patricia Winn Retirement

Indexes: CONGRATULATIONS; WARD 06

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Recognition Resolution for Lee Memorial AME Church

Indexes: RECOGNITION; WARD 09

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Recognition Resolution for Chris Bean

Indexes: RECOGNITION; WARD 16

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Recognition Resolution for Carmen Farley

Indexes: RECOGNITION; WARD 16

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Recognition Resolution for Alex Kowalski

Indexes: RECOGNITION; WARD 16

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

Recognition Resolution for Brennan Eggers

Indexes: RECOGNITION; WARD 16

This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.

PRESENTATIONS

FIRST READING LEGISLATION

•Emergency Ordinances Referred

Indexes: CONTRACTS; FINANCE DEPARTMENT; STARTING POINT

Attachments: [FINAL VERSION City Record 11/7/2025 Page 44](#)

[1315-2025-Amend contract CT 0114 PS 2023-02 w Starting Point for additional scholarship funding](#)

[1315-2025 Legislative Summary](#)

[1315-2025 Amend 1315-2025](#)

[1315-2025 as amended-desk copy-Final](#)

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

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation to execute a deed of easement granting to Cedar Redevelopment Phase IV LLC certain easement rights in property located on East 26th Street between Central Avenue and Community College Avenue and declaring the easements rights no longer needed for public use.

Indexes: EASEMENTS; PARKS AND RECREATION ; WARD 05

Attachments: [1316-2025-Grant easement Cedar Redevelopment Phase IV LLC on E. 26 btwn Central Ave](#)

[1316-2025- Legislative Summary](#)

[1316-2025-Location Map](#)

[FINAL VERSION City Record 12/12/2025 Page 22](#)

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

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Port Control to employ one or more professional consultants to provide

financial and accounting consulting services, for a period of one year with three one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Port Control.

Indexes: PORT CONTROL DEPARTMENT; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

Attachments: [FINAL VERSION - City Record 11-28-2025 Page 113](#)

[1317-2025-Prof Serv financial and accounting - PC](#)

[1317-2025 Legislative Summary- Financial Consulting Services](#)

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

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Port Control to employ one or more professional consultants to provide on-call asset management services, for a period of one year, with three one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Port Control.

Indexes: PORT CONTROL DEPARTMENT; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

Attachments: [FINAL VERSION - City Record 11-28-2025 Page 113](#)

[1318-2025-Prof Serv for design and implement asset management system PC](#)

[1318-2025 Legislative Summary-Asset Management](#)

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

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Designating Old John Marshall High School Building as a Cleveland Landmark.

Indexes: CITY PLANNING COMMISSION; LANDMARK COMMISSION; WARD 17

Attachments: [1321-2025-Landmark- John Marshall High School](#)

[1321-2025 PRESENTATION](#)

[FINAL VERSION City Record 12/12/2025 Page 22](#)

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

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Health to enter into an agreement with Case Western Reserve University, Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Sciences, for professional services necessary to continue programming through First Year Cleveland; and authorizing any agreements needed to implement such programming, for a period of two years.

Indexes: AGREEMENTS; CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY; HEALTH DEPARTMENT; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

Attachments: [FINAL VERSION - City Record 11-28-2025 Page 113](#)
[1322-2025-K w County CWRU To implement First Year Cleveland](#)
[1322-2025 File- K w County CWRU to implement First Year Cleveland](#)
[1322-2025 Legislative Summary](#)

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

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of Law, Parks and Recreation, Port Control, and/or the Office of Capital Projects, as appropriate, to enter into one or more agreements and/or amendments to the Lease by Way of Concession with the Browns, or their designees, to effectuate the terms and conditions in the Settlement Term Sheet regarding the relocation of the Cleveland Browns to the City of Brook Park and the demolition of Huntington Bank Field; determining the method of making the public improvement of designing and performing demolition and site preparation of such sports facility and other structures, and designing and constructing various Lakefront Improvements; authorizing other professional service contracts; accepting gifts and grants; and establishing the Community Benefits Project and the Lakefront Development Subfunds.

Indexes: AGREEMENTS; LEASE BY WAY OF CONCESSION; CAPITAL PROJECTS; PARKS AND RECREATION ; PORT CONTROL DEPARTMENT; CLEVELAND BROWN'S STADIUM

Attachments: [FINAL VERSION City Record 12/12/2025 Page 22](#)
[1325-2025-Ag w Browns for relocation, other contracts](#)
[1325-2025-A File - Ag w Browns for relocation, other contracts](#)
[1325-2025 PRESENTATION](#)
[2025.10.29 -- Responses to City Council Questions \(1\)](#)
[1325-2025-A1 File Settlement Term Sheet Final](#)
[1325-2025 Amend 1325-2025](#)
[1325-2025 as amended- desk copy-Final Browns relocation with Council amendments](#)

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

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 Department of Public Works.

Indexes: FINANCE DEPARTMENT; LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ; LEASES; VEHICLES; PUBLIC WORKS

Attachments: [1350-2025 Req Std K vehicles - Utilities enterprise fund 2025](#)
[1350-2025 Legislative Summary](#)
[FINAL VERSION City Record 11/21/2025 Page 125](#)

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

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the procurement by one or more requirement contracts of the rental of large capacity trucks with operators, for the Division of Streets, Department of Public Works, for a period of one year with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Public Works.

Indexes: PUBLIC WORKS; FINANCE DEPARTMENT; TRUCKS

Attachments: [1351-2025 Req K rent large trucks and operators - streets rental large capacity](#)
[1351-2025 Legislative Summary](#)
[FINAL VERSION City Record 11/21/2025 Page 125](#)

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

•Emergency Ordinances Read in Full and Passed

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the issuance of a Mobile Permit to Rhonda Dozier to engage in mobile vending in Ward 11.

Indexes: MOBILE PERMIT ; WARD 11

Attachments: [1312-2025 Mobile Permit to Rhonda Dozier to engage in mobile vending in Ward 11](#)
[FINAL VERSION City Record 10/31/2025 Page 93](#)

This Emergency Ordinance was approved.

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Consenting and approving the issuance of a permit for the Cleveland Cocoa Run 5K, February 7, 2026, managed by Hermes Sports & Events.

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

Attachments: [1313-2025-FOR PASSAGE-Cocoa Run 2.6.26 Ord.](#)
[FINAL VERSION City Record 10/31/2025 Page 93](#)

This Emergency Ordinance was approved.

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of the Department of Aging to enter into agreement with Senior Transportation Connection for the Senior Transportation Open House

and Resource Fair for the public purpose of providing an opportunity to connect with city services as well as increase awareness of available transportation options to Cleveland residents through the use of Ward 16 Casino Revenue Funds.

Indexes: AGING DEPARTMENT; AGREEMENTS; CASINO REVENUE FUNDS ; SENIOR CITIZEN RESOURCES; WARD 16

Attachments: [1319-FOR PASSAGE-Senior Transportation Services resource fair 2025 legislation](#)
[FINAL VERSION City Record 10/31/2025 Page 93](#)

This Emergency Ordinance was approved.

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Approving the collective bargaining agreement with the Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, Local 270; and to amend Section 12 of Ordinance No. 194-2021, passed March 29, 2021, as amended, relating to compensation for various classifications.

Indexes: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS; FINANCE DEPARTMENT; HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT; SALARIES

Attachments: [1323-2025 FOR PASSAGE- Ratify CBA w Utility Workers Union and amend Section 12 of payband](#)
[1323-2025-FP letter-Ratify CBA w Utility Workers Union and amend Section 12 of payband](#)
[1323-2025-A File- Ratify CBA w Utility Workers Union and amend Section 12 of payband](#)
[FINAL VERSION City Record 10/31/2025 Page 93](#)

This Emergency Ordinance was approved.

•Emergency Resolutions Read in Full and Adopted

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Objecting to the transfer of location of a D5, Liquor Permit to 1105 Carnegie Avenue.

Indexes: LIQUOR PERMITS; WARD 05

Attachments: [1314-2025-FOR ADOPTION-OBJ-TROL-1105 Carnegie Ave. \(Ward5\)](#)
[FINAL VERSION City Record 10/31/2025 Page 93](#)

This Emergency Resolution was adopted.

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Objecting to the transfer of ownership of a D2, D2X, and D3 Liquor Permit to 500 West St. Clair Avenue.

Indexes: LIQUOR PERMITS; WARD 03

Attachments: [1320-2025-FOR ADOPTION-OBJ-TRFO-500 W. ST. CLAIR AVE. WARD 3](#)
[FINAL VERSION City Record 10/31/2025 Page 93](#)

This Emergency Resolution was adopted.

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Supporting the students and station members working to regain access to the 89.3 FM radio frequency and urging Cleveland State University to fully restore WCSB radio to its students.

Indexes: RADIO STATIONS; RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT; WARD 13; WARD 02; WARD 09; WARD 04; WARD 06; WARD 10; WARD 07; WARD 01; WARD 16; WARD 11; WARD 12; WARD 08; WARD 14; WARD 17; WARD 15; WARD 05; WARD 03

Attachments: [1324-2025-FOR ADOPTION-WCSB 89.3 RESO-HARSH](#)
[FINAL VERSION City Record 10/31/2025 Page 93](#)

This Emergency Resolution was adopted.

SECOND READING LEGISLATION

•Emergency Ordinances Passed

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Designating Former Cleveland Fire Department Engine Company 26 Station House as a Cleveland Landmark.

Indexes: FIRE DIVISION; LANDMARK COMMISSION; WARD 05

Attachments: [1083-2025-Landmark - Fire Division Station No. 26](#)
[1083-2025 PRESENTATION](#)
[FINAL VERSION - City Record 10/31/2025 Page 93](#)

This Emergency Ordinance was passed on second reading.

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Designating the Tamir Rice Butterfly Memorial as a Cleveland Landmark.

Indexes: LANDMARK COMMISSION; TAMIR RICE MEMORIAL ; WARD 15

Attachments: [1084-2025-Landmark - Tamir Rice Butterfly Memorial](#)
[1084-2025 PRESENTATION](#)
[FINAL VERSION City Record 10/31/2025 Page 93](#)

This Emergency Ordinance was passed on second reading.

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Mayor and the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies to sell certain City-owned property no longer needed for the City's public use located on East 90th Street to Ortho School Properties LLC, or its designee, for purposes of developing a hotel.

Indexes: CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ; PURCHASES AND SUPPLIES DIVISION; WARD 10

Attachments: [1223-2025-Sell property on E. 90th st to OrthoHouse LLC](#)
[1223-2025 PRESENTATION](#)
[1223-2025 Amend 1223-2025 - Copy](#)
[FINAL VERSION City Record 10/31/2025 Page 93](#)

This Emergency Ordinance was passed on second reading.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by Council Member Griffin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were made by Council Member Conwell.

MISCELLANEOUS

Miscellaneous comments were made by Council Members Spencer, Welch, Harsh, Polensek, Conwell and Starr.

MOTION TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCES

On the motion of Council Member Spencer, the absence of Council Member Stephanie Howse-Jones, is hereby authorized. Seconded by Council Member Polensek.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. the next meeting will be held October 27, 2025.