

# **Cleveland City Council**

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



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 7, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**There will be limited seating due to COVID protocols; the meeting will be live broadcast. See meeting notice for details.  
Council Chambers**

**City Council**

[Item-416](#) Cleveland City Council Meeting Notice for March 7, 2022

**Attachments:** [Council Meeting Notice for 3-7-2022](#)

## CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

7:00 p.m.

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

**Excused** 1 - Kevin L. Bishop

## MOMENT OF REFLECTION

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## DISPENSE WITH THE JOURNAL

**A motion was made by Council Member Santana, seconded by Council Member McCormack, 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, Brian Mooney, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

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## PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were made by Marlon Naylor, Jenna Thomas, Angelo Trivisonno, Kimberly Brown, Anna Borkan, Liz Maugans, Joseph Schwarten.

## REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

### •Communications

[239-2022](#) From John O. Anoliefo, Executive Director, Famicos Foundation. Notice of intent to apply to Ohio Housing Finance Agency for multifamily funding programs for the development known as Henrietta Homes, on various sites in Cleveland, Ohio: East 65th Street, East 70th Street, East 71st Street, Dellenbaugh Avenue, Lawnview Avenue, Melrose Avenue, Pennsylvania Avenue, Zoeter Avenue (Ward 7).

**Attachments:** [239-2022-COMMUNICATION-notice of app to OHFA by Famicos Fdn for Henrietta Homes](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[256-2022](#) Oath of Office for Ahmed Abonamah, Director of Finance, City of Cleveland.

**Attachments:** [256-2022-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Ahmed Abonamah, Finance Dir](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[257-2022](#) Oath of Office for Sonya Pryor Jones, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Chief of Youth and Family Success, City of Cleveland.

**Attachments:** [257-2022-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Sonya Pryor Jones, Chief of Youth and Family Success](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

[258-2022](#) Oath of Office for Holly Trifiro, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Chief of Education, City of Cleveland.

**Attachments:** [258-2022-COMMUNICATION-Oath of Office for Holly Trifiro, Chief of Education](#)

**This Communication was received and filed.**

#### •Appointments

[241-2022](#) From Council President Blaine A. Griffin. Recommending the appointments of Councilman Anthony T. Hairston and Joseph Titran to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council, pursuant to Section 3735.69 of the Ohio Revised Code. Without objection, the appointments are approved.

**Attachments:** [241-2022-APPOINTMENT-Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Santana, seconded by Council Member McCormack, that this Appointment 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, Brian Mooney, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

**Excused:** 1 - Kevin L. Bishop

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

##### •Condolence; Moment of Silence

[250-2022](#) Condolence Resolution for Sydney Wells, Sr.

**Sponsors:** Kevin Conwell

**This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.**

[251-2022](#) Condolence Resolution for Laura F. Andel

**Sponsors:** Brian Kazy

**This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.**

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

[252-2022](#) Congratulations Resolution for Northern Real Estate Urban Ventures, LLC (NREUV)

**Sponsors:** Stephanie Howse

**This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.**

[253-2022](#) Congratulations Resolution for Reverend Henry M. & Vivian M. Mitchell

**Sponsors:** Michael Polensek

**This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.**

[254-2022](#) Congratulations Resolution for Catherine Sabolik

**Sponsors:** Charles Slife

**This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.**

[255-2022](#) Recognition Resolution for Reverend E. Theophilus Caviness

**Sponsors:** Kevin Conwell

**This Ceremonial Resolution was read into the record.**

**PRESENTATIONS**

Council Member Conwell made a presentation.

**FIRST READING LEGISLATION**

**•Emergency Ordinances Referred**

[242-2022](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Works to enter into an amendment to Contract No. CT 2004, PI 2015-8 with the Group Plan Commission to allow them to construct improvements to Public Square and Superior Avenue; and to cause payment of the City's share of the improvement.

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

**Attachments:** [242-2022-Amend K w Group Plan Commission for Public Square improvements and cause payment](#)

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

[243-2022](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Human Resources, or other appropriate director, to apply for and accept one or more grants from the Cleveland Foundation to place approximately ten Public Service Fellows in various departments for a period of one year.

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [243-2022-Ap Ac grant from Cleveland Foundation for fellows](#)

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

[244-2022](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Giving consent of the City of Cleveland to the Director of Transportation of the State of Ohio to construct Central Interchange improvements; and authorizing agreements.

**Sponsors:** Richard Starr, Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [244-2022-Consent with ODOT for Central Interchange improvements \(R\)](#)

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

[245-2022](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Port Control to enter into one or more requirement contracts with Siemens Industry, Inc. for software, labor and materials necessary to maintain, repair, upgrade, and expand the existing Apogee building automation system, for the Division of Airports, Department of Port Control, for a period not to exceed two years, with two one-year options to renew, the first of which requires additional legislative authority.

**Sponsors:** Kerry McCormack, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [245-2022-Dir K w Siemens for maintenance of building automation system \(4\) \(2\)](#)

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

[246-2022](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Port Control to enter into various leases or leases by way of concession with various car rental companies to operate and maintain car rental agencies inside the facilities and in the service center areas and buildings at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and Burke Lakefront Airport, for a period of five years, with one option to renew for an additional five-year period, exercisable through additional legislative authority.

**Sponsors:** Kerry McCormack, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [246-2022-Leases and LBWOC for car rental companies PC](#)

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

[247-2022](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Works to enter into a license agreement granting Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation the right to use and occupy City-owned property located within Jefferson Park to maintain and repair eight stone benches for the use and convenience of the general public.

**Sponsors:** Brian Kazy, Kevin Bishop, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [247-2022-License Ag w Bellaire Puritas for benches in Jefferson Park](#)

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

**•Emergency Ordinances Read in Full and Passed**

[248-2022](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Consenting and approving the issuance of a permit for the Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Run on March 19, 2022, managed by Hermes Sports & Events.

**Sponsors:** Kerry McCormack

**Attachments:** [248-2022-FOR PASSAGE-run permit-St. Patrick's Run 3-19-2022](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Santana, seconded by Council Member McCormack, 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, Brian Mooney, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

**Excused:** 1 - Kevin L. Bishop

•**Emergency Resolutions Read in Full and Adopted**

[249-2022](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Withdrawing objection to a New C1 Liquor Permit at 1201 East 185th Street and repealing Resolution No. 601-2019 objecting to said permit.

**Sponsors:** Michael Polensek

**A motion was made by Council Member Santana, seconded by Council Member McCormack, 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, Brian Mooney, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

**Excused:** 1 - Kevin L. Bishop

**SECOND READING LEGISLATION**

•**Emergency Ordinances**

[148-2022](#) 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, 2022, until December 31, 2022.

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [148-2022-Appropriations Ordinance-2022 Mayor's Estimate](#)  
[148-2022-A-FILE - 2022 Mayors Estimate](#)  
[Amend 148-2022, Budget](#)  
[148-2022 As Amended](#)

**This Emergency Ordinance was passed on second reading.**

•Emergency Ordinances Passed

[1059-2021](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Directors of Public Works and Community Development to enter into a property exchange agreement with the Board of Education of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District for the transfer of various properties between the parties to facilitate the efficient use of real estate for public purposes, including constructing new parks, assembling land, improving existing school campuses, and disposing of underutilized or unneeded real estate; authorizing the Mayor and the Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies to acquire and convey the properties; and authorizing the conveyance of one of the properties received from the School District to Kenmore Commons Limited Partnership, or its designee, for future development.

**Sponsors:** Basheer Jones, Anthony Hairston, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Kevin Bishop, Anthony Brancatelli, Kevin Kelley and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [1059-2021-Land swap with CMSD for various properties and transfer a portion to Kenmore Commons jdd2](#)  
[1059-2021 Exec. Summary -CMSD-City Land Swap for various properties for public use](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Santana, seconded by Council Member McCormack, 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, Brian Mooney, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

**Excused:** 1 - Kevin L. Bishop

[92-2022](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE To amend Section 1 of Ordinance No. 475-2021, passed July 14, 2021, relating to professional services to assist in writing curriculum for Division of Police training and to instruct officers in teaching the curriculum.

**Sponsors:** Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [92-2022-Amend 475-2021](#)

[92-2022 Exec. Summary -Amend Section 1 of Ord No 475-2021 for Prof Serv for Curriculum Writing and Training for Div of Police](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Santana, seconded by Council Member McCormack, 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, Brian Mooney, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

**Excused:** 1 - Kevin L. Bishop

[95-2022](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to accept a grant from the United States Department of Justice, COPS Office, for the FY21 COPS Hiring Program for Neighborhood Response Groups.

**Sponsors:** Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [95-2022-Ap & Ac COPS Hiring grant for Neighborhood Response Groups](#)

[95-2022-A FILE -Ap Ac COPS Hiring grant for Neighborhood Response Groups](#)

[95-2022 Exec. Summary -FY21 COPS CHP eNeRGy](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Santana, seconded by Council Member McCormack, 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, Brian Mooney, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

**Excused:** 1 - Kevin L. Bishop

[96-2022](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Directors of Public Safety or Law to apply for and accept grants from Cuyahoga County Public Safety and Justice Services for the FY 2021 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) program for a sexual assault advocate and for the Law Enforcement and Prosecution components of the Cleveland Domestic Violence Program; and authorizing one or more contracts with the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center and other entities to implement the grants.

**Sponsors:** Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [96-2022-Ap & Ac VAWA for Safety Law Enforcement, Law Prosecution and sexual assault advocate, rape crisis](#)  
[96-2022-A FILE - Ap Ac VAWA for Safety Law Enforcement Law Prosecution and sexual assault advocate rape crisis \(1\)](#)  
[96-2022 Exec. Summary -FY21 VAWA Grants - Sexual Assault Advocate Law Enf and Prosecution](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Santana, seconded by Council Member McCormack, 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, Brian Mooney, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

**Excused:** 1 - Kevin L. Bishop

[99-2022](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into one or more agreements with Case Western Reserve University for professional services necessary to continue implementation of a data collection and analysis process, for the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, for a period of one year with two one-year options to renew, exercisable by the Director of Public Safety.

**Sponsors:** Michael Polensek, Blaine Griffin and By Departmental Request

**Attachments:** [99-2022-K with Case Western for data collection and analysis PSaf DOJ \(2\)](#)  
[99-2022 Exec. Summary -Auth Contracts w Case Western Reserve Univ for Data Collection and Analysis for Police](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Santana, seconded by Council Member McCormack, 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, Brian Mooney, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

**Excused:** 1 - Kevin L. Bishop

[173-2022](#) AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE Authorizing the Clerk of Council to enter into an agreement with The Project Group for professional assistance in investigating utility-related matters pertaining to the Divisions of Cleveland Public Power, Water and Water Pollution Control for Cleveland City Council.

**Sponsors:** Blaine Griffin

**Attachments:** [173-2022-ProjectGroup ORD 2022](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Santana, seconded by Council Member McCormack, 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, Brian Mooney, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

**Excused:** 1 - Kevin L. Bishop

#### •Emergency Resolutions Adopted

[219-2022](#) AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION Strongly opposing Cuyahoga County's selection of the Cuyahoga Valley Industrial Center at Pershing Avenue in Ward 12 as the location of a new jail and further opposing Cuyahoga County's alternative use of the Cuyahoga Valley Industrial Center as a container storage facility.

**Sponsors:** Richard Starr and Rebecca Maurer

**Attachments:** [219-2022-CVIC new jail site](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Santana, seconded by Council Member McCormack, 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, Brian Mooney, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

**Excused:** 1 - Kevin L. Bishop

## INTRODUCTIONS

## MOTION TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCES

The absence of Council Member Bishop was excused.

**A motion was made by Council Member Santana, seconded by Council Member McCormack, 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, Brian Mooney, Charles Slife, Deborah A. Gray, Jasmin Santana, Jenny Spencer, Joseph T. Jones, Kris Harsh, Stephanie D. Howse, and Richard A. Starr

**Excused:** 1 - Kevin L. Bishop

**ADJOURN**

7:46 p.m.