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Summary

- This meeting began very late and the council members appeared exhausted.

Follow-Up Questions

- Why was a special meeting of the council necessary when the council was already scheduled to meet?
- How will residents be informed of the opportunities to repair housing through Cleveland Neighborhood Progress and the other housing initiatives?

Notes



The meeting was called to order at approximately 9 p.m. All council members were present with the exception of Jasmin Santana, who was excused.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were read into the record including those related to oaths of office for Ali Pillow, deputy chief for Homeland Special Operations with the Division of Police, and Rachon Long as interim assistant director of the Civil Service Commission. Also, re-appointments to the Cleveland City Planning Commission and the Certificate of Sufficiency to allow the charter amendment for the [People's Budget Process](#) to be on the November ballot were noted. Several communications regarding the dedication of plats (subdivisions) and license applications were also read.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

Several resolutions for condolence, congratulations, recognition, appreciation, etc. were read into the record at the request of the council members.

FIRST READING LEGISLATION

First reading legislation introduced and referred for review

There were 20 ordinances presented. Topics included an amendment of the minor curfew, the purchase of a software program for City Council, lease space for the [Cleveland Police Commission](#), grant application for addiction services, several contracts for Port Control covering leasing of space at the airport and service concessions. Also, funds for [Cleveland Public Theatre](#), work at the Highland Park Golf Course, equipment for Cleveland Public Power (LED lighting, for example), contracts for Water Pollution Control and a lease at the Justice Department.

Emergency ordinances read in full and passed

There were 14 ordinances all passed by a vote of 15 yeas. *[Editor's note: Two pieces of legislation that the clerk of council read in this section do not appear in [The City Record](#), council's official journal of its proceedings. As of Aug. 20, neither of the pieces -- Emergency Ordinance 902-2023 and 900-2023 -- have a record on [Legistar](#), council's online legislative management system. Council President Blaine Griffin said in the meeting immediately before this one that council would hold 900-2023].*

These ordinances included contracts with [St. Martin DePorres School](#), [Jones Road Family](#)

[Development](#), [Metro West Community Development Corp.](#), [Burten](#), [Bell](#), [Carr Development Corp.](#) and [Fairfax Renaissance Development Corp.](#) for youth training programs. Also passed were ordinances for Teamsters compensation, workforce development, home construction, and a public health contract regarding violations of smoking in workplaces.

Emergency resolutions for introduction and referral

There were two resolutions read. One would support the naming of the [Cleveland State University College of Law](#) as the Charles Hamilton Houston Law School and the second would designate October as Women in the Arts Month in Cleveland.

Emergency resolutions read in full and adopted

There were 13 resolutions all adopted by a vote of 15 yeas, mainly approving permits.

SECOND READING LEGISLATION

Emergency ordinances read in full and adopted

There were 33 ordinances read and adopted. Topics included declaration of [Boddie Records](#) as a Cleveland landmark, a secondary street naming of Ostend Avenue as Hattie Holifield Way, several purchases to support Cleveland firefighters (including a new fire boat dock), [fair wage increase](#), contract with [Cleveland Neighborhood Progress](#), capital improvement repairs to [Browns Stadium](#), a new digital alarm system at the police command center, a finance transfer of \$2.45 million, and electric car charging stations

The votes on theses ordinances were as follows:

712-2023	15 yeas, 1 recusal (McCormack)
750-2023	15 yeas, 1 recusal (McCormack)
789-2023	15 yeas, 1 nay (Kazy)
795-2023	15 yeas, 1 nay (Kazy)

16 yeas on all others.

Ordinances read in full and passed

[617-2023](#) and [801-2023](#) were read and passed with 16 yeas.

Emergency resolutions adopted

[806-2023](#) was adopted by a vote of 16 yeas.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:05 p.m. The council reconvened immediately after for a special meeting.

The Special Meeting of the Cleveland City Council was opened at approximately 10:05 p.m. to approve an ordinance that sends an initiative petition to amend the city charter to the November election ballot. All council members were present with the exception of Jasmin Santana, who was excused.

Ordinance [980-20-23](#) was approved by a vote of 16 yeas. This ordinance will allow the amendment of charter Chapter 41 Sections 204-1 through 204-8 related to a People's Budget Cleveland process to appear before voters in the fall..

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:11 p.m. The next meeting will be on Sept. 18.

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