

Documenters

POWERED BY CITY BUREAU & SIGNAL CLEVELAND

City Council

Documenter name: Chanel Wiley

Agency: [Cleveland City Council](#)

Date: Oct. 9, 2023

[See more about this meeting at Documenters.org](#)

Summary

- A public commenter experiencing homelessness asked council for help.
- Cleveland is preparing for the total solar eclipse expected next April.
- Council OK'd funding for senior housing in Detroit-Shoreway.

Notes

The Oct. 9 City Council meeting started at approximately 7:01 p.m. The meeting took place at council chambers and was livestreamed [here](#) on YouTube. Find the updated agenda and minutes [here](#).

The meeting started with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members:

- Joe Jones
- Kevin Bishop
- Kerry McCormack
- Deborah Gray
- Richard Starr
- Blaine Griffin, council president
- Stephanie Howse-Jones
- Michael Polensek
- Kevin Conwell
- Anthony Hairston
- Danny Kelly
- Rebecca Maurer (excused absence)
- Kris Harsh

- Jasmin Santana
- Jenny Spencer
- Brian Kazy (excused absence)
- Charles Slife

Public comments:

Noel Cummings of Ward 6 said she is a victim of fraud and asked council to look into the matter.

Isaiah Dixon said he is experiencing homelessness and asked council for assistance. Council President Griffin asked if Dixon could stick around after the council meeting and asked people in the chambers to help Dixon any way they can.

Presentations:

Council Member Kris Harsh spoke about the partial eclipse that will take place on Oct. 14, 2023. The City of Cleveland wants to raise awareness of the full eclipse next spring on April 8, 2024. Harsh declared “April 8, 2024 – CLE-clipse Day.”

Legislation:

Patricia Britt, the clerk of council then read [emergency ordinances](#) being referred to committees for review:

- [1153-2023](#)
- [1154-2023](#)
- [1155-2023](#)
- [1156-2023](#)
- [1157-2023](#)
- [1158-2023](#)

Griffin called the clerk to read first reading ordinances to be passed. Britt read [1159-2023](#) and then read ordinance number [1161-2023](#), which is for authorizing the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into agreement with Northwest Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation for the Summer Safety Film Series 2023. Council voted to pass those two emergency ordinances.

Britt also read first-reading [resolutions](#) to be passed: [1162-2023](#) and [1163-2023](#). Council passed them.

Council also passed the following second-reading emergency ordinances:

- [1007-2023](#)
- [1009-2023](#)
- [1011-2023](#)
- [1012-2023](#)
- [1015-2023](#)
- [1137-2023](#)
- [1138-2023](#)

Council Member McCormack presented on the behalf of Council Member Kazy about Cleveland Down Syndrome Day this upcoming Thursday, Oct. 12.

Miscellaneous:

- Council Member Harsh discussed a project in Brooklyn and a racism issue in a specific area in Cleveland.
- Council Member Howse-Jones discussed voting season and said early voting was set to begin on Wednesday, Oct. 11. She also noted neighborhood issues and progress that has been made.
- Council Member Spencer thanked council members for all their support on passing legislation to support senior housing in Detroit-Shoreway.
- Council Member Polenesk expressed his support for Israel after the recent attacks by Hamas.
- Council Member Conwell said he will be meeting Cleveland's Senior Arts Strategist Rhonda Brown on Oct. 12.

The clerk excused the absences for Council Members Maurer and Kazy.

The next regular meeting will be on Oct. 16. This meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

If you believe anything in these notes is inaccurate, please email us at clDOCUMENTERS@gmail.com with "Correction Request" in the subject line.