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Summary

- Ordinances were read in order of the [agenda](#).
- Council Member Stephanie Howse-Jones noted corrections needed for certain items (for example, the correction of a ward for a communication, role of individual honored by a condolence resolution, and a file she said was incorrectly attached to a previously passed piece of legislation).
- Council Member Kerry McCormack said [SNAP benefit applications](#) are being accepted to replace the cost of wasted food due to power outages from the Aug. 6 storms.

Follow-Up Questions

- Can council explain these meetings' intent (for example, "Today's meeting will include the reading of ordinances to be officially heard for the record, for passage and for future consideration")?

Notes

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; Kris Harsh; Jasmin Santana; Jenny Spencer (absent); Brian Kazy; Charles Slife

[Editor's note: Download the [meeting minutes](#) for a full rundown of council's action as well as links to all the files and legislation summarized below.]

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council formally received the following communications:

840-2024 Oath of Office for Dornat Drummond as Public Safety director

841-2024 Notice of \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of the Army grant for the Buhrer Avenue sewer replacement project.

842-2024 Notice of intent of Salus Development LLC to apply to Ohio Housing Finance Agency for Allerton Apartments development funding.

Howse-Jones (Ward 7) said this file needs to reflect her ward, not McCormack's Ward 3), and said that is probably why phone calls aren't returned regarding 842-2024.

843-2024 Oath of Office of Glenn Parker III for Civilian Police Review Board

844-2024 Notice of \$5,000 grant application and acceptance by the Cleveland Municipal Court from America 250-Ohio Commission/Trillium

845-2024 Notice of Public Safety acceptance of gift of electric motorcycle and training from Land Moto, Inc.

846-2024 Notice from Cuyahoga County for resurfacing a portion of Neff Road (Ward 8)

847-2024 Notice of Mayor Justin Bibb's appointment of Glen Shumate to the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority

Council received the following communications from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control:

860-2024 Transfer of ownership application, 4025 E. 131st St. (Ward 2).

861-2024 Economic Development transfer application: 2831 Detroit Ave. (Ward 3)

862-2024 New license application: 347 Euclid Ave. (Ward 3)

863-2024 Transfer of ownership application: 2625 E. 55th St. (Ward 5)

864-2024 New license application: 12308 Mayfield Rd. (Ward 6)

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866-2024 New license application: 2190 E. 105th St. (Ward 6)

867-2024 Transfer of license application: 3575 W. 117th St. (Ward 11)

868-2024 Stock application: 3314 Warren Rd. (Ward 17)

869-2024 New license application: 4059 E. 71st St. (Ward 12)

870-2024 Transfer of license application: 3670 W. 130th St. (Ward 16)

871-2024 Transfer of ownership application: 4360 Lee Rd. (Ward 1)

Condolence resolutions were read. Howse-Jones said a correction was needed for one: From Officer to Firefighter regarding Shawn P. Calvey.

Congratulations were read.

FIRST READING LEGISLATION REFERRED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE/COMMITTEE REVIEW

Emergency ordinances

805-2024 by Griffin and by departmental request to amend section 121.01 of codified ordinances relating to offices considered departments

806-2024 by Polensek and Griffin and by departmental request authorizing the Public Safety director to apply for and accept funds from the Ohio Department of Public Safety Emergency Management Agency to reimburse Cleveland for costs incurred during April 6-April 9 eclipse events.

807-2024 by Polensek and Griffin and by departmental request authorizing the Public Safety director to apply for and accept a grant from Ohio Attorney General's office for Law Enforcement Diversion Program.

809-2024 by McCormack, Bishop, Hairston and Griffin and by departmental request to change the name of a portion of West Roadway to Sherwin Way.

810-2024 by McCormack and Griffin and by departmental request authorizing the director of Port Control to enter into one or more two-year leases with renewal options for operation of valet parking service at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

811-2024 by Griffin and by departmental request authoring Finance, on behalf of Cleveland Municipal Court, to enter into non-competitive contract bidding with Iron Mountain for lease of storage space of records and purchases related to storage of records.

812-2024 regarding Public Utilities gifts, sponsorships, awards.

820-2024 regarding Public Safety contracts with Case Western Reserve University for data collection.

824-2024 regarding Port Control to employ professional consultants to provide legislative lobbying services.

832-2024 regarding Department of Finance amendment lease agreement with MidCity for 3631 Perkins Ave. as the location for the Community Police Commission.

Ordinances

795-2024 Emergency ordinance changing use, area and height districts of parcels of south Lorain Avenue land.

796-2024 Emergency ordinance changing use, area and height districts of parcels of north and south Lorain Avenue land and Norfolk Southern Railroad.

797-2024 Emergency Ordinance regarding mapped building setback along Pearl Road east and west sides.

Emergency resolutions

831-2024 to vacate a portion of West 48th Street S.W. and Ravine Court S.W.

FIRST READING LEGISLATION READ IN FULL AND PASSED

Emergency ordinances

829-2024 regarding Department of Public Health agreement with African American Wellness Walk for Black Men's Wellness Day.

859-2024 regarding Department of Capital Projects permit issue to Ward 4 Council Member Deborah Gray for 30 inclusive welcome banners.

Emergency resolutions

839-2024 Declaring Aug. 11, 2024, Eric Carmen Day

SECOND READING LEGISLATION PASSED

Emergency ordinances

746-2024 to remove certain parcels of property from the Shore-to-Core-to-Shore TIF District created by Ordinance No. 38-2024, passed March 25, 2024, pursuant to 5709.40(B); to declare certain improvements to real property to be a public purpose and exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 5709.41 of the Revised Code for an initial period of 30 years; to require the owners of the improvements to make service payments in lieu of the exempt taxes; to determine that the real property is in a blighted area of an impacted city; to determine that the owners of the improvements will make service payments in lieu of taxes in an amount that will exceed \$1.5 million in a future year; to extend the exemption from taxation pursuant to Section 5709.51 of the Revised Code for an additional 15-year period; and authorizing the director of Economic Development to enter into a Tax Increment Financing Agreement with Cleveland LD, LLC, and/or its designee, to redevelop Cleveland's riverfront.

Sponsors: Anthony Hairston, Blaine Griffin and by departmental request

715-2024 between Finance Department and Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter Co. for state lobbying services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

McCormack said anyone who experienced four or more hours without power/electricity who are on SNAP benefits can apply for a reimbursement card for the refrigerated food that [the SNAP recipients lost](#).

Griffin and McCormack said they hope the press will assist with getting this notice out to the public.

Council Member Kazy said the Raspberries concert celebrating singer Eric Carmen would be held at the Rock Hall on Aug. 8.

MISCELLANEOUS

Howse-Jones discussed file #869-13-C. She said Starr, Hairston, and herself wanted to have more equitable casino funds to contribute to supporting communities. She said the file ended up attached to previously passed legislation, which she said was not the intent. Howse-Jones said it should not require rocket science to move these types of efforts, which would benefit the community along the process.

Starr said he wants use of casino funds to be more concrete. He also emphasized how a power outage for days is life or death for some of our residents.

Conwell said he wants to see the city to respond as productively to remove trees as it did during last year's storm.

On the casino revenue front, Conwell said it should not take four years for a nonprofit to get reimbursed, as he said is the case for the Famicos Foundation. He said that kind of inefficiency shuts down CDCs.

[Editor's note: Some recipients of council's casino revenue money have [criticized the reimbursement-based process.](#)]

Polensek asked why the city isn't declaring the area a disaster with so many restaurants, food services, residents' loss of food, significant tree damage, etc.

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