



**Council Minutes
March 27, 2023**

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Council of the City of Shaker Heights met in a regular session at 7:02 p.m., Mayor David E. Weiss presiding.

Council Members Present: Mrs. Moore
Ms. Anne Williams
Ms. Carmella Williams
Mr. Earl Williams
Mr. Claytor (arrived at 7:08 p.m.)
Mr. Malone

Council Members Absent: Mr. Roeder

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Video of this meeting may be found [here](#) through March 27, 2026.

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Confirming the Shaker Heights Development Corporation Board appointments of Jeremy Paris and Alex Campbell.

Law Director William Ondrey Gruber stated that this item requests confirmation of the appointments made by the Board of the Shaker Heights Development Corporation (SHDC) of citizen trustees Jeremy Paris and Alex Campbell for a three-year term for the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2026. They are current board members and their terms expire March 31, 2023. The SHDC is a community improvement corporation under Ohio law and an agent of the City for economic development purposes. It is a non-profit organization and its code of regulations require a board of at least 9 members and no more than 21 members with 40% either elected or appointed officials. The rest are citizen appointees. The board includes a member of City Council appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, and a number of other administrative staff members, including the Chief Administrative Officer and several directors. There are also members of various Council committees considered public officials although not elected which are appointed to the board by the Mayor.

It was moved by Mrs. Moore, and seconded by Ms. Carmella Williams to confirm the Shaker Heights Development Corporation Board appointments of Jeremy Paris and Alex Campbell.

CITY OF SHAKER HEIGHTS

Roll Call: Ayes: Mrs. Moore, Ms. Anne Williams,
Ms. Carmella Williams,
Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Malone

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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It was moved by Ms. Carmella Williams, and seconded by Ms. Anne Williams, that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 27, 2023, be approved as recorded.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mrs. Moore, Ms. Anne Williams,
Ms. Carmella Williams,
Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Malone

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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The Mayor asked the Clerk of Council to read into the record public comments received by email or phone on any of the agenda items.

Clerk of Council Ms. Chaikin read aloud the comments submitted by resident Aaron C. Kinney of Thornton neighborhood regarding the proposed Arcadia site.

“If plans to proceed with construction and completion of the site are approved, I think a 55 and over community should be considered.

Different than an assisted living facility and not a nursing home but a 55 and over community in the area would benefit our community greatly. This would allow for a better cycle for retaining an existing population of older residents while offering great homes for young families to purchase and grow into.

There are plenty of assisted living facilities in the area to choose from but for parents, grandparents, other 55 and over citizens those facilities do not fit their needs. Benefits for the Thornton Park neighborhood may include but not limited to:

- Less traffic through Farnsleigh Road, Helen Road, Halburton Road
- Less noise pollution in the area
- Still a walkable area
- Options for our aging residents to live while still a part of the Shaker community
- Housing stock increase with new families coming in to purchase”

The Mayor invited members of the audience and those participating via Zoom the opportunity to “raise their hand” to provide public comment.

Dale Winsberg of 3421 Helen Road thanked the project developers who are hearing residents’ voices about entrance and egress and traffic flow to Helen Road that would have a really significant impact on their quality of life. He appreciates the developers making the change they made. He asked when the City may have a discussion about the traffic flow and a traffic study on Helen Road as a result of the project. Residents are concerned about what the plans are and he looks forward to further discussion about it.

Mayor Weiss stated that there are several traffic studies and Planning Director Joyce Braverman will follow-up with Mr. Winsberg.

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Ordinance No. 23-18, by Mr. Claytor, adopting the *Lee Road Action Plan which creates a vision to comprehensively transform the area south of Van Aken Boulevard into a thriving corridor and commercial district that is attractive, walkable, bikeable, and transit-friendly.*

Principal Planner Kara O’Donnell stated that this item is to adopt the Lee Road Action Plan dated March 21, 2023. Section 1212.03 of the Zoning Code gives the City Planning Commission (CPC) authorization to make recommendations to Council for adopting official plans for the City. This month the CPC did recommend the adoption of this plan to City Council. Section 1212.02 (a) and (f) of the Zoning Code gives Council the authority to take such actions as necessary to plan for future development of the City and to approve or disapprove any proposed amendments to any existing land use policies. At the February 13, 2023 Council Work Session the project team consisting of Planning and Economic Development staff with WSP and Ice Miller gave a detailed presentation. Tonight they will present a summary of the 100-page plan. The plan encompasses the commercial area south of Van Aken and a few blocks into the City of Cleveland. It has a limited range along Lee Road. When they go to implement it in 2027 it will include a road diet, improvements along the entirety of Lee Road in Shaker Heights, from the Cleveland Heights border and beyond the Cleveland border as we continue to coordinate and collaborate with Cleveland on their future improvements to the corridor. The goal of the plan is to rejuvenate this corridor through public investment and incentivize private investment as well as to bring a fresh perspective to the aging corridor to create an environment in which businesses can prosper. There was a very thorough engagement process where the community shared their preferences for multi-modal transportation, urban design and land use improvements. Community preferences and market demand led to the recommendations which were broken down into seven initiatives that will help facilitate implementation. The City’s vision is to reduce all of Lee Road from four to three lanes, border to border, with the details of the plan focused on the area south of Van Aken. The transportation is grounded in the road diet including an off road trail on the west side of Lee Road. Integral improvements also include a mid-block crossing, and a reconfiguration of Kenyon Road to one-way inbound. Public realm improvements include shared parking lots to reduce curb cuts. That helps improve both pedestrian and vehicular safety. They also propose sidewalk seating, lighting, and plantings to improve the appearance of the district and pedestrian connections to the neighborhood and transit. Land use recommendations include focused areas for redevelopment, integrating and supporting our existing businesses, infill opportunities as those arise, expanding Chelton Park all the way to Lee Road and connecting to the adjacent neighborhoods. From Van Aken to Chagrin the travel lanes will stay the same due to the traffic study, will improve pedestrian and bicycle travel, and there is proposed new indoor recreation with potential for a transit-oriented development. South of Chagrin it will go from five lanes to three lanes, integrate new and existing

buildings, upgrade pedestrian crossings, add raised medians, and create shared parking and access. The neighborhood center which is the focal point of the new plan builds a transformation center which builds on the existing Chelton Park and capitalizes on the opportunities created by the relocation of the bus depot, with active mixed-use and expands Chelton Park better to residential neighborhoods to the east and west. The southern gateway at the Shaker/Cleveland border is a three to four story mixed-use development which will be integrated with existing buildings with more shared parking and access, and streetscape with enhanced amenities and pedestrian crossings. The action plan recommends a number of economic development strategies. There are priority first steps, and many of these we anticipate working hand in hand with the SHDC if we move forward on this plan. These are general strategies and not detailed recommendations. Once the plan is adopted, staff will look at our specific programs and incentives. Each of those will be vetted with committees and Council before any changes are made. Support for business programming includes entrepreneurship support; business attraction, retention and expansion strategies; and business visibility strategies while working hand in hand with the SHDC and The Fund. We've been working really hard with NOACA, the county, and the City of Cleveland to keep each other updated and coordinated, but also in securing grant funds. At this time we have \$1.8 million of Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) funding for streetscape and pedestrian improvements, \$1 million of county ARPA funding, \$605,000 of NOACA funding for vehicular signalization and to improve air quality, and \$12.92 million in the process of funding with NOACA TIP which covers a lot of things like reconfiguration of the roadway, streetscape and the multipurpose path. Staff continues talking about all the opportunities for grants but after the plan is adopted that's when the real work starts for both the Economic Development and Planning Departments as well as City-wide.

Council member Mrs. Moore stated that she remembers when the Planning Department was working hard to put together the financing for Phase One of the Van Aken district and they showed they could do it. The way they have approached funding so strategically with the Lee Road Action Corridor is equally impressive. Their expertise and ongoing efforts shows all of us how it's done well. She thanked staff for all their efforts.

Council member Mr. Malone stated that this item was reviewed and enthusiastically supported by the City Planning Commission with the understanding that this is an aspirational document. We're not adopting every single page verbatim. We're approving this general direction in which the City is heading. Everyone was grateful for the commitment that the City is showing beyond simply improving the road. We're planning for ways to attract developers, thinking about how we could move the bus depot, and designing spaces along the corridor. It may not look exactly like the recommendation, but hopefully ten years from now we will have something comparable to the Van Aken district at that end of town as well.

Council member Ms. Anne Williams asked about the letter of support that was written and if it was for NOACA funding.

Ms. O'Donnell stated that adoption of the NOACA TIP funding is a very long and arduous process. Their board voted to approve the TIP, but there's a 30-day public comment period on the whole TIP, which is hundreds of pages for every project in greater northeast Ohio. The letter was to remind the board of the support for this project. There is about \$12.9 million that has been recommended, so we wanted to remind them that we all support it.

Council member Mr. Earl Williams asked if there is a competition amongst those trying to get money from NOACA.

Director Braverman stated that it's very competitive. There were something like 500 projects submitted for the TIP and 80 received funds in this round. We did have a very compelling application, especially since the City of Cleveland also had a companion application, and they received about \$10 million in the award, so us working together has really been beneficial.

Council member Mr. Claytor asked about the reference drawings.

Ms. O'Donnell stated that buildings in white are existing buildings and at this point there are no recommendation for what happens on those. Items in gold or red are proposals for redevelopment or renovation of existing buildings or sites. This is sort of a helicopter view of what might happen. It does not mean a particular parcel will definitely be a certain thing, it's painting a picture of what we want to see. It is the job of staff working in the coming years to figure out how to get this built.

Council member Ms. Anne Williams asked for a clarification on funding and the City match of \$7.75 million, which is not a one-time expense.

Ms. O'Donnell stated that staff continues to look for more money so that number goes down and she feels confident they can reduce it. Staff will be coming back to Council next month requesting authorization to apply for more money to keep this going. Many grants come with match requirements, so many of the grants may have a 20% match, a 10% match or a 40% match. It happens throughout construction of the project so we won't write one check for the full amount at the beginning.

Council member Ms. Carmella Williams commended the staff on the community engagement phase of this work. The staff and the consultants did an excellent job of getting out in the community and soliciting ideas and making people feel very much a part of the process. She hopes people will continue to stay engaged and follow what's going on, because patience definitely is more than a virtue in projects like this. She appreciates the work.

Mayor Weiss stated that he cannot pass up an opportunity like this to thank a number of people and to express how excited we are as a City, and as a community. This harkens all the way back to the Strategic Investment Plan in 2000. These kinds of projects are not for the faint of heart. They take a long time and a lot of effort by a lot of people to put this funding together, much like we did for the Van Aiken district. It's now time to look and pursue the investment in the Lee Road corridor. There were a number of people who have been very instrumental in this. Obviously Council is right at the top of the list with support, guidance and participation in the process. We've had a terrific consultant team. Ice Miller and WSP is with us tonight. We appreciate all their hard work and effort. Obviously the staff did a fabulous job. He thanked all the stakeholders in the community who had an interest in seeing the success of this project, and the school district, particularly as it relates to the bus depot. We've been working several years if not longer to put the funding sources together. He is really impressed. This is sort of the next step in the evolution of our commercial and mixed-use district in order to create jobs, advance economic development, and strengthen our neighborhood. He does not want to underestimate the importance of the connection of this commercial district to the neighborhoods on either side of Lee Road. He also acknowledged the work that we're doing with the City of Cleveland, Mayor Bib and Council member Joe Jones who have been very supportive. This

kind of a project of a regional nature is really quite a feat. Cleveland has been very supportive of this and ultimately we hope this revitalization will continue south on Lee Road eventually going all the way down to I-480. He is grateful for the funding sources, in particular from the county who's been working very closely with us. We hope they'll take an even greater role as we move forward towards construction. He wanted to let the public know who may not be as familiar with all the details about the complexity of this project. We are very pleased with the progress we have made and look forward to continuing that.

It was moved by Mr. Claytor, and seconded by Ms. Carmella Williams, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 23-18 be placed upon its final enactment.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mrs. Moore, Ms. Anne Williams,
Ms. Carmella Williams, Mr. Earl Williams,
Mr. Claytor, Mr. Malone

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Mr. Claytor, and seconded by Ms. Carmella Williams, that Ordinance No. 23-18 be enacted as read.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mrs. Moore, Ms. Anne Williams,
Ms. Carmella Williams, Mr. Earl Williams,
Mr. Claytor, Mr. Malone

Nays: None

Ordinance Enacted

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Ordinance No. 23-19, by Mr. Malone, administrative acceptance of the approval of the City Planning Commission and confirmation of the granting of two Conditional Use Permits to Metropolitan Holdings for the Arcadia Development at 3393 Warrensville Center Road, to locate dwelling units on the first floor in the Commercial Mixed-Use (CM) zoning district and for a Local Sign District, pursuant to Section 1213.05 of the City's Zoning Code.

Planning Director Joyce Braverman stated that City Council approves conditional use permits. In this case, there are two: one for dwelling units on the first floor, because in the commercial mixed use district this is to be an active first floor usage. In this case, the dwelling units face Helen and Farnsleigh, where there is retail and active uses facing Warrensville. A local sign district also requires a conditional use permit, where a developer or a set of owners ask to replace our sign code with something that might be allowed more flexibility. The developer has proposed a sign district very similar to the district and those regulations across the street at the Van Aken district. This project is for a 141-unit mixed-use apartment building. It has 182 indoor spaces, and with outdoor spaces a total of 237 spaces. The City Planning Commission (CPC) approved site plan review and variances for this proposed

development with some minor conditions, including a detailed design of the south retaining wall, as well as a detailed design of the south wall of the building, submitting a plat to combine the two parcels into one, and widening a driveway on Warrensville. A question was raised about a traffic study which is required by the CPC for site plan review. A traffic study was completed by Wells and Associates and presented twice to the CPC, staff and the City engineer. It was felt that there would not be adverse impact to the traffic. That is a very broad statement, but does encompass all the work that went into reviewing that traffic study. The developer also had two public meetings with neighbors, and they did make changes and modifications to the site and building design in response to the neighborhood input, including changing an access point from Helen Road to Farnsleigh. There is no traffic going out onto Helen Road. In addition some of the building design was changed along Farnsleigh. The buildings which look like townhouses facing Farnsleigh are a little bit shorter than what was originally proposed. This item is requested as an emergency with a suspension of the rules in order for construction drawings to progress and the project to stay on schedule.

Council member Mr. Malone stated that this item was reviewed and unanimously approved by the City Planning Commission. As is typical in these very substantial projects, the two items for Council approval tonight did not merit much discussion. The sign district is very similar to the Van Aken district and the first floor residential was not much of an issue because Warrensville will have an active commercial use. There was terrific engagement by the developer with the community as has already been alluded to with significant changes. He is not aware of any opposition to the final plan. Residents did express concern about the existing traffic flow at the end of the driveway leading up to Thornton Park. That intersection is tricky. The resident who was commenting earlier might have been alluding to traffic during construction, but he does not remember them discussing that at the City Planning Commission meeting. The project was enthusiastically supported in its final version.

Director Braverman stated that the lead architect Kevin Dreyfuss-Wells is present and the developer is participating online tonight.

Council member Mrs. Moore asked about traffic on Helen Road.

Director Braverman clarified that traffic from the development will not exit onto Helen Road. Most of the traffic will go onto Warrensville or onto Farnsleigh. They have tried to drive the traffic onto Farnsleigh because the Farnsleigh/Warrensville intersection has a signal that works quite well. Helen Road will have the traffic they have now. There could be some people who go onto Helen and the traffic study did look at that, but very few a day would actually go right onto Helen and then try to get onto Chagrin. To make a left onto Chagrin is very difficult at that intersection so people will choose not to do that.

Law Director William Ondrey Gruber stated that it might be worth mentioning that it was looked into, but ultimately there's no proposed change to the traffic direction on Helen Road.

Director Braverman stated that is correct. At one point there was discussion about creating a two-way onto Helen to help traffic flow. The residents did voice their opinion that they were not interested in that, and so the developer did not pursue a two-way street. It's going to stay a one-way street.

Mayor Weiss emphasized the good working relationship the developers had with the Thornton Park neighborhood and the residents on Helen Road. There was a lot of give and take to find a solution to some of the concerns that the residents had and we ended up with a better project for it in the solution

with traffic coming out onto Farnsleigh. This is an excellent solution to the issue. He thanked the residents for their participation.

It was moved by Mr. Malone, and seconded by Mr. Claytor, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 23-19 be placed upon its final enactment.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mrs. Moore, Ms. Anne Williams,
Ms. Carmella Williams, Mr. Earl Williams,
Mr. Claytor, Mr. Malone

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Mr. Malone, and seconded by Mr. Claytor, that Ordinance No. 23-19 be enacted as read.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mrs. Moore, Ms. Anne Williams,
Ms. Carmella Williams, Mr. Earl Williams,
Mr. Claytor, Mr. Malone

Nays: None

Ordinance Enacted

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Ordinance No. 23-20, by Mrs. Moore, a resolution adopting the updated Countywide All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, to expedite eligibility for federal disaster mitigation funding for future natural disasters in the City of Shaker Heights, and declaring an emergency.

Fire Chief Patrick Sweeney stated that in order to receive funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) should we have a significant emergency in the City, we have to adopt and have a hazard mitigation plan. As part of that process we undergo a hazard identification and risk assessment (HIRA). We partnered with our strategic partners in Cuyahoga County at the Office of Emergency Management. As we go through this process, we look to identify things that would cause a major disruption to the community. Examples of that are storms. We saw that happening the other day. Throughout his career here, he has seen a lot of major storms bringing down trees. That's one of the most common emergencies that happens during storms. Another one that we all dealt with is COVID-19 over the last two to three years. That had a huge impact on the community. As we go through the risk assessments with the county, we evaluate the likelihood of those things happening in in our community. Some of the things we do to minimize the risk of disasters on the community is using the ReadyNotify system to get notifications out to the community members as quick as possible. We also have a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) who are volunteer members in the community that help out when we have fires or storms. Our CERT team most recently was activated two days ago when power lines were down all over the City. We ask them to be at the site of downed power lines after they are trained so that we can free the usage of fire trucks. Another good example of collaboration is working with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH). This mitigation plan

helps us develop these relationships and processes. In our partnership with the CCBH, we created distribution points for medications or vaccines. Those plans were in place before COVID-19 so we were able to implement them. As part of this whole process, the City has to review the mitigation plan every five years. All of the communities in Cuyahoga County partner with the county emergency management association, and go through this whole process. The plan must be adopted by Council every five years. We are constantly reevaluating everything that is going on to see if there are changes in the community or things that we might have missed. We've been doing this for about 20 years. The new plan requires Council to adopt it and makes us eligible for federal funding. Before FEMA can come in to a community and provide federal funding they have to have a mitigation plan adopted. The Safety and Public Works Commission asked whether the plan addresses the incident management component and it does. An example of that was how COVID-19 was impacting City services and the residents. We developed an incident management team with the Mayor and many on the Management Team. These plans help us have the framework to do stuff like that, so we're not creating it on the fly. All the cities in Cuyahoga County participate. This item is requested as an emergency with a suspension of the rules so that we can be eligible for funding. Hopefully we don't need it, but if we do we will be ready.

Council member Ms. Carmella Williams stated that this item was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Safety and Public Works Committee. This plan highlights not only the importance of preparing, but the tragedy that can occur when trying to create a plan during a crisis.

Council member Ms. Anne Williams asked what changes in this plan differ from the previous plan, and if it now covers something like COVID-19. She thanked staff for doing this.

Chief Sweeney stated that they fine-tuned the plans. They gained a lot of experience implementing the distribution centers, and the vaccination clinics. Everything was done on paper before. They didn't find any new things in Shaker Heights that would cause us trouble but there were lessons learned throughout that process.

It was moved by Mrs. Moore, and seconded by Ms. Anne Williams, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 23-20 be placed upon its final enactment.

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| Roll Call: | Ayes: | Mrs. Moore, Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams, Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Claytor, Mr. Malone |
| | Nays: | None |

Motion Carried

Moved by Mrs. Moore, and seconded by Ms. Anne Williams, that Ordinance No. 23-20 be enacted as read.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mrs. Moore, Ms. Anne Williams,
Ms. Carmella Williams, Mr. Earl Williams,
Mr. Claytor, Mr. Malone

Nays: None

Ordinance Enacted

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Ordinance No. 23-21, by Mrs. Moore, authorizing the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$16,344 from the Cuyahoga Solid Waste District to reimburse the City for the neighborhood composting pilot program, and declaring an emergency.

Sustainability Coordinator Michael Peters stated that in February the City applied for a special projects grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. He is pleased to report that we did receive grant funding through that program. We did this in collaboration with Rust Belt Riders who has been the City's partner on various composting initiatives. The grant funds will be used to expand our composting into a neighborhood-based program that we hope will serve as a pilot for a future City-wide program. The grant funds will allow us to continue to lead the region in innovative waste management programs like composting. We are currently working with the Lomond neighborhood and hopefully the Lomond School as the target for this pilot. We continue to refine the details of the program, but hoping for a kickoff fairly soon for a program that will last for approximately a year so we can get the data that we need to refine the program for future rollouts. The grant amount is for \$16,344, \$15,600 of that will be for picking up the compost materials from the neighborhood drop-off program and from the school for a one-year time period by Rust Belt Riders with \$744 allocated to education and marketing materials around that. We do plan to supplement those dollars to a small extent through funds that have previously been allocated through the sustainability budget for a composting pilot. The Sustainability Committee commented that greater accessibility to composting programs in the City has long been a goal of the committee and that collaboration with the schools is also a notable plus. We are happy to see that Onaway School joined Fernway School in composting. We are currently working with representatives, parents and the PTO at Boulevard School to hopefully expand there as well. The Finance Committee noted that the City continues to make significant advances in food waste diversion. It was reported that in 2022 as a whole, the City diverted close to 600,000 pounds of food waste. This is a considerable amount of food waste that is being diverted and not going into landfill. This item is requested as an emergency with a suspension of the rules to meet the deadlines and requirements of the Solid Waste District.

Council member Mrs. Moore stated that this past weekend she attended a climate conference. She learned that 23% more methane is produced internationally than other forms of carbon and other substances that actually contribute to climate change, which is the main offshoot for solid waste that goes into the landfill. When we compost our solid waste, such as what Rust Belt Riders is doing through this program, we actually do more to impede the greenhouse gases that are being produced. In the LEED for Cities program that we piloted and have reached Gold status, this is a particular area that we wanted to improve in. The fact that we will soon have four out of five elementary schools, hopefully participating is really amazing progress. The fact that this is a pilot for a neighborhood school program is really different and hopefully it'll lead to City-wide solid waste composting.

Council member Ms. Anne Williams stated that this item was reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee

It was moved by Mrs. Moore, and seconded by Ms. Anne Williams, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 23-21 be placed upon its final enactment.

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| Roll Call: | Ayes: | Mrs. Moore, Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams, Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Claytor, Mr. Malone |
| | Nays: | None |

Motion Carried

Moved by Mrs. Moore, and seconded by Ms. Anne Williams, that Ordinance No. 23-21 be enacted as read.

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| Roll Call: | Ayes: | Mrs. Moore, Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams, Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Claytor, Mr. Malone |
| | Nays: | None |

Ordinance Enacted

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Ordinance No. 23-22, by Mr. Claytor, amending Ordinance 22-126 making appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Shaker Heights, Ohio for the year ending December 31, 2023, in Fund No. 101, the General Fund, by appropriating an additional \$16,344 for the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District Special Projects Grant, and declaring an emergency.

Sustainability Coordinator Michael Peters stated that this item appropriates the grant funding from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District for the pilot composting program in the Lomond neighborhood and hopefully at Lomond School.

It was moved by Mr. Claytor, and seconded by Ms. Anne Williams, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 23-22 be placed upon its final enactment.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mrs. Moore, Ms. Anne Williams,
Ms. Carmella Williams, Mr. Earl Williams,
Mr. Claytor, Mr. Malone

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Mr. Claytor, and seconded by Ms. Anne Williams, that Ordinance No. 23-22 be enacted as read.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mrs. Moore, Ms. Anne Williams,
Ms. Carmella Williams, Mr. Earl Williams,
Mr. Claytor, Mr. Malone

Nays: None

Ordinance Enacted

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Ordinance No. 23-23, by Ms. Carmella Williams, approving and authorizing execution of a Purchase Agreement under the City's Side Lot Program for the sale of the City-owned property at 14109 Becket Road (Parcel No. 731-11-037) to Edith W. Morris and Caleb S. Morris, the owners of the property at 14105 Becket Road (Parcel No. 731-11-038), for a purchase price of \$1.00, authorizing the disposition of City-owned property without competitive bidding, and declaring an emergency.

Neighborhood Housing Specialist Brendan Zak stated that this item authorizes the purchase of City-owned property located at 14109 Beckett Road as a side lot. The applicant proposes to use the side lot to expand his outdoor living space. The City-owned lot is 50 feet wide and 112 feet deep. The City acquired this parcel in November 2014 and demolished the house in the same year. The applicant meets the qualifications and conditions to purchase the property, including his home being owner-occupied, not being in foreclosure and being current on property taxes. There are no outstanding building, housing or Zoning Code violations. As part of this application, the applicant's property will be permanently consolidated with the vacant lot. The applicant's proposal is consistent with the City and neighborhood goal of expanding the size of lots in the neighborhood. The City has no redevelopment plans for the vacant lot and the agreement will specify that any large trees on the property must remain unless there is a documented disease or other natural event that requires removal of a tree. This item is requested as an emergency with a suspension of the rules to expedite the sale of the City-owned property to reduce the use of City resources to maintain this lot.

Council member Ms. Carmella Williams stated that this item was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Neighborhood and Economic Development Committee.

Council member Ms. Anne Williams stated that this item was reviewed and unanimously recommended for approval to Council by the Finance Committee. There were no questions or comments.

discussed, these two also have a historical connection in that the Ludlow neighborhood recently received a historical marker last year. It is an excellent thing that these homeowners are investing in their property and further beautifying the wonderful neighborhood that has historical significance.

Council member Ms. Anne Williams stated that this item was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Finance Committee. There were no questions or comments.

It was moved by Ms. Carmella Williams, and seconded by Ms. Anne Williams, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 23-24 be placed upon its final enactment.

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| Roll Call: | Ayes: | Mrs. Moore, Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams, Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Claytor, Mr. Malone |
| | Nays: | None |

Motion Carried

Moved by Ms. Carmella Williams, and seconded by Ms. Anne Williams, that Ordinance No. 23-24 be enacted as read.

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| Roll Call: | Ayes: | Mrs. Moore, Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams, Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Claytor, Mr. Malone |
| | Nays: | None |

Ordinance Enacted

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Ordinance No. 23-25, by Ms. Carmella Williams, authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF), pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2981.13, to purchase replacement glass for the LENCO Bearcat rescue vehicle from LENCO Armored Vehicles in the maximum amount of \$11,041.95 for the Police Department, and declaring an emergency.

Police Chief Wayne Hudson stated that this item requests Council authorization to approve the purchase of replacement window glass for the Bearcat rescue vehicle. The windows in this rescue vehicle are becoming delaminated which reduces the ballistic capabilities of the vehicle. They need the vehicle to have operational readiness in case there is an emergency response, which we do have in the City.

Council member Ms. Carmella Williams stated that this item was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Safety and Public Works Committee. There were a couple of questions regarding whether the pricing was fair, and where the repairs would be performed, which were addressed during the meeting.

Council member Ms. Anne Williams stated that this item was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Finance Committee. There were a couple of questions which were answered about where the vehicle would be repaired and how it would be transported.

It was moved by Ms. Carmella Williams, and seconded by Ms. Anne Williams, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 23-25 be placed upon its final enactment.

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| Roll Call: | Ayes: | Mrs. Moore, Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams, Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Claytor, Mr. Malone |
| | Nays: | None |

Motion Carried

Moved by Ms. Carmella Williams, and seconded by Ms. Anne Williams, that Ordinance No. 23-25 be enacted as read.

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| Roll Call: | Ayes: | Mrs. Moore, Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams, Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Claytor, Mr. Malone |
| | Nays: | None |

Ordinance Enacted

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Ordinance No. 23-26, by Mr. Earl Williams, proclaiming April 2023 as Fair Housing Month in Shaker Heights, recognizing and celebrating the theme that Fair Housing provides “Choices for All Voices: Building an Equitable Future” as the City reiterates its support for housing without discrimination and the maintenance of an inclusive community.

Council member Mr. Earl Williams stated that Fair Housing Month is celebrated each April across the country in commemoration of the enactment of the 1968 Fair Housing Act, which became law one week after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. It originally prohibited discrimination based on race, color, national origin and religion. It was amended several times. The City of Shaker Heights was one of the first cities in 1992 to be recognized by the federal government as having a fair housing law which has been amended and improved over the years to the point that Shaker Heights has the only Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) in northeast Ohio which is unique for the City and a benefit for all its residents. The City has since 1992 maintained a fair housing office as a federally recognized FHAP. In addition to prohibiting housing discrimination we have an explicit mandate on the original 1968 Act, which we’ve amended to prohibit sexual orientation discrimination and other items. This item reaffirms the commitment to the goals of promoting housing choice and pursuing integration as mandated by the 1968 Fair Housing Act and the principles guaranteed in the City's Fair Housing Ordinance.

Moved by Ms. Anne Williams, and seconded by Ms. Carmella Williams, that Ordinance No. 23-27 be enacted as read.

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| Roll Call: | Ayes: | Mrs. Moore, Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams, Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Claytor, Mr. Malone |
| | Nays: | None |

Ordinance Enacted

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The Mayor asked the Clerk of Council to read into the record public comments received by email or phone on other items.

Clerk of Council Ms. Chaikin stated that no comments were received on other items by email or phone.

The Mayor invited members of the audience and those participating via Zoom the opportunity to “raise their hand” to provide public comment.

No comments were offered.

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At 8:14 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Earl Williams, and seconded by Mr. Claytor that Council go into an executive session to discuss imminent or pending litigation; and personnel matters, including the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of one or more public employees or officials.

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| Roll Call: | Ayes: | Mrs. Moore, Ms. Anne Williams, Ms. Carmella Williams, Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Claytor, Mr. Malone |
| | Nays: | None |

Motion Carried

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There being no further business before Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

DAVID E. WEISS, Mayor

JERI E. CHAIKIN, Clerk of Council