



City of Mountain Breezes
CLEVELAND, GEORGIA
Cleveland City Council
Called Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 25, 2024 - 5:30 P.M.
Cleveland Community Center/Police Department
342 Campbell Street, Cleveland, GA

1. Call to Order

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor Josh Turner, Council Members Nan Bowen, Annie Sutton, Jeremy McClure (Mayor Pro Tem), and C.J. McDonald

Also, present were City Administrator Kevin Harris, City Attorney Keith Whitaker, and City Clerk Lisa Ritchie

Motion by Council Member Sutton, seconded by Council Member Bowen, and voted, unanimously, to approve the agenda.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen and voted, unanimously, to enter an Executive Session at 5:31 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Discussion regarding Real Estate, Pending Litigation, and Personnel

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the Called Meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Council Member McDonald opened the door to allow citizens to return to the regular meeting.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen and voted, unanimously, to approve and authorize City Administrator Kevin Harris to sign the

Agreement and General Release as presented to the Mayor and Council in executive session, which Agreement resolves certain legal claims asserted by Connie Tracas against the City of Cleveland, includes mutual releases between the parties, provides confidentiality and mutual non-disparagement terms, and authorizes the payment of \$53,000 to Ms. Tracas ,and under the city's insurance policy the city is responsible for a \$10,000 deductible.

Mayor Turner stated that, last year, Connie Tracas asserted certain legal claims against the City of Cleveland. The City denied and continues to deny any wrongdoing or liability in the matter. The claims asserted were turned over to the City's insurance for defense and coverage. The matter was resolved by a negotiated settlement between the parties.

ADJOURN

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Approved this 8th day of April 2024.

Josh Turner
Josh Turner

Mayor

Jeremy McClure
Jeremy McClure

Council Member
Ward 3
Mayor Pro Tem

Nan Bowen
Nan Bowen
Council Member
Ward 1

C.J. McDonald
C.J. McDonald
Council Member
Ward 4

Annie Sutton
Annie Sutton
Council Member
Ward 2

ATTEST:
Lisa A. Ritchie
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City Clerk