



**Cleveland City Council
Called Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 23, 2023 - 6:30 P.M.
Cleveland Community Center/Police Department
342 Campbell Street, Cleveland, GA**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 6:30 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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

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

PRESENTATIONS

4. Proclamation honoring James Thomas for 52 years of service

Mayor Turner read the proclamation.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton, and voted, unanimously, to approve the proclamation honoring James Thomas and his 52 years of service.

The Mayor and Council presented the proclamation to Mr. Thomas. Mayor Turner presented Mr. Thomas with a Key to the City.

5. Proclamation proclaiming November 5, 2023 as Retired Educator's Day

Mayor Turner read the proclamation.

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to approve the proclamation proclaiming November 5, 2023 as Retired Educator's Day.

The Mayor and Council presented the proclamation to Debbie Petty-Truelove, Linda Ashworth-Fitzpatrick, and Judy Lovell. Council Member Bowen is also a retired educator.

NEW BUSINESS

Economic Development and Planning Director Tom O'Bryant addressed the Mayor and Council Members.

6. Rescind Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) sidewalk grant for preliminary engineering

Mr. O'Bryant stated that the city applied for the grant in late 2022. He said during discussion with the Georgia Department of Transportation it was determined that due to the new DOT standards and lack of right-of-way, preliminary engineering costs will be significantly more expensive than originally planned. He stated that it could be done for less through the city's own resources.

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure, and voted, unanimously, to approve the rescinding the Georgia Department of Transportation's Alternative Program sidewalk grant for preliminary engineering.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN HARRIS

Mr. Harris did not have any items to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen and voted, unanimously, to enter an Executive Session at 6:44 p.m.

7. Discussion regarding personnel

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member Bowen and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the City Council Meeting at 8:43 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 McDonald and voted, unanimously, to appoint Ricky Hunt as the new Public Works Director with a salary of \$110,000 annually.



ADJOURN

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the Called City Council Meeting of October 23, 2023 at 8:45 p.m.

Approved this 6th day of November, 2023.

 _____ Josh Turner Mayor	 _____ Jeremy McClure Council Member Ward 3 Mayor Pro Tem
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 _____ Nan Bowen Council Member Ward 1	 _____ C.J. McDonald Council Member Ward 4
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 _____ Annie Sutton Council Member Ward 2	ATTEST:  _____ Lisa A. Ritchie City Clerk
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