



Cleveland City Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 5, 2022 - 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, Rebecca Yardley, Jeremy McClure, and C.J. McDonald (Mayor Pro Tem)

Also present were City Attorney Keith Whitaker, Co-Counsel Grant Keene, and City Clerk Lisa Ritchie

2. Invocation – Patrick Ballington, The Bridge Church, and White County Ministerial Alliance

Pastor Ballington stated that The Bridge Church raised \$78,000 for its Be Rich Generosity Campaign. He said last year they raised \$47,000.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approve Agenda

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

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to remove Executive Session from the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

5. Proclamation for presentation at a later date

Motion by Council Member Yardley, seconded by Council Member Bowen, and voted, unanimously, to approve the Proclamation for presentation at a later date.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN HARRIS

Mr. Harris was not in attendance. Ms. Ritchie provided the following City Administrator items on Mr. Harris' behalf:

- Appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce, City of Cleveland law enforcement, firefighters, and staff for all the work and collaboration that went into the Annual Christmas Parade
- A new holiday arch was purchased and placed in front of City Hall. The purchase was made possible by using hotel/motel revenues and does not negatively impact the general budget
- Staff is currently working on security items; migration to the new phone system, multi-factor authentication, and strengthening of passwords
- Sections 6-10 of the proposed personnel handbook will be provided at the next Council Meeting
- Potential water, sewer, and sanitation rates for the 2023 calendar year will be provided in the next Council Meeting

CITY ATTORNEY KEITH WHITAKER AND/OR CO-COUNSEL GRANT KEENE

None

NEW BUSINESS

6. 2022-2023 APEX/KEY RISK Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal Proposal

Ms. Ritchie stated that the renewal was budgeted for and that the premium is approximately \$2,000 less than last year's.

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to approve the acceptance of the 2022-2023 APEX/KEY RISK Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal.

7. Approve Meeting Minutes

- November 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- November 16, 2022 Called Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member McClure, and voted, unanimously, to approve the November 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes and November 16, 2022 Called Meeting Minutes.

8. Approve Executive Session Minutes

- November 14, 2022 Executive Session Minutes
- November 16, 2022 Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Council Member Yardley, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to approve the November 14, 2022, and November 16, 2022 Executive Session Minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Beth Truelove, White County Chamber of Commerce President, addressed the Mayor and Council Members to express appreciation on behalf of the businesses for the Police and Fire Departments, and the City Council for their support and assistance in making the annual parade successful.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Ritchie announced upcoming calendar items.

9. Upcoming calendar items:

- White County Water Authority Meeting – Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. at the Water Authority
- Retirement Reception for Grant Keene – Monday, December 12, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Cleveland Police Department prior to the City Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Downtown Development Authority – Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was removed from the agenda earlier in the meeting.

~~10. Discussion regarding real estate and personnel matters~~

ADJOURN

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member Yardley, and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the Meeting of December 5, 2022, at 6:47 p.m.

Josh Turner

Josh Turner Mayor

Jeremy McClure

Jeremy McClure Council Member
Ward 3

Nan Bowen

Nan Bowen Council Member
Ward 1

C.J. McDonald

C.J. McDonald Council Member
Ward 4

Rebecca H. Yardley

Rebecca Yardley Council Member
Ward 2

Lisa A. Ritchie

ATTEST:
Lisa A. Ritchie Mayor Pro Tem
City Clerk