



**Cleveland City Council
Minutes**

Monday, February 13, 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, Rebecca Yardley (Mayor Pro Tem), Jeremy McClure, and C.J. McDonald

Also present were City Administrator Kevin Harris and City Attorney Keith Whitaker

- 2. Invocation – Steve Smith of Helen First Baptist Church & White County Ministerial Alliance**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Approve Agenda**

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

PRESENTATION

- 5. Presentation by Mayor Josh Turner**

Mayor Turner presented a Certificate of Achievement to Council Member Nan Bowen for 72 hours of training with the Georgia Municipal Association.

PLANNING AND ZONING CHAIRMAN NADINE WARDENGA

Mayor Turner introduced the Planning and Zoning item.

Ms. Wardenga addressed the Mayor and Council Members.

- 6. Consider 2043, Edward Hatcher Family Investment Group, LLC, requesting an annexation and zoning for approximately 4.01 acres, presently part of an 18.23-acre tract, Tax Map and Parcel 033D 037, located between the present City**

6. Consider 2043, Edward Hatcher Family Investment Group, LLC, requesting an annexation and zoning for approximately 4.01 acres, presently part of an 18.23-acre tract, Tax Map and Parcel 033D 037, located between the present City Limits and the Georgia Department of Transportation (By-pass) right-of-way. Request of zoning classification is B-2, Highway Commercial District. The proposed use of this property is for commercial development.

Mayor Turner stated that the registered agent is listed as James (Jadie) Hatcher. He explained the procedures of the Public Hearing stating that after this Public Hearing action may be taken by the Council approving or disapproving the proposed annexation and zoning amendment or for action to be postponed or tabled for a future City Council Meeting.

Mayor Turner stated that should the requested annexation and zoning be approved, an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance of the City of Cleveland shall be signed by the Mayor and the Council and filed as an official record of the city and the city zoning map shall be altered to reflect the approved amendment. He stated should the request be denied, the same property may not again be considered for annexation and zoning until the expiration of at least six months following the denial of the proposed annexation and zoning.

Mayor Turner discussed the conduct of the Public Hearing, introduced the item, and confirmed with Mr. Hatcher had submitted a disclosure of campaign contributions certification that he had not, within the two years immediately preceding his application made any contributions aggregating \$250 or more to any local government official involved in the review or consideration of his application.

Mayor Turner stated that the Tax Clerk has certified that all taxes for the property, Tax Map and Parcel 033D 037, has been paid in full.

Ms. Wardenga addressed the Mayor and Council Members and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted, unanimously, to approve the application.

The applicant, Jadie Hatcher, 565 Joe Black Road, Sautee, addressed the Mayor and Council Members in support of his application.

There were no comments in favor or in opposition to Mr. Hatcher's application.

Mayor Turner closed the Public Hearing. He stated that White County has, unanimously, supported the annexation into the city.

Mayor Turner asked for a vote, by show of hands, on annexation ordinance 2023-01 to annex the property into the city. It was favored unanimously.

Mayor Turner asked for a vote, by show of hands, on the zoning application 2043 to zone the requested parcel B-2, Highway Commercial District. It was favored unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Yardley, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to adopt Annexation Ordinance 2023-01.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

7. Economic Development and Planning– Director Tom O’Bryant

- January 2023 Report

Mr. O’Bryant addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following January items:

- Occupational Licenses – 2 (Foothills Automotive Group, and In the Loop Consulting)
- Building Permits – 3 (White County Tax Office LDP, and Atlantic Billboards)
- Sign Permits – 3 (Foothills Automotive, Atlantic Billboards, and One on One Tax Center)
- Building Inspections – 22 (Final for Popeyes)
- Plan Reviews – 1 (Pre-Application for Apex Bank)
- Zoning Application – 1 (Annexation Application Jadie Hatcher)
- Current Commercial Activity – 4
- Development Inquiries – 5 (Landbridge Development; Package Store (2); Myers & Co)
- Grant Applications
 - Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Grant was submitted to ARC in Washington, DC
 - GDOT Transportation Alternative (TAP) grant application has been fully funded. 80% funding up to \$400,000 for preliminary engineering for sidewalk and crosswalks connecting Freedom Park and the City Park.
- Infrastructure
 - London Land Surveying is drawing up a plat with the proposed easement for the gravity flow sewer line at the Head Street lift station.
 - The new well draw down test results have been submitted to Georgia EPD for review.

- GDOT LMIG application was submitted. GDOT approved the application for funding for the resurface Donald E. Thurmond Parkway along with the project/s from 2022.

8. Finance Department – City Administrator Kevin Harris

- January 2023 Report

Mr. Harris addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following January items stating that there were minimal changes:

- Fund transfer from the General account to the enterprise fund
- Some items increased due to interest
- It is very consistent, frugal, and stable budget

9. Fire Department – Chief Ricky Pruitt

- January 2023 Report

Chief Pruitt addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following January items:

- Total of 105 Calls: 52 inside the city and 53 in the County
- White County Fire Department responded 6 times in the city

10. Police Department - Chief Jeff Shoemaker

- January 2023 Report

Chief Shoemaker addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following January items:

- Total occurrences – 1,828
- Total 2023 occurrences – 1,828
 - Public assists - 386
 - Premise checks – 996
 - Field interviews - 5
 - Incident reports - 54
 - Accident reports - 17
 - Investigative/supplemental - 69
 - Citations Issued - 88
 - Warnings - 197
 - Warrants - 16
 - Juveniles – 1
- Citations
 - Misdemeanor, non-traffic - 5

- DUI, Alcohol, & serious offenses - 1
- Driver's license, Registration, & Insurance - 32
- Moving violations, traffic control, etc. - 48
- Equipment, seatbelt, etc. - 2

11. Public Works Department – Assistant Public Works Director Ricky Hunt

- January 2023 Report

Mr. Harris addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following January items:

- Inside New Water Cut-In – 1 (Residential)
- Check for Leaks – 11 (resulting from cold weather in December)
- Monthly Meter Readings – 2,236
- Monthly Meter Re-Reads – 38
- Total Number of Service Orders – 2,409

CITY ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN HARRIS

12. Personnel Policy – Sections 11 through 13

Mr. Harris discussed sections 11 through 13 of the proposed personnel policy. He stated inclusions and edits done to the proposal since the last discussion.

CITY ATTORNEY KEITH WHITAKER

Mr. Whitaker did not have any information to report.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- February 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to approve the Minutes of the February 6, 2023 Meeting.

14. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

- February 6, 2023 Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to postpone the Minutes of the February 6, 2023 Executive Session Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. January 9, 2023 Executive Session Minutes – NOTE: Postponed from the February 6, 2023 Meeting

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member Bowen, and voted, unanimously, to postpone the Minutes of the January 9, 2023 Executive Session Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen and voted, unanimously, to enter an Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

16. Discussion regarding real estate and personnel matters

Motion by Council Member Yardley, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the City Council Meeting at 8:52 p.m.

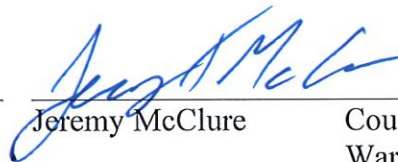
Council Member McDonald opened the door to allow citizens to return to the regular meeting. There were no citizens waiting to return to the meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion by Council Member Yardley, seconded by Council Member McDonald and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the City Council Meeting of February 13, 2023, at p.m.



Josh Turner Mayor



Jeremy McClure Council Member Ward 3



Nan Bowen Council Member Ward 1



C.J. McDonald Council Member Ward 4

Rebecca Yardley Council Member Ward 2
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Lisa A. Ritchie City Clerk