



*City of Mountain Breezes*  
CLEVELAND, GEORGIA  
**Cleveland City Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, February 5, 2024 - 6:30 P.M.**  
**Cleveland Community Center/Police Department**  
**342 Campbell Street, Cleveland, GA**

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 (by phone)

- 2. Invocation – Associate Pastor Dennis Turner, Cleveland First Baptist Church, and White County Ministerial Alliance**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Approve Agenda**

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen, and voted, unanimously, to approve the agenda with an amendment to strike items 7 and 8 and renumber the remaining items.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 5. First Public Hearing – Resolution 2024-03 – The Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Transition Plan**

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

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Turner closed the Public Hearing.

6. First Public Hearing – Resolution 2024-04 to Amend the City of Cleveland Personnel Policy

- 7.3.2 - Attendance & Work Hours, Overtime, Exempt Employees
- 11.2 - Time off, Accrual Schedule
- 11.2.3 – Time Off, Accrual Schedule, Paid Time Off Upon Separation of Employment
- 11.5 Time Off, Bereavement Leave
- 14.15 – Employee Responsibilities and Conduct, Policy Review

Mr. Harris addressed the Mayor and Council Members.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Turner closed the Public Hearing.

**NEW BUSINESS**

~~7. Resolution 2024-05 to Amend Board Appointments~~

Item was struck during the adoption of the agenda.

~~8. Purchase of generators utilizing SPLOST V funding~~

Item was struck during the adoption of the agenda.

7. Agreement with White County for detention of persons charged with violations of statutes of the State of Georgia and City Ordinances (\$45.00 per diem boarding fee)

Mr. Harris stated that the agreement is an annual renewal with a \$10.00 per diem increase.

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure, and voted, unanimously, to approve the agreement with White County.

8. Meeting and Called Meeting Minutes

- January 16, 2024, Called Meeting Minutes
- January 29, 2024, Called Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton, and voted, unanimously, to approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2024, and January 29, 2024 Called Meetings.

9. Executive Session Minutes

- January 16, 2024, Executive Session Minutes
- January 29, 2024, Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2024, and January 29, 2024, Executive Sessions.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Judy Lovell addressed the Mayor and Council. She discussed a 1912 Cleveland Courier article regarding candidates for the Presidential Primary.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

10. Utility Improvement (replace 8" lines with new 12" lines on Hulsey Road – funding with the remainder of SPLOST IV funds and any remaining balance funded by SPLOST V)

Finance Director John Solmon addressed the Mayor and Council Members.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen, and voted, unanimously, to approve the item and funding as stated.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Harris gave the announcement.

11. Upcoming calendar item:
  - White County Water Authority Meeting – Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 7:30 a.m. at the Water Authority

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton and voted, unanimously, to enter an Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

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

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the City Council Meeting at 9:11 p.m.

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

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, 2 to 2, to authorize the City Administrator, Kevin Harris, to extend the agreement with Alco Realty for a RFP to sale the Talon property with no minimum bid required.

VOTE:

Council Member Nan Bowen – nay

Council Member Annie Sutton – nay

Council Member Jeremy McClure – aye

Council Member CJ McDonald – aye

Mayor Josh Turner broke the tie, voting in favor of the motion

Motion Passed.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Council Member Sutton, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the City Council Meeting of February 6, 2024, at 9:14 p.m.