



Cleveland City Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 13, 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 Administrator Kevin Harris, City Attorney Grant Keene, and City Clerk Lisa Ritchie

2. Invocation – Burnetta Armour, Cleveland Presbyterian Church

Pastor Armour gave the Invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Turner congratulated Council Member McClure and his wife, Ansley, on the new addition to their family.

4. Approve Agenda

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN HARRIS

Mr. Harris addressed the Mayor and Council Members.

5. Acceptance of Delivery; Georgia Department of Transportation Quit Claim Deed (1.896 acres).

Mr. Harris stated that the site has been successfully tested as a resource for additional water. The Georgia Department of Transportation sent a quit claim deed for the 1.896 acres. Mr. Harris stated that once accepted they will begin the application process with the EPD.

Mayor Turner expressed his appreciation to Senator Gooch for advocacy on this issue with the Department of Transportation.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen and voted, unanimously, to approve the acceptance of delivery of the 1.896 acres from the Georgia Department of Transportation.

6. 2022-2023 Annual Renewal for Property and Casualty (liability) insurance with Apex Insurance Company and Hiscox Insurance Company for services from June 30, 2022, until June 30, 2023.

Mr. Harris stated that the city currently has a \$1,000,000 and a \$3,000,000 umbrella policy. He stated his recommendation to keep the same coverage and increase the umbrella policy from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald and voted, unanimously, to approve the renewal of the property and casualty insurance with an increase to the umbrella policy from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

7. Authorize the Mayor and Administrator to execute all related documents to forms, applications, and award documents. The FY 2022 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program allows a maximum federal share per officer of \$125,000 over a 3-year period. A 25 percent local cash match (cost share) is required by the City of Cleveland. The proposed match has been proposed as part of the 2022/2023 budget.

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member Yardley and voted, unanimously, to authorize the Mayor and Administrator to execute all related documents, forms, applications, and award documents related to the FY 2022 Community Orient Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program.

8. Approval of the Amendment to the Automatic Aid Agreement Between the City of Cleveland Fire Department and the White County Fire Department.

Mr. Harris stated that the current automatic aid agreement has been in existence for at least a decade. He said the state requires an aid agreement between multiple partners. Currently Cleveland bills White County \$7,500 annually. The proposed Agreement will increase the annual fee from \$7,500 to \$40,000 for services. In

addition, White County will subsidize the City with insurance payments for services when Cleveland firefighters respond to unincorporated areas.

Mr. Harris asked that they authorize Chief Pruitt to negotiate with White County Fire Chief LeFevre to make changes to the map when necessary.

David Murphy, White County Director of Public Safety, addressed the Mayor and Council Members.

Motion by Council Member Yardley, seconded by Council Member McDonald and voted, unanimously, to approve the amendment to the Automatic Aid Agreement between the City of Cleveland Fire Department and White County Fire Department. (REVISED after the report from the Fire Department)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

9. Finance Department - Finance Director Connie Tracas
 - May 2022 statistics

Mrs. Tracas addressed the Mayor and Council Members. She reported the following items for May 2022:

- General Fund Revenues are at 85% compared to 98% in May 2021
 - Property tax – very little
 - Slight increase in LOST revenue
 - Alcohol Tax & Fees will have a small increase due to Berry Foods' application for beer and wine
 - Occupational tax – very little
- Expenditures are at 81% compared to 84% in May 2021
- Alcohol tax and fees same – will include Berry Foods IGA
- Water/Sewer Revenues are at 73% compared to 85% in May 2021
- Water/Sewer expenditures are at 83% compared to 91% in May 2021

10. Fire Department – Chief Ricky Pruitt
 - May 2022 statistics

Chief Pruitt addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following items for May 2022:

- Total of 100 calls: 56 of the calls were inside the city and 44 in the County
- White County fire Services responded to 4 city calls

Motion by Council Member Yardley, seconded by Council Member Bowen and voted, unanimously, to add to the original motion, item 8, the approval to authorize Chief Pruitt to negotiate with White County Fire Chief LeFevre to make changes to the map when necessary.

11. Police Department - Chief Jeff Shoemaker

- May 2022 statistics

Chief Shoemaker addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following items for May 2022:

- 2,048 total occurrences
 - 356 public assists
 - 1,015 premise checks
 - 25 field interviews
 - 61 incident reports
 - 27 accident reports
 - 87 investigative/supplemental
 - 328 administrative duties
 - 62 citations
 - 71 warnings
 - 16 warrants

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

- May 2022 statistics

Mr. Hunt addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following items for May 2022:

- 149 service orders
- 2,211 meters read (2 are read manually)
- 140 locates

13. City Administrator

- May 2022 Report

Mr. Harris did not have any items to report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING DIRECTOR TOM O'BRYANT

14. Property Deed for Old Blue Creek Water Tank

Mr. O'Bryant addressed the Mayor and Council Members to address an issue that was brought to his attention. He stated that Darren Cane is working with Pinky Black on his property which impacts property that the city owns. Mr. Cane did a survey on Mr. Black's property which adjoins the city's property that the Old Blue Creek Water Tank

is located on. Mr. Cane found a difference between what is deeded to the city and what is actual regarding the access. He said they are working to resolve the issue and will bring a correction before the Mayor and Council at their July 5, 2022 Called Meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY GRANT KEENE

15. Sales Contract between the City of Cleveland and Jerry Nicholson for the sale of Day Break Property

Mr. Keene stated that earnest money for \$8,500 has been received and is ready to go into a trust account until Mr. Wesley Robinson closes on the property at which time Mr. Nicholson will pay the balance. He said the property is sold as-is.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald and voted, unanimously, to approve the contract as written and allow the mayor to sign on behalf of the city.

NEW BUSINESS

16. Approve June 6, 2022 Called Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member Bowen and voted, unanimously, to approve the June 6, 2022 Called Meeting Minutes.

17. Approve June 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member Yardley and voted, unanimously, to approve the June 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

18. Approve June 6, 2022 Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to approve the June 6, 2022 Executive Session Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Turner stated the announcements as follows:

19. City of Cleveland offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022, in observance of Independence Day.

- 20. The originally scheduled Meeting, July 4, 2022, has been canceled.
- 21. A Called Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.
- 22. Millage Hearing/s for July will be determined upon receipt of information from the White County Tax Commissioner's Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Yardley and voted, unanimously, to enter an Executive Session at 7:16 p.m.

- 23. Discussion regarding real estate and personnel matters

Motion by Council Member Yardley, seconded by Council Member Bowen and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the City Council Meeting at 9:14 p.m.

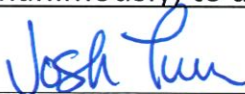
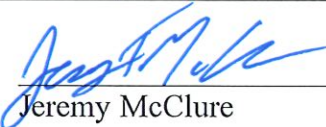


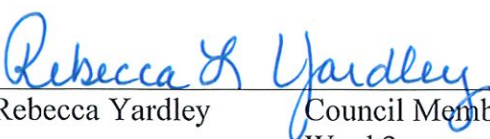

Motion by Council Member Yardley, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to return to the Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Yardley, seconded by Council Member Bowen and voted, unanimously, to return to the City Council Meeting at 9:34 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 McClure and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the City Council Meeting of June 6, 2022 at 9:35 p.m.

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