



Cleveland City Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 1, 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 Keith Whitaker, Co-Counsel Grant Keene, and City Clerk Lisa Ritchie

2. Invocation – Jeff Groves, The Bridge

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approve Agenda

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

PRESENTATION

Mayor Turner presented the Proclamation.

5. Proclamation Recognizing Smith's Soda Shop 75th Anniversary

Ronnie and Janice Smith, Smith's Soda Shop, addressed the Mayor and Council and introduced his family and many of his employees who attended the meeting supporting Mr. Smith.

Bill White, 41 Hilltop Street, addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He stated that the Soda Shop will always be an institution we will all remember.

Council Member Bowen shared childhood memories that involved visiting the Soda Shop.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN HARRIS

Mr. Harris stated the meetings at which the millage rate public hearings and voting will occur as follows:

- Called Council Meeting, Monday, August 15, at 6:30 p.m. (1st Public Hearing)
- Called Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 23, at 9:00 a.m. (2nd Public Hearing)
- Called Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 23, at 6:30 p.m. (3rd Public Hearing)
- Called Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 6:45 p.m. (consideration and vote)

Mr. Harris stated the intent to lower the millage rate from 5.918 to 5.472.

Mr. Harris stated that the Resolution to approve the referendum that was approved at the July 25, 2022 Called Meeting showed the date as 10/10 instead of 10/11. He asked the Mayor to sign the corrected copy.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ricky Hunt, Public Works Department, addressed the Mayor and Council.

6. Request for the purchase of a 2022 3500 Reg Cab Chassis 4x4 truck

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen and voted, unanimously, to approve the purchase of a 2022 3500 Reg Cab Chassis 4x4 truck for \$59,859 from SPLOST funds.

7. Request for the purchase of a 2022 1500 Tradesman Quad Cab 4x4 truck

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to approve the purchase of a 2022 1500 Tradesman Quad Cab 4x4 truck for \$42,743 from SPLOST funds.

CITY ATTORNEY KEITH WHITAKER

Mr. Whitaker did not have any items to report.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Approval for Keith Whitaker to attend the Institute for Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) Conference in Athens

Motion by Council Member Yardley, seconded by Council Member McDonald and voted, unanimously, to approve the training for Mr. Whitaker.

9. Resolution designating an Open Records Officer

Mr. Harris stated that the Resolution designates an Open Records Officer. He said that the three-day response requirement will not begin until an Open Records Request is provided to the Open Records Officer.

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to approve Resolution 2022-11 designating the City Clerk as the Open Records Officer.

10. Approve July 25, 2022 Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to approve the Minutes of the July 25, 2022 Executive Session.

11. Approve July 25, 2022 Called Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council Member Yardley, seconded by Council Member McDonald and voted, unanimously, to approve the Minutes of the July 25, 2022 Called Meeting.

12. Approve July 11, 2022 Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member Yardley and voted, unanimously, to approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2022 Executive Session.

13. Approve July 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member Yardley and voted, unanimously, to approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2022 Meeting.

14. Approve July 5, 2022 Executive Sessions Minutes

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member McDonald and voted, unanimously, to approve the Minutes of the July 5, 2022 Executive Session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member Yardley and voted, to enter an Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.


15. 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 9:53 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 Bowen, seconded by Council Member McDonald and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the City Council Called Meeting of August 1, 2022 at 9:53 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