CITY OF CLEVELAND CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 13, 2016

2016/2017 BUDGET HEARING AND ADOPTION MINUTES

CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

The Called Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cleveland was called to order by Mayor Shan Ash at 6:32 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Annie Sutton, Bradley Greene, Edward Young, and Nan Bowen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Edward Young, in favor – Bradley Greene and Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda for the Called Council Meeting of June 13, 2016.

Mayor Ash started the meeting to express the city's sincere condolences to the people of Orlando Florida in light of the recent shooting. Mayor Ash asked that everyone keep the city of Orlando in their prayers.

2016/2017 BUDGET HEARING – 2nd CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

The Mayor and City Council reviewed the draft budget for the 2016/2017 fiscal year.

Bradley Greene asked if money slotted to the Chamber for advertising could be assigned to the White County Historical Society. Mr. Greene feels the society's museum is a bigger draw to the city than what the chamber is doing. The discussion included the question if the city would be asked to fund the chamber throughout the year because of the shortfall.

Mr. Greene feels the courthouse museum is unique and offers a bit of history to visitors. Mayor Ash agreed and stated now that he sits on the Historical Society Board, he appreciates the efforts made by Rush Mauney.

The council will look at the language of the Hotel/Motel Ordinance to see if it can be amended to include the Historical Society with funding.

Rush Mauney, resident and former council member, encouraged the council to consider an economic development position, either part-time or commissioned. Mr. Mauney feels the city needs someone who can perform "hard-core" recruiting of businesses to the area. Mr. Mauney is amazed of the visitors visiting the downtown area that are from outside the area. The county was fortunate to have had a free write-up in the Atlanta Journal Constitution which highlighted downtown Cleveland, the Soda Shop Café, and his store Erin Rush. Mr. Mauney has had several visitors, with the article in hand, visiting his store. Mr. Mauney reiterated his request for the city to hire someone that can recruit more business. Brian Rindt also commented on the article stating it was in a polished magazine that featured Cleveland.

Mayor Ash agreed and expressed his appreciation of all the years Mr. Mauney put in to the city. Mayor Ash does not want the city to end up like other cities after a bypass is opened.

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Mr. Mauney asked if the city added money for a city sign at the bypass. Mr. Mauney was informed the city will work with DOT on funding.

Annie Sutton informed the group the city has added the position of administrator to the budget.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Annie Sutton and Edward Young, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the 2016-2017 Budget for the City of Cleveland as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Selective insurance has submitted a quote of \$74,234.00 for liability insurance for the July 2016 through June 30, 2017 budget year. The quote is \$512.00 less than what was paid in last year's budget. The city will receive the same coverage and services.

 On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Edward Young, in favor Annie Sutton and Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the quote on liability insurance from Selective at \$74,234.00 and authorized Mayor Ash to sign.
- 2. Each year the city, as part of the management agreement, is required to approve the budget for the Turner Creek Water Plant and the continuation of the wheelage agreement. The Water Authority has approved the budget and the wheelage will stay the same. On motion by Edward Young, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor Bradley Greene and Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the 2016-2017 Turner Creek Water Plant budget and approved the wheelage agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

Bradley Greene,

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Edward Young, in favor Annie Sutton and Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the called meeting of June 13, 2016 at 6:55 p.m.

Shan Ash a/k/a Roy Ash, III Mayor Edward Young, Council Member

Nan Bowen

Annie Sutton, Council Member

ATTEST: Courie Stace

Council Member Connie Tracas,

City Clerk

Council Member