

CITY OF CLEVELAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 1, 2019
MINUTES

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The City Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cleveland was called to order by Mayor Shan Ash at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Nan Bowen, Annie Sutton, Kevin Stanley, and Bradley Greene.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Kevin Stanley, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Nan Bowen and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the agenda for the April 1, 2019 City Council Meeting.

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER FOUR ALCOHOL ORDINANCE 2019-03 – BRUNCH BILL

This is the third and final public hearing and discussion to consider a referendum for extending the time for Sunday Sales for consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits.

Mayor Ash read the referendum question to be brought to the voters of the City of Cleveland: Upon adoption of this ordinance, the same shall be forwarded to the City's Election Superintendent for inclusion on the November 5, 2019 election ballot as a question as follows:

Yes or No – Shall the governing authority of the City of Cleveland, Georgia be authorized to permit and regulate Sunday Sales of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages for beverage purposes by the drink from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.?

Mayor Ash asked if there was public comment on the referendum question and amendment to the alcohol ordinance. There was no public comment.

On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Nan Bowen and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and City Council voted to approve 2019-03 Amendment to Chapter Four Alcohol Ordinance and to issue a referendum to the voters of Cleveland to extend the time for alcohol beverage sales for consumption on Sunday. If the referendum passes on the November 5, 2019 City Election, the ordinance amendment will go into effect November 6, 2019.

CHIEF RICKY PRUITT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Ricky Pruitt, Fire Department, submitted the fire department statistics for the month of March 2019. The department responded to 89 calls – 44 within the city, 45 outside the city with 15 of the calls outside of the automatic aid area in the county.

Chief Pruitt informed the department has been utilizing the inmate work crew to assist in testing fire hoses. Several aged hoses have burst during testing and will need to be replaced. The hoses were purchased from Alpharetta in 2001 and at the time; the hoses were about fifteen years old.

CHIEF RICKY PRUITT – FIRE DEPARTMENT - continued

Chief Pruitt updated the Council on a computer program the department is using for fire reports and planning. The new module will allow the operator to locate hydrants in the city's water system. The computer notebook can detect and register GPS coordinates, address, and established zones of hydrants.

CHIEF JOHN FOSTER – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief John Foster, Police Department, reminded the Mayor and Council of the Freedom Event that will be held at Truett McConnell University this Saturday.

Chief Foster has been working with the security detail and will have extra police on duty. Truett McConnell administration will reimburse the city for the extra security.

GRANT KEENE – CITY ATTORNEY

Grant Keene, City Attorney, did not have new business to report.

TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Donation of Land along East Underwood St. for Sidewalk –
 - a. Joe Kemp and Jerry Freeman plan to subdivide a 4.52 acre tract into seven lots for residential homes. The tract has frontage on Underwood Street. They have donated a 10-foot wide strip adjacent to East Underwood Street for a sidewalk.
 - b. Mr. O'Bryant has negotiated with the neighboring properties along East Underwood Street for a 10-foot wide strip. These properties belong to Jerry and Wanda Freeman and Cleveland United Methodist Church. This strip would continue a sidewalk for the length of the street to Freedom Park.
 - c. The city has received LMIG funding from Georgia DOT in the amount of \$51,000 that will help in funding the sidewalk project. Any remaining costs will come from SPLOST funds allocated for streets and sidewalks.
 - d. The City Council will need to vote to accept the proposed donation of land from the property owners.

Mr. O'Bryant presented the acceptance of delivery for property deeded to the city from Jerry and Wanda Freeman to construct a sidewalk on East Underwood. The Mayor and Council have accepted the delivery of property from Joe Kemp, Jimmy Kemp, and Jerry Freeman. This is a continuance of this project.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Annie Sutton and Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to accept the property for a sidewalk on East Underwood Street from owners, Jerry and Wanda Freeman.

TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR - continued

2. Oak Springs/Talon Project Update

- a. Mr. O'Bryant informed crews are working on the exterior of Oak Springs.
- b. Interior design is being finalized and ready for engineering (MEP). Once this is completed, RCCI will this phase out for bid. Kevin Stanley asked what the timeframe is on the completion. Mr. O'Bryant answered the project could transition from exterior to interior once the plan is approved and put to bid. Mayor Ash asked if materials were in. Mr. O'Bryant answered the steel for the roof should be on its way.
- c. Parking and site work, on the site, is still being developed and evaluated.
- d. RCCI has received pricing for abatement of the Talon Building and is evaluating cost proposals.
- e. The county library committee toured the building along with the State Library Director for Planning and Construction. It was a very positive tour. It will be up to the White County Commissioners to work with the library staff to pull together funding for the proposed library facility.
- f. A survey of the Talon property reveals that the southeastern corner of the building is only 18-inches from the property line. This could limit the accessibility from that side of the building to the rear of the facility. Mr. O'Bryant suggested contacting Evelyn Baker to acquire additional property for access. Kevin Stanley asked if the corner of the building could be removed for access, but reconsidered if there would still be enough access and the property may need to be squared off.
- g. RCCI continues to work with city departments on space needs and department functionality for the Talon Building. This will help determine the location of each department within the building and how city services are accessed by the public.

3. Renewal of Work Detail Agreement with Georgia Department of Corrections

- a. The City has contracted for several years with the Georgia Department of Corrections to fund a work detail for public works projects and maintenance within the city.
- b. The agreement is an annual contract with the GA Dept. of Corrections for 2019-2020.
- c. The amount of the agreement contract for FY 2019-2020 is \$39,500. The scope of the services under the contract remain the same as in the current and previous years.
- d. City Council will need to approve the agreement and for the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the city.

On motion by Kevin Stanley, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Nan Bowen and Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the inmate work detail agreement contract from the Georgia Department of Corrections in the amount of \$39,500 for FY 2019-2020. Mayor Ash was given authorization to sign the agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

1. On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Kevin Stanley and Bradley Greene and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the class request for David Lanphear.

NEW BUSINESS - continued

2. On motion by Kevin Stanley, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Annie Sutton and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the minutes of March 4, March 11, and March 18, 2019.
3. Public comments – Annie Sutton informed there is a hole in the road at Chick-Fil-A that needs to be repaired. There are several other areas that need patching, but may be a GDOT issue. Bradley Greene has received complaints of the condition of the Holcomb building (next to Nix Hardware). Mr. Greene would like some sort of action taken, either brought up to code or removed. Mayor Ash stated he has also receive comments on the condition of the building. Mr. Greene asked if the concrete barriers have been removed from Woodman Park. Mr. O'Bryant stated it has been taken care of and the barriers have been removed. Mr. Greene has contacted Senator Steve Gooch and other state representatives of the lack of location signs coming in to Cleveland. There are no directional signs to Cleveland outside the city limits. Mr. Greene is still awaiting word. Mr. Greene informed he has been approached about public bathrooms. The county proposed bathroom project for Freedom Park has been put on hold due to costs. The council will need to acquire property and funding to construct public bathrooms. Mr. Bill Huff informed the potter statue will deliver next week and asked for police assistance with traffic control for unloading. Chief Foster said his department will assist.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

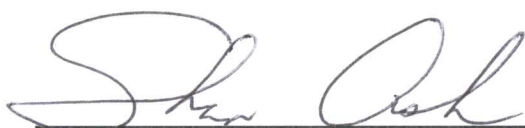
On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Nan Bowen and Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to enter into an executive session to discuss real estate and personnel issues at 7:02 p.m.

RETURN TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

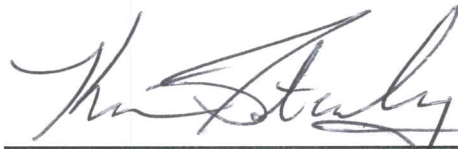
On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Annie Sutton and Kevin Stanley and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to return to the City Council Meeting at 8:27 p.m. No further business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Nan Bowen and Kevin Stanley and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council adjourned the meeting of April 1, 2019 at 8:28 p.m.



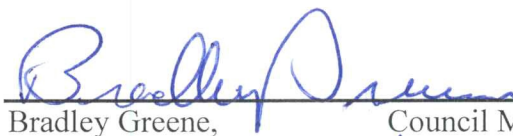
Shan Ash, Mayor



Kevin Stanley, Council Member



Nan Bowen, Council Member



Bradley Greene, Council Member



Annie Sutton, Council Member

ATTEST:



Connie Tracas, City Clerk

