

CITY OF CLEVELAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 5, 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 Annie Sutton, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Kevin Stanley and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda of the August 5, 2019 City Council meeting.

MR. BILL USHER – EAST UNDERWOOD ST – CONDITION AND IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Bill Usher, Cleveland resident, came before the Mayor and Council to discuss a traffic issue on East Underwood Street.

Mr. Usher informed the street is being used as a cut-thru to East Kytle Street. In his opinion, this is due to restaurants moving closer to the square area. Mr. Usher feels it will become more dangerous when the new homes are constructed on East Underwood. Mr. Usher drives a school bus which he parks at his home and his insurance has increased by \$1000 per year due to an accident backing into the street and hitting a car using the street as a cut-thru. Mr. Usher would like the council to consider closing the street. He understands there is an issue with funding and obtaining property to create a cul-de-sac. The street will soon have a total of seventeen homes and the traffic on the street will increase tremendously. Mr. Usher also suggested, if closing the street is not possible, to add at least four speed bumps on the street.

Mayor Ash noted the city is installing a sidewalk on the street. Mr. Usher did not understand how a sidewalk would help with traffic. Mayor Ash stated it doesn't, but it makes it safer for pedestrians. Bradley Greene stated the street is heavily used and would like to have a study on the street and suggested Chief Foster determine distance for speed bumps for safety reasons.

Annie Sutton added that all streets in Cleveland are being used as a cut-thru to avoid the state routes. Streets like Hood and Campbell Street have a lot of traffic. Ms. Sutton stated the speed bump in front of her house is a big help with slowing traffic. At the time it was installed, she complained to the council and asked it be moved from in front of her home. Since that time, she appreciates the speed bump in her location and stated it has been a lifesaver at times.

Tom O'Bryant stated the city can look at distances and traffic calming devices. Nan Bowen stated it is getting dangerous of those vehicles turning left from Hwy. 115 onto East Underwood. Vehicles do not use caution or slow down. Mr. O'Bryant informed there are many factors to consider which includes the impact on Boulevard and Green Street if East Underwood is closed. The council would like to move forward with a traffic study on East Underwood.

**2019-08 RESOLUTION GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM**

Tom O'Bryant reminded the council of the work to redevelop Oak Springs and Talon. One of the projects includes developing a nature trail on the Talon property. The property is approximately ten-acres and there is an area that can be dedicated for a hiking/walking trail. GA DNR offers funding through the recreational trails grant. The grant application will open in September of this year but is not awarded until fall of 2020. A requirement is to adopt a resolution that the city is committed to project and will apply for funds. The federal government funds the project through gas and diesel tax. The grant provides 80% up to \$200,000. The city would contribute the 20%.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Nan Bowen and Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve Resolution 2019-08 Georgia Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program. The city will submit an application in September.

CHIEF RICKY PRUITT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Ricky Pruitt, Fire Department, submitted the statistics for July 2019. The department reported 91 calls, with 47 in the city, 44 outside of the city with 7 being outside the automatic aid area.

At the last meeting, Chief Pruitt presented a proposal to purchase pagers to replace the aging pagers currently used in the department. The existing pagers can no longer be repaired. Chief Pruitt presented two quotes. Mobile Communications America is located in Gainesville and provided the best value for the pagers. Chief Pruitt is familiar with this company and likes the fact they are local in the case the department needs assistance. The purchase of the pagers are in the fire department budget approved in June.

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 purchase of 15 pagers and programing from Mobile Communications America for the Cleveland Fire Department.

CHIEF JOHN FOSTER – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief John Foster, Police Department, was absent but sent Sergeant Brandon Landress to cover the meeting. Sergeant Landress had no new business to discuss but on a light note stated Chief Foster sends his best wishes.

TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Open Checking Account for ARC Funding for Waterline Upgrade to FNST

- a. The Appalachian Regional Commission has awarded funding in the amount of \$275,000 to help fund the waterline upgrade which proposes to improve the existing 8" waterline to a 12" waterline from the Warrior Tank to the end of the Phase 2 construction of the by-pass.
- b. The estimated total cost for the project is approximately \$550,000.
- c. ARC grant guidelines require a separate checking account for the funding and payment of the project.
- d. City policy calls for Council approval of new banking accounts.
- e. City Council will need to approve staff to open an account for the debit and credit of funds to complete the project and satisfy grant requirements.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Nan Bowen and Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved for staff to open a checking account for the ARC funds to be used for the water line upgrade on Hulsey Road to the Warrior Tank.

2. Award of Wastewater Treatment Plant Design

- a. The city's new NPDES permit for wastewater treatment and discharge includes new environmental standards. The new standards require higher levels treatment of wastewater prior to releasing back into the stream system. A plant upgrade will be needed to adequately address the new environmental standards and to accommodate anticipated growth over the next two or three decades.
- b. City council approved for staff to solicit an RFQ, Request for Qualifications, for design engineering services for the plant upgrade. The City received RFQs from six firms. Staff review narrowed the selection to three firms for a finalist interview. The interviews were conducted the last week of July and a final recommendation has been determined by staff for City Council to review and approve.
- c. City staff recommends to award the design services for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade to Rindt McDuff.
- d. The City Council will need to approve the award of this recommendation and direct staff to work with the firm to immediately initiate the engineering and design for an upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Nan Bowen and Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to accept staff recommendation and move forward with Rindt-McDuff to design and engineer the wastewater plant improvements to meet the requirements of EPD. The Council will vote to accept the contract at a later meeting.

TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR - continued

3. Oak Springs School/Community Center Update

- a. Staff has met with RCCI to review and discuss the items City Council has approved for completion.
- b. RCCI is working with all sub-contractors to value engineer and cost reduce work items within the design specifications.
- c. RCCI has requested that the interior door work be completed by commercial contractors versus city staff because of the block work that is required for ADA requirements for commercial door.
- d. Next Wednesday RCCI will like to meet to discuss color selection for tile and ceiling detail.

The Council was informed Public Works staff did not have the equipment to construct the ADA doorframes.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Annie Sutton and Kevin Stanley, the Mayor and Council voted to permit RCCI to construct the ADA doorframes and doors. There will be a meeting Wednesday, August 7, 2019 to discuss tile and design for the Oak Springs building.

4. Georgia Department of Transportation will hold a preconstruction meeting Wednesday, August 7, 2019 on the construction of phase three of the bypass.

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 draft minutes of July 1, July 18 (3 meetings), July 25 (3 meetings), and July 31, 2019.
2. Public comments –there were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 enter into an executive session to discuss possible litigation at 6:56 p.m.

RETURN TO COUNCIL MEETING

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Nan Bowen and Annie Sutton and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to return to the City Council Meeting at 8:22 p.m. Tom O'Bryant checked the perimeter of the building to see if there was any one, from the public, that needed or wanted to return to the city council meeting. There was no one present to attend.

No further business was discussed.

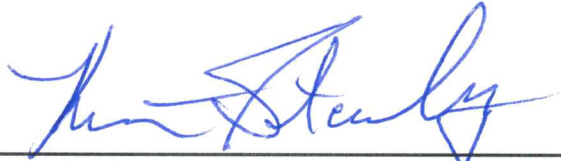
ADJOURNMENT

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 adjourn the City Council Meeting of August 5, 2019 at 8:23 p.m.



Shan Ash,

Mayor



Kevin Stanley,

Council Member



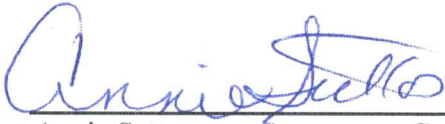
Nan Bowen,

Council Member



Bradley Greene,

Council Member



Annie Sutton,

Council Member

Attest:



Connie Tracas,

City Clerk

Minutes approved by Cleveland City Council September 3, 2019.

