

CITY OF CLEVELAND
CALLED EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 17, 2020
MINUTES

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The Called Emergency Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Cleveland was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Stanley at 9:00 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor Pro Tem and City Council voted to approve the agenda for Called Emergency City Council Meeting of March 17, 2020.

RESOLUTION 2020-09 – REGARDING POSTPONEMENT OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND AND THE SUSPENSION OF EARLY VOTING

The purpose of the meeting is to approve a resolution to postpone the special election for the seat of Mayor until May 19, 2020 and to suspend the remaining days of early voting.

The resolution is in response to the order given by Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to postpone the presidential primary and to suspend early voting. The city follows the lead of the State of Georgia Election Division as per the City's Code of Ordinances 18-1. Applicability of general law – All primaries and elections for any elected office of the city, or any other matter that is properly the subject of a municipal election, shall be held and conducted in accordance with general state law governing elections as contained in O.C.G.A. Section 21-2-1 et seq.

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor Pro Tem and City Council voted to approve Resolution 2020-09 Regarding Postponement of Special Election for Mayor of the City of Cleveland and the Suspension of Early Voting. A copy of the fully executed Resolution 2020-09 is made a part of these minutes

NEW BUSINESS

1. City staff have requested the Mayor Pro Tem and City Council consider waving the penalties for the utility bills due March 15, 2020. This is in reaction to the current Corona Virus crisis and the limitations utility users may have in paying utility bills. Bradley Greene had earlier requested the city consider not shutting off water meters for non-payment. The city clerk suggested staff determine on a case by case basis before making it a temporary policy. Currently, city staff attempts to contact the utility customer through mail and phone calls. At times, a customer may leave a residence or business and someone else has occupied without setting up a proper account with the utility department. The city clerk will inform the council of anyone on the disconnect list before moving forward. The council will also assess the waiver of penalties on a month to month basis.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor Pro Tem and City Council voted to waive the penalties for the utility bills for the month of March, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS - continued

2. Nan Bowen asked if the police department could go ahead and move into the Oak Springs Building. Other than connecting internet to the building, the building is ready to occupy. Bradley Greene stated the open house was cancelled due to the corona virus crisis and there is no time table on how long it will last. Mr. Greene feels there should not be any further delay in moving the department to the new building. The council agreed.
3. City staff will be preparing items, no longer in use, to sell on GovDeals.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor Pro Tem and City Council adjourned the Called Emergency Council Meeting at 9:07 a.m.

VACANT

Office Vacant/open Seat

Mayor

Kevin Stanley,

Council Member
Ward No. 3
Mayor Pro Tem

Nan Bowen,

Council Member
Ward No. 1

Bradley Greene,

Council Member
Ward No. 4

VACANT

Office Vacant/open Seat

Council Member
Ward No. 2

ATTEST:

Connie Tracas,

City Clerk

