

**CITY OF CLEVELAND**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**December 6, 2021**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion by Rebecca Yardley, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Bradley Greene and Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, with corrected re-numbering of the agenda, the Mayor and City Council voted to approve the agenda for the December 6, 2021 City Council Meeting.

**REZONING REQUEST – FAMILY PROMISE – requesting a rezoning from B-II Highway Commercial Business to R-II Multi-Family Residential – 403 W. Kytle Street – Tax Map and Parcel C01C-113**

The Mayor stated this will be the public hearing conducted by the Mayor and City Council for rezoning a request by Family Promise. After the public hearing portion action may be taken by the Council to approve or disapprove of the proposed zoning amendment, or action may be postponed or tabled for consideration at a later city council meeting. Should the requested zoning amendment be approved an ordinance amendment amending the zoning ordinance of the city shall be signed by the Mayor and council and filed as part of the official records of the city. The city rezoning map shall be altered to reflect the zoning change. Should the Mayor and Council disapprove the requested zoning amendment then the same property may not be considered for rezoning until the expiration of at least six months following the denial of the proposed zoning amendment.

The Mayor explained the procedures governing the conduct of the public hearing. The Mayor will open the public hearing with a brief statement on the purpose of the hearing; the applicant for the zoning amendment will make a brief statement in support of the application; those in support or in opposition of the application will be allowed to make a statement relevant to the issues raised by the application. Prior to speaking, any person in attendance must be recognized by the Mayor and he will request that that person identify themselves by stating their name and address of their home or business. Any person that is not a member of the hearing body will be allowed a maximum of ten minutes to express opinions and make points relevant to the zoning amendment. Relevancy will be established with references to the evaluation criteria established in the standards governing the exercise of the zoning power. The policies and procedures give the Mayor the power to limit the restatement of opinion and points previously expressed. When in the Mayor's opinion all the relevant comment has been made, the Mayor and Council will evaluate the zoning amendment with references to the standards governing the exercise of zoning power, and after that discussion the council will vote by showing of hands to approve or disapprove the zoning amendment. The Mayor will serve as the time keeper for comments. The Mayor asked if there were any questions regarding the procedures for the public hearing.

Mayor Turner opened the hearing for the application of rezoning for application # 2037, dated October 24, 2021 by Family Promise of White County, Inc., for the property located at 403 West Kytile Street, Cleveland, Georgia Tax Map and Parcel C01C-113 requesting a change from the current zoning B-II, Highway Commercial to the proposed zoning of R-II with the proposed use for temporary housing for displaced families with children under the age of 18. The application is made by Marti Brooks, Executive Director, and Shaun Sosebee, Treasurer, of Family Promise. Ms. Brooks and Ms. Sosebee both submitted the disclosure for campaign contribution certification that they have not within the two years immediately preceding the application of Family Promise date made any contributions aggregating \$250 or more to any local government official involved in the review or the consideration of the application. And, although neither has contributed more than \$250 per the Family Promise application, out of an abundance of transparency, the Mayor announced that Ms. Sosebee's husband did make a contribution to the Mayor's election campaign in the amount of \$250 on March 4, 2020, which is not considered a conflict in this matter. Additionally, the tax clerk has certified that all property taxes for tax parcel C01C-113 has been paid. Mayor Turner then called on the representatives from Family Promise to make their statements regarding their proposal.

Shaun Sosebee, Treasurer, Family Promise of White County, made a brief presentation on who Family Promise is and what services they provide and answer any questions regarding the organization. The Family Promise vision is to ensure that every family has safe, affordable housing and the resources to achieve self-sustainability and lasting independence. They offer programs to families that are homeless or close to being homeless. This includes temporary safe housing, daily meals, basic necessities, case management support and homelessness prevention and diversion. They will want to provide temporary safe housing for up to three families at a time. They provide case management support with classes to help them be employable, financial accountable and household management. Homeless prevention and diversion have become a most important component of the organization by identifying families and providing them the case management support needed before they become homeless and maintain a residence. The organization serves families with children under the age of 18. They operate mainly with volunteers with 12 plus churches in the community that regularly provide time and resources to help keep the organization going. For every dollar spent by Family Promise there are four to five dollars of in-kind resources donated to the organization. Their impact during FY 2020 the organization had 17 plus children served in their shelter, 302 families were served as resource families (were able to connect them with the resources needed to families with services outside of the shelter), 3,057 plus bed nights were provided by volunteers, 5,357 plus volunteer hours were served and 9,171 plus meals just in the White-Habersham communities. These numbers are reduced for the year due to COVID-19, previous years were higher. The location being considered is central to most resources, including access to job opportunities, reduced transportation costs, serves as a central hub for case management support, and for volunteers. The location will allow Family Promise to serve more families in need of their services. If the request is granted the property would be used for office, temporary shelter for vetted families with children under the age of 18 (up to three families at a time), a home base for other services aimed at preventing homelessness, and as a centralized location for serving families in the community and offering Hope and Home.

After the presentation, Mayor Turner asked all who are present in attendance at the hearing that are in favor of the application to raise their hand. He then asked those present in opposition of the application



to raise their hand. The Mayor then asked those who wish to speak in support of the application to raise their hand. Mayor Turner then called on those who desired to speak in support of the application. He reminded them they are limited to ten minutes. Michael Fisher, Street Outreach Director, 9<sup>th</sup> District Opportunity. Mr. Fisher works with low-income families throughout Northeast Georgia, and specifically works on the issue of homelessness. He serves on the board of Family Promise. He stated that homelessness in Northeast Georgia is increasing at about 30% higher than it was two years ago, and exists in White County. According to the census, in 2019 the number of people homeless ranged between 33 and 52. This number does not include people and families living in hotels and in doubled up home situations in the community. He stated there are unrepresented individuals and families living in cars, tents, RVs and other situations. He stated that with the increased costs basic housing is becoming unaffordable in our part of the State and shifts families to live in hotels. He stated that this has a negative impact on the children in these families. He stated that Family Promise, and their services, help provides opportunities for stability for families and for children, and to prevent homelessness. He encouraged the City Council to support the application for Family Promise. Annette Boswell, 2555 Highway 75S, retired from the school system and Family Connections, has been involved with Family Promise since its beginning in White County. She reported that the average age of a homeless person in Georgia is five years old, which implies that many families in Georgia are homeless. In 2020 there were 134 identified students in the White County School system that are homeless. She stated that she and the city police chief and others are delivering Christmas items to a family in a local motel. She stated that Family Promise will help families, like the one they are assisting, with resources and opportunities to create a stable household for the children. They are needed in the community and encouraged the City Council to approve Family Promise's request. Pastor Tim Morgan, Faith Lutheran Church, in White County, 63 Alta Vista Drive. He has been involved with Family Promise for seven years. He is speaking in favor of the application for Family Promise. Serving on the board, he stated that Family Promise is firmly established and financially stable. They have served dozens of families every year. He stated that the property will enable Family Promise to do even more than what they are currently doing for local families. He stated with ownership of the location, the organization becomes more grant worthy and eligible for more funds. He stated that all families that enter the program have been thoroughly vetted with background checks and drug screening and there is a curfew that is put in place to prevent people from coming and going at all hours in the night. He said their organizations participants are not content to collect assistance, but are motivated to work towards independence, stability and self-sufficiency. He stated that 87% of those that complete their program are, within one year, are living on their own without any public assistance. He said the program is faith based and is supported by more than 12 churches and the White County Ministerial Alliance. In addition, he stated that they have a strong partnership with the White County School System. He feels the organization is excited about making use of the property to better serve the community and hope they can work with the city in meeting the needs of the community. He said that he had previously worked with Family Promise with a church and community in South Georgia and this proposed facility, what will come of it, will make the city proud. Susan Crumley, 203 Bittersweet, Sautee, stated that she can understand how some surrounding property owners may have concerns about the proposed use of the property. The corridor is commercial, but this is about families and restoration. She stated that in the past the property hosted one family home, but this will host three families in need coming together under the guidance and direction of people who offer them strong, Christian support to be able to maintain dignity and to prevent child abuse and homelessness. Children who are in an unstable housing setting drastically



underperform (poorly) in school. She believes that community is rallying about the services provided by Family Promise and wants to serve those who are facing difficulties, but want to improve their lives and the lives of their children and be a productive part of our community. She thinks that the community has an obligation and commitment to help these families, and this facility will help them do so. She stated that she believes this use of the property is the best solution for addressing the need for affordable housing for families in need. She encouraged the City Council to approve the application of Family Promise. The Mayor asked for those in opposition to the application to speak. There was no one present that spoke in opposition to the application. Mayor Turner closed the public comment portion of the hearing and thanked those who spoke at the hearing.

Mayor Turner announced that the Council would evaluate the application based on the standards governing the exercise of zoning power and conduct a discussion and ask questions to Family Promise. He identified the standards:

1. Does the zoning proposal describe a use that is suitable in view of the existing uses of adjacent and nearby property?
2. Will the zoning proposal be in conformity with the future land use plan of the City of Cleveland?
3. Has the property been underdeveloped or undeveloped for an unreasonable length of time when considered in the context of existing land use and development in the area?
4. Has the existing land use in the area undergone any recent change which would tend to support the approval of the zoning proposal?
5. Are the present zoning district boundaries illogically drawn given the existing land uses in the area?
6. Is it impossible to find adequate sites for the proposed use in the districts in the City already permitting such uses?
7. Will the property values of adjoining and nearby tracts of land be diminished by the proposed zoning change?
8. Will the lack of increase in the value of the applicant's property which may be brought about by a denial of said zoning proposal be offset by corresponding benefits to the public health, safety, morals or general welfare?
9. Will there be a relative gain to public health, safety, morals, or general welfare by keeping the present zoning classification, when compared to the hardship imposed upon the applicant property owner by the denial of the proposal?
10. Will the change requested create an isolated district (use) unrelated to the surrounding districts (uses) and therefore create a "spot zoning"?
11. Will the change requested be out of scale with the needs of the City as a whole or the needs of the immediate neighborhood?
12. Will the proposed change in land use have a significant negative impact upon the quality of the natural or man-made environment in the neighborhood or the City?

Mayor Turner then asked the council for discussions and questions. Bradley Greene stated prior to any decision, it is important to know and understand what the purpose of Family Promise is, and, to determine what is best for the town and its future. He said he would like to find a way to help make this



happen. Kevin Stanley asked Martie Brooks, Family Promise Executive Director, when the organization went through the purchase of the property and placed the property under contract, were they told by anyone that there could possibly be zoning issue or that it wouldn't be a problem getting the property rezoned? Or did anyone communicate either of those to them? Ms. Brooks replied "not directly, but they didn't receive any indication that they would have any problem with rezoning it." Mr. Stanley asked for confirmation that no one told them they would not have a problem rezoning the property. Ms. Shaun Sosebee spoke. She stated that when Family Promise placed the property under contract that they were under the impression that the property was zoning correctly. They had originally been considering a property in the county and assumed the city zoning classifications and the county zoning classifications were the same. The description of the property led them to believe it was suitable for their needs. They did not realize that the city zoning was different from the county zoning or zoning in other jurisdictions. By being a bit naïve in the process has led them to the current rezoning request. When they were more than half way through their contract period, they called to get the water turned on the property, and were informed by city staff that the property was not zoned properly. They then met with the city administrator to understand what the zoning uses and options were for their organization and for the property. Kevin Stanley then asked Ms. Sosebee and Ms. Brooks if any member of the city council told them that there would not be a problem with the rezoning of this property? They said no. Mr. Stanley then said he has been told otherwise, that is why he is asking the question. Ms. Sosebee stated that they have talked with some members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and also Council member about making sure they understand the purpose zoning and zoning process. Mr. Stanley asked who they spoke with on City Council? Ms. Sosebee replied that without a lawyer present that she should answer that question and felt a little intimidated by the question. Mr. Stanley stated that he was just trying to better understand why they purchased a property that isn't zoned correctly for their use. Ms. Sosebee asked what would have been a better process for Family Promise to have taken? Mr. Stanley replied that he does mortgages for a living and when customers purchase a property, they try to inquire to make sure what they want to do with the property is allowable. It could be subdivision covenants or a number of things that could keep you from what needs to be done for its use. So, it has been brought to his attention by multiple people that it had been communicated to you all (Family Promise) that this rezoning would not be a problem, that I think had you all known and had the correct information from the very beginning, their needs could have been alleviated. Ms. Sosebee replied that they did move forward with the purchase of the property even after they were cautioned by the city administrator that Family Promise may want to place a contingency clause within their purchase contract that the property can be rezoned for their desired use. She further stated that they had no experience with this issue, but that the party that they purchased the property from told them that if they could not get it rezoned, they would buy the property back from them. Therefore, they moved forward with the purchase because they felt the property meet all the needs for their program. She apologized for putting any "cart before the horse." Mr. Bob Hirschi stated that Family Promise doesn't fit into one box – its not commercial, its not exactly residential. Mr. Stanley replied that that is why you would check into it to make sure your use fits into whatever boxes or uses that are allowed. Rebecca Yardley stated as a member of the city council she has received multiple correspondences in the last week by email from members of the community who have expressed support for Family Promise and the work that it does. She further stated that she knows firsthand, as an employee of the White County School System, she has seen the benefits that Family Promise provides. She understands that her job as a council member is also to



weigh the due diligence of what is best for the community as she also weighs the benefit of what Family Promise does. She said that she cannot speak for any other member of the city council, but in performing her due diligence she has researched city council minutes on this property going back as far as 2002. She said there are multiple examples of where this very property located on Kytle Street, zoned B-II Commercial, has been issued a variance of R-II use for the benefit of residences in it. Those residences were not multi-family uses, but there is a precedent that has been set that would allow for residential use to happen. She is of the opinion, based upon the city zoning ordinance, that the city council needs to do some due diligence to update the zoning ordinance because it does not allow for a mixed-use proposal which is what the application of Family Promise would fit into, and that it is time the council re-evaluate that and make some adjustments for future growth within our community. She sees a great value for the work Family Promise does for the community. She believes there is a way for the city council to desire to find a way to make this request mutually beneficial for city stakeholders and the city council.

Mayor Turner concluded the comment section of the hearing and the evaluation of the standards governing the exercise of the zoning power. Rebecca Yardley made motion that based on the guidance provided by the city attorney that instead of offering the zoning request to be changed from B-II Commercial that we allow the B-II Commercial to stand with a variance for an R-II use, that the variance be in place until such time as the property is sold and is no longer in the possession of Family Promise, and it meet any and all safety building codes that would be applicable for having a multi-family use in the building. Nan Bowen stated that she would support such variance. She believes that a formal variance application should be requested. The history of the property since 2003 shows that even though the property was rezoned in 2004 multiple variances have been granted. She further stated that Ms. Cornutt (previous owner) did the correct thing and followed procedure each time and went to the Planning and Zoning Commission when she requested a variance. She would also support Ms. Yardley's request that Family Promise do the same. Mayor Turner asked if this was a second to the motion because he believes there are two different positions presented. Ms. Yardley stated that her motion was that the variance be granted in the meeting this evening because there is evidence in past meeting minutes where the city council took up the issue of granting a variance for this particular property without requiring the applicant to go back through the planning and zoning process to issue the variance. She repeated that her motion is to take up the issue in the meeting this evening. Mayor Turner asked if Ms. Bowen's statement was a second. She said no – she believes there needs to be some conditions that are included in the variance and not just a blanket variance. Mayor Turner asked if there is a second to the motion. No second was provided. Mayor Turner stated that the motion fails for lack of a second. Nan Bowen made a motion that Family Promise apply for a variance heard by the Planning and Zoning Commission that will have conditions such that health and safety concerns are addressed. Bradley Greene asked if the motion for a variance meant that no action would be taken on the rezoning request. Grant Keene stated that unless the city council tables the request Family Promise would be barred from re-applying for six months. No second was provided to Ms. Bowen's motion. Bradley Greene made motion to table the zoning request from Family Promise for the property located at 403 West Kytle Street until January 10, 2022 and allow Family Promise to request a variance before the Planning and Zoning Commission for an R-II use the B-II District with health and safety regulations in place. Grant Keene stated this is the idea that city council is not barring Family Promise from moving



forward with a change and the six-month provision. Mayor Turner asked for a second to the motion. Second was made by Kevin Stanley. Ms. Shaun Sosebee recalled that the issue of a variance was discussed in the Planning and Zoning meeting, but was told that it would not be allowed. Grant Keene stated that would be accurate. The Planning and Zoning Commission can only make recommendations to the city council and they do not bind the city council in anyway. Ms. Henrietta Sutton address the city council that she is on the zoning board, and with the upcoming holiday season it may to difficult the get the board together and hold a meeting. Ms. Yardley asked if the Planning and Zoning Board could hold a called meeting and not just wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting date. Ms. Sutton replied yes, but you would have to check to see if the members are available for that date. Family Promise asked if the first motion could be modified to include safety requirements. Mayor Turner stated the first two motions failed for lack of a second, but the third motion can be amended if the council desires to do so. Ms. Sosebee said she found in the planning and zoning minutes where "Ms. Jessica Adams stated that the property is on a state routes and Family Promise is a better use to help preserve the historic nature of the property than a commercial use, and that she asked if the R-II zoning could automatically be changed back to B-II if Family Promise old the property. Mr. O'Bryant replied to Ms. Adams that reversionary zoning is illegal and the property would have to follow all the same legal zoning requirements for any rezoning. Ms. Sosebee stated that a variance was not offered at the planning and zoning meeting. Further discussion on the dates of a meeting for the planning and zoning commission determined that they could meet on January 4<sup>th</sup> or January 6<sup>th</sup> prior to the city council meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Turner requested a vote on the motion by raising of hands.

On Motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Kevin Stanley, to table the zoning request from Family Promise for the property located at 403 West Kytle Street until January 10, 2022 and allow Family Promise to request a variance before the Planning and Zoning Commission for an R-II use the B-II District with health and safety regulations in place, in favor Nan Bowen, Rebecca Yardley opposed. Motion approved, 3 in favor (Bradley Greene, Kevin Stanley, Nan Bowen) and one opposed (Rebecca Yardley). The motion carried in a vote of 3-1. Ms. Yardley stated that she would like the record to reflect that she voted no on the motion because she does not believe that as a council member that this motion should have been tabled, that action should have been taken on the item during the meeting.

#### **2021-23 AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE – SHORT TERM RENTAL ZONING CLASSIFICATION – 2<sup>ND</sup> CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION**

Mayor Turner stated that city council has been provided information on the amendment and asked for motion from the city council. No motion was made. Mayor Turner asked Grant Keene if there is no motion can the council skip over the item on the agenda, and does the item die if there is no second consideration. Mr. Keene replied he believed so and the council is not ready to act on the second consideration.

#### **GRANT KEENE – CITY ATTORNEY**

Grant Keene, City Attorney, did not have new business to report. He asked the council for instructions on the lease of the warehouse space for the fire truck. Mayor Turner stated that the item will be addressed under Old Business on the agenda.



**TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

**1. Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)**

- a. The FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program opened in November with applications due by December 17, 2021. The program helps local fire departments with funding for equipment, gear, vehicle and other resources to help protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.
- b. The City has applied and received AFG funds in 2018 for air packs.
- c. Applicants may apply for AFG funds for fire trucks up to \$1 million. Staff would like to submit an application for funding a ladder truck.
- d. To increase the success of the city's application, the fire department has research and found a grant consultant that has had success with AFG applications, JMCM Consulting, for Fire Departments in surrounding communities.
- e. JMCM will prepare and submit the application at no cost to the city, but charges a 5% consulting and administration fee if the project is successfully funded. JMCM has prepared a project cost estimate to fund the application for a ladder truck.
- f. The request for funds would be in the amount of \$995,000. The required local City/department match for the application would be \$47,381 and the consulting fee (if successfully funded) would be \$45,125.
- g. Local match funding would come from SPLOST V and the consulting fee would be funded out of the General Fund.
- h. Staff request City Council to approve the Fire Department to submit an application to AFG for a ladder truck and to contract with JMCM Consulting to prepare and submit the application for the City.

Mr. O'Bryant recognized and thanked Chief Pruitt with his assistance with the application. Chief Pruitt stated that the grant consultant has been very successful with obtaining funding for other surrounding governments. Mayor Turner thanked Chief Pruitt for bringing the grant and consultant to the city council. He believes that those who write grants for a living have a lot better success at getting them funded than those who are pulled away from their jobs to do so. Nan Bowen stated that there is not much that the city needs more than a new ladder truck, and thanked staff for their work.

On motion by Rebecca Yardley, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Nan Bowen and Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and City Council voted to approve the Fire Department to submit an application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant for a ladder truck and to contract with JMCM Consulting to prepare and submit an application for the City.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of minutes** - On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Rebecca Yardley and Bradley Greene and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve with corrections noted the minutes of November 1, 2021 and November 8, 2021. (Corrections on November 8, page five regarding the mayor's comments on partnering with the county to provide sewer services outside the city.)



**Public comments** – Mayor Josh Turner called for public comments.

Council Member Kevin Stanley addressed an issue that occurred in city hall between a local business owner and city clerks. He stated that the business owner became upset over an issue and spoke harshly at one of the clerks. He stated that he has seen video of the incident, but there is no audio. He asked that audio possibly be included in future recording, considering privacy issues, to help protect staff and citizens. Mayor Turner agreed with Mr. Stanley.

Annie Sutton stated that she believes there should be some type of microphone system used at city council meeting, and also possibly video as well. Mayor Josh Turner agreed that city council meetings should be live streamed for citizens who want to watch the meetings from home.

Mayor Turner mentioned even though Judy Lovell with the Historic Society is not present at city council meeting, she left a copy of a picture of George and Maud Kytle from 1883. Kytle Street bears their family name.

Beth Truelove thanked the city public safety and public works for their support of the Christmas parade. Chief Shoemaker stated that the parade attendance exceeded 5,000 people. She recognized Major Aaron Weiland for his leadership in the tactical planning in the weeks leading up to the event. She noted that city public works did an exceptional job to quickly clean up the parade route and downtown. She thanked Bradley Greene for the use of his dumpster behind Nix Hardware. Bradley Greene thanked the Police and Fire Department for all their efforts in keeping citizens safe and help to make the event enjoyable for all. Michelle Ash stated that as teacher she received a lot of excited and positive comments regarding the parade.

Rebecca Yardley asked to take a moment and address to Ms. Henrietta Sutton that she may have come across as rude when discussing Planning and Zoning Commission meeting dates, but that was not her intention and she would like Ms. Sutton to please accept her apology.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Hogan Brothers Rental Agreement.

Mr. O'Bryant presented rental agreement provided by the Hogan Brothers. The landlord agreement is in response to the original agreement drafted by staff and city attorney at the request of the Hogan Brothers. Grant Keene reviewed the Hogan Brothers agreement and advised the council to not sign the agreement because it provides no requirement of the landlord to help provide protection of the fire trucks and equipment in the leased space. He has concerns because the agreement does not discuss accessibility to the property and space leased. He also has concerns that the lease does not identify what would happen if the ownership of the building changed. Nan Bowen asked Chief Pruitt if he was comfortable with the accessibility to the space provided by the Hogan Brothers. Chief Pruitt stated yes, and that Cleveland Wood Preserve had to initially move some of their trucks, but it was fine now. Rebecca Yardley stated that the agreement prepared by the city and the one provided by the Hogan



Brothers is vastly different, and that the city is six months into leasing the space without a formal agreement. Kevin Stanley stated the city currently has a gentleman's agreement and the proposed lease does not protect the city. Grant Keene asked Chief Pruitt if the gentleman's agreement appears to be working successfully for the department. Chief Pruitt responded yes. Mr. O'Bryant pointed out that as soon as the Fire Department considered moving the fire trucks to the space city staff checked the insurance to make sure the vehicles would be properly covered at that particular location. Bradley Greene asked in the cost of insurance increased due to the change in location. Mr. O'Bryant replied the vehicles are covered under the current policy for that location. Nan Bowen asked if there were going to be any issues with inspections of the facilities. Chief Pruitt responded that the city building inspector gave approval of the electrical for the power for the lighting and heat to the space, and it is to code. Rebecca Yardley asked if there were any issues with the roof. Chief Pruitt said there were no roof issues in the area that is lease by the city for the fire trucks. Grant Keene stated that if this is an issue of honor with the landlord then he would hate to prevent or disrupt the gentleman's agreement between the fire department and the landlord. Chief Pruitt stated when he searched for a location for housing the trucks, locations were very limited. The only other location he found was more expensive and less accessible. Mr. Keene stated that if the city signs the lease, then they are obligated to the rent and the landlord is not obligated to anything, but if the gentleman's agreement has worked out so far then it is important not to offend the landlord allow it to continue.

On motion by Kevin Stanley, seconded by Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to keep the existing gentleman's agreement with Hogan Brothers to rent space for the fire department ladder trucks in place.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION


There was no request to go into Executive Session.

### ADJOURNMENT

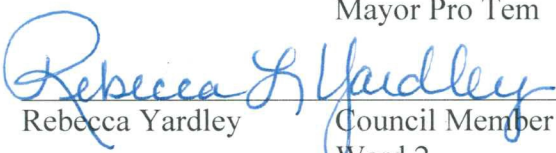
On motion by Rebecca Yardley, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor –Kevin Stanley and Bradley Greene and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the City Council Meeting of December 6, 2021 at 7:57 p.m.

  
Josh Turner                      Mayor

NO LONGER IN OFFICE TO SIGN  
Kevin Stanley                      Council Member  
Ward 3

  
Nan Bowen                      Council Member  
Ward 1  
Mayor Pro Tem

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Bradley Greene                      Council Member  
Ward 4

  
Rebecca Yardley                      Council Member  
Ward 2

ATTEST:  
  
Tom O'Bryant                      City Administrator

