



04.18.2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

COUNCIL MEMEBERS PRESENT: Mayor Richard Boyett, Mayor Pro-Tem Marilyn Clay, Councilmembers: Carolyn McWaters, Eddie Lowery, Desiree David, Fred Terrell, City Manager Scott Swigert, City Secretary Terry Blackwell, Finance Director Pam Harrison

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ATTENDEES: City Secretary – Terry Blackwell, Deputy City Secretary Alice Rios

1. Roll Call
2. Invocation and Pledge
3. Proclamations: National Day of Prayer, Rev Carl and Sandy Williamson, Davy L. David
4. Public Comments: City of Cleveland is looking to approving another towing company. Jerry Wright owner of Smith Towing and Interstate towing have been in the Cleveland area since the early 1980 - 1990. Jerry spoke of the companies growth and they have people looking to be hired by them. They want to ask the Council to give them the opportunity to hire a few more employees. They would also like to be able to get there permits with the City.

Daniel an employee of Interstate, spoke about the growth that the company has had and that he's been with the company since 1989. And see's great things coming to the community. Thank you for your time.

Blake Sudberry owner of Sudberry Mobile park on Easy Street. It's been in Cleveland since 1970. He has a customer that just purchased a brand new mobile home. The discussion is that in December 2018 ordinance 1180 which was passed by council. Requiring concrete runner systems to be installed in all single wide mobile homes along all rails. Which is in contrary to the engineering standard by the State of Texas department of housing. The concrete running system is just like belts and suspenders, which cost the customer six to eight thousand dollars additional monies and does very little to safety issues and the manufactures do not require it. Blake Sudberry would like to request the council to do an immediate variance for this new tenant. All other requirements have been met by the tenant. He would also like the council to consider revising the ordinance especial for mobile homes. He would appreciate a written response from council.

JoAnn Tate, signs to her are not very attractive. Would like to discuss the ordinance of the signs that are coming to Cleveland. Considered for signs to regulate and as business's move in if they have there own signs then let them. We would like to be known as Cleveland Texas not Billboard City.

5. Carolyn McWaters and Marilyn Clay thanked the City for letting them serve. Marilyn encouraged the people to go out and see the Gateway sign on the southside. No comment from other Council member. Desiree did thank everyone for the Proclamation for Davy L. David and also thanked Carolyn McWaters and Marilyn Clay for their service.

6. Consideration and possible action on Meeting Minutes: February 9, 2023 and March 16th 2023. Marilyn Clay make the motion to approves items 6, 7, 8, and 9. Second by Carolyn McWaters. Motion passed.

Discussion and Action Items.

10. Presentation and Discussion by McKinley Development on the Grand Oaks Development. Fred Terrell stated that the community has reached out to him with question about the new subdivision. This is why he's asked for David to come and gives us an update. They would like to know how many lots are in Grand Oaks subdivision, how many lots have sold and how many homes have been built. When will the swimming pool and the club house be available. Also had question about the golf course. David did say that currently 390 developed lots and the middle of next year another 239 more in the next section there are working on. Approximately 130 families are now leaving in the community, of the 390 lots McKinley has retained 76 of those lots. The community pool will open 4th of July weekend, golf course will open May 27th there is also a HOA meeting scheduled for May 27th. Scott Swigert did mention about the opening of the new Fire Station No.2 taking place on May 5th at 1:00 pm.
11. Presentation by Lacy's Hair Salon regarding member ZBOA. No show
12. Consideration and possible action to designate a portion of Campbell Park as a skate park. Scott Swigert did say that the Parks and Recreation meet last week. Roger and Cody are working and requesting that a portion of the Campbell park be designated as a skate park. The portion they have designated is located near the pool house area to be utilized for the time being. Until they are ready to expand for a future day. Another item is that they would like to be able to do fundraiser on behalf of the City. Marilyn is concerned that it's to close to the splash park and the area they are looking at is a small part. Fred Terrell suggested that we research and receive professional advise on building a skate park. They would prefer this park because it's closer to the school. Marilyn Clay made the motion to designate this area as Skate Park and Eddie Lowery did second it. Motion passed.
13. Discussion and possible action on Saddle Creek Towing and Auto Storage regarding City of Cleveland current towing list. Saddle Creek is requesting to be added to the existing current list of the City, upon approval from the council. Chief Broussard does not see an issue adding them to the list. There are 5 slots that are on rotation and the Dispatchers are aware of the list. Carolyn McWaters made the motion to accept them and Marilyn Clay second it. Motion passed.
14. Consideration and possible action on Resolution of Support for House Bill 538 to rename HWY 105 Veterans Memorial Highway. This will be of no additional cost to the city. Marilyn Clay made the motion that it be rename and Carolyn McWaters second. Motion passed. Desiree David did not vote.
15. Consideration and possible action to Adopt the 2023 City Strategic Plan. Ron Cox presented a PPP and opened the floor for discussion. Fred Terrell asked if this could be taken to long term plan. This is out dated information from 2010. Scott Swigert did say some items go as far as 2029. Fred Terrell would like to see a new Master Plan. Per Scott Swigert this is a tool that will help the City move forward. This is a document that is looked at quarterly, and allows for updates and change. Mary Ann Powell did say that the Comprehensive plan is not on the discussion this evening. What Ron Cox is speaking about is the Strategic Plan how to best manage the city. Fred Terrell said call it whatever you want to call it, his concern is where is the City of Cleveland going to be in 20 years. Ron Cox suggest that when the new Council is in place he would like to go back to the Comprehensive plan review it and then see how the Strategic Plan fits. Scott Swigert did mention that he will get the Strategic Report to them at an earlier