

City Council met for their monthly City Council meeting on March 15, 2022, in person at 907 E. Houston St., Cleveland, Texas, with Mayor Richard Boyett presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Richard Boyett, Mayor Pro-Tem James Franklin, Councilmember Carolyn McWaters, Councilmember Delores Terry, Councilmember Marilyn Clay, Councilmember Danny Lee, City Attorney David Olson, Interim City Manager Stacy Williams and City Secretary Angela Smith

EMPLOYEES: Robert Reynolds, Jennifer Jeude, Chris Griego, Scott Felts, Lindsay Carr

ATTENDEES: Jim Bloss, Mike Doyle, Dorothy Price, Earnest Carrington, Erika Montesnieto, Rachel Hall, Eddie Lowery, Lance Blackwell, Mark Bradshaw, Patrick Caserez, Russell Nahlen, Judge Steely, Mike Penry, Molly Manley, Fred Terrell, Mary Terrell

Mayor Richard Boyett called the monthly City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and did a roll call of council, which showed that all were present so there was a quorum. Pastor Thelma Daniels did the invocation and Mayor Boyett led the pledge to the U.S. and Texas flag.

Presentations and Public Comments

1. State of the City Address by Mayor Richard Boyett

Mayor Boyett gave the State of the City address.

2. Presentation of Service Award for March 2022

Captain James Primeaux was recognized for his 40 years of service with the Cleveland Police Department. Mayor Boyett read aloud a proclamation that will be presented to Captain Primeaux at a later date.

3. Presentation by non-profit organization My Building Legacy Organizing Community (B.L.O.C.)

Doctor O'Brien gave a presentation on his non-profit organization My Building Legacy Organizing Community (B.L.O.C.).

4. Public Comments.

- Julia Payne – spoke on concerns about school construction near her residence.
- Molly Manley – spoke on concerns about EDC Director position.
- Dorothy Price – spoke on concerns about trash services.
- Fred Terrell – spoke on concerns about city charter.

5. Reports and comments from City Council, Mayor or City staff.

- Carolyn McWaters – Appreciate all work and help.
- Marilyn Clay – If we have a charter and we do not abide by it we need to follow it. We did an interview process for EDC Director. All we are asking is to go through the process.
- James Franklin – Thanks for being here. There was a process for EDC and it was not done properly and needs to be reviewed.

- Danny Lee – Let’s look into the process. Growing a lot in Cleveland. We have to be fair and treat everyone fairly.
- Delores Terry - Everyone deserves a chance.
- Stacy Williams - Spoke on the meeting with the Mayor at City Hall.
- Richard Boyett - Wished Jennifer Jeude Happy Birthday.

Consent Agenda

Consideration and possible action on (following):

6. Approval of Monthly Financial Report
7. Approval of Minutes from February 2022 City Council meetings
8. Acceptance of Annual Profiling Report 2021 from the Cleveland Police Department
9. Approval of resolution authorizing an agreement with TxDOT for temporary closure of East Houston Street for Juneteenth Parade to be held June 11, 2022 between 11 am-12 pm
11. Approval to go out for Request for Bids for construction for the Downtown Phase II Revitalization CDBG Grant project
12. Ordinance of the City of Cleveland, Texas suspending the rates proposed by Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a Centerpoint Energy Entex and Centerpoint Energy Texas Gas (“Centerpoint” or “Company”) company’s gas reliability infrastructure program (“grip”) filing made with the city on March 3, 2022; finding that the meeting complies with the open meetings act; making other findings and provisions related to the subject, and declaring an effective date

Councilmember Clay requested Item 10 to be removed for discussion. Councilmember Lee made a motion to approve consent agenda items 6-9 and 11-12 with a second from Councilmember Franklin. All members present voted “AYE”. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action

10. Approval to complete credit authorization form with Love’s Travel Stop for a city fuel account and authorize the City Manager to sign the documents

Staff gave information to Council about the current contract with Whiteners. City Manager Williams stated that Whiteners is going out of business and we are looking at options to get a credit line at QuikTrip or Loves or put our own tanks in.

Councilmember Franklin made a motion to table with a second from Councilmember Lee. All members present voted “AYE”. Motion carried.

13. Presentation by BrooksWatson & Company, PLLC for Fiscal Year 2021 Financial Audit and Consider Acceptance as Presented

Finance Director Herrera spoke on the Finance Department’s award received for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. This award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

Finance Director Herrera introduced Senior Audit Manager for BrooksWatson & Company, Louis Breedlove. Mr. Breedlove gave a presentation for the Fiscal Year 2021 Financial Audit. Council asked what the money can be spent on. Mr. Breedlove stated that TDEM has information. Some cities use it for water or infrastructure.

Councilmember Clay made a motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2021 Financial Audit as presented with a second from Councilmember Franklin.

14. Consideration and possible action on approval of contract for engineering services for the Police Evidence Facility between BRW Architects and City of Cleveland and authorize the City Manager to sign contract documents

Pulled from agenda.

15. Discussion of Liberty County HGAC Mobility Study's new map system

Staff have recently attended two mobility meetings in 2022. At the March 10th mobility meeting, the new mapping system was introduced by HGAC. The mobility study group is asking for feedback/comments on the information on their system before moving to the next phase of the study. This agenda item is to show council this information and to allow them to provide feedback.

16. Consideration and possible action to terminate current City Manager

Councilmember Franklin made a motion to have this item removed from the agenda and any future agendas. City Attorney David Olson stated that the Mayor has the right to add this item to the agenda.

No further action taken.

Executive Session

17. Closed Executive Session under Texas Local Government Code 551.071 for Consultation with Attorney.

18. Closed Executive Session under Texas Local Government Code 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

No executive session. City Attorney David Olson will send council the agenda items so they do not have to go into executive session.

Return to Open Session

19. Take action on any items from executive session as needed.


No executive session.

Adjourn

Councilmember Franklin made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilmember Clay. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of April 2022


Richard Boyett, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Angela Smith, TRMC
Director of Admin Svcs
City Secretary