

City Council met for the monthly City Council meeting on January 21, 2020, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 907 E. Houston, with Mayor Pro-Tem McWaters presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilmember Marilyn Clay, Councilmember Jennifer Bergman, Councilmember Danny Lee, Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn McWaters, Councilmember Fred Terrell, City Attorney David Olson, City Manager Kelly McDonald and City Secretary Angela Smith

ABSENT: Mayor Otis Cohn

VISITORS PRESENT: Lance Blackwell, Jim Carson, Vanessa Braisher, Bruce Martin, Rob Davis

EMPLOYEES: Darrell Broussard, Bobby Pennington, Ashleigh Broussard, Rod Hainey, Sean Anderson, Jeremy Chesnutt, Jennifer Jeude, Scott Felts

Mayor Pro-Tem McWaters called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and stated there was a quorum and that the Mayor was absent. The invocation was given by Rob Davis with Cleveland Church of Christ and Fred Terrell led the pledge to the US flag and Danny Lee led the pledge to the Texas flag.

Presentations and Comments

1. **Public Comments.**

Lance Blackwell –Remember that Feb. 12, 2020 is the 2nd Annual Day of Humiliation and Prayer.

Jim Carson – chamber update

2. **Reports and comments from City Council, Mayor or City staff.**

- Kelly McDonald – councilmember Clay has been recognized for her 72 continuing education credits with TML as Certified Municipal Officer. She will be awarded her certification at the Elected Officials conference in Frisco, on March 4, 2020. Also Black History Parade is scheduled for Feb 22.
- Marilyn Clay – The Cleveland High School participated in the MLK parade in Houston. The city needs to start on a recreational project as we do not have any.

Consent Agenda

3. **Consider acceptance of monthly financial report for month ending December 2019**

4. Consider minutes from City Council meetings held on November 5 & 19, and December 17, 2019.

5. Consider a 2020 Joint Election Agreement between Cleveland Independent School District, the City of Cleveland and Liberty County Election Administrator's Office for Election Services and approve resolution for 2020 Election Services. *Considerar un Acuerdo de Elección Conjunta 2020 entre el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Cleveland, la Ciudad de Cleveland y Oficina del Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Liberty para Servicios Electorales y aprobar la resolución para los Servicios Electorales 2020*

6. Consider an Ordinance ordering and calling the General Election for the purpose of electing Council Position 3, Council Position 4 and Council Position 5 to be held May 2, 2020, with a runoff date of June 20, 2020. *Considerar una Ordenanza que ordene y llame a la Elección General con el fin de elegir la Posición 3 del Consejo, la Posición 4 del Consejo y la Posición 5 del Consejo que se celebrarán el 2 de mayo de 2020 con una fecha de desempate del 20 de Junio 2020.*
7. Consider ordinance to continue authorization of participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas Inc. at the Public Utility Commission of Texas.
8. Consider an additional one-year term on the Cleveland Chamber's Civic Center Use Agreement with no changes
9. Consider a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cleveland, Texas, designating authorized signatories for contractual documents and documents for requesting funds pertaining to the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) (Harvey Grant 20-065-009-C022)
10. Consider calling a public hearing of City Council on February 18, 2020 for an application to rezone the following parcels from zoning district (R1) Single Family Residential to zoning district General Commercial (GC).
 - 0.15 +/- acres of land being a portion of Lots 8, 9 and 10 in Block 30 of the Springer Addition.
 - Robinson Springer-Clev, Block 29, Lot 4, 3 (N/25 ft.), acres .2755 (714 Elwood Avenue), Parcel I.D 68920.
 - Robinson Springer-Clev, Block 30, Lot PT 6-10, acres .5108 (713 Elwood Avenue), Parcel I.D 68922.
 - Robinson Springer-Clev, Block 30, Lot 1-5 PT 6-10, acres .9814 (506 Austin), Parcel I.D 68921.
 - J. Booth, Tract 27, acres .685 (Austin St.), Parcel I.D 21935.
 - Robinson Springer-Clev, Block 29, Lot 1, acres .1263 (418 Austin St.), Parcel I.D 68917.
 - Robinson Springer-Clev, Block 29, Lot 2 PT 3, acres .2784 (706 Elwood), Parcel I.D 68918.(These parcels are located near the southeast corner of US Hwy. 59 and FM 2025)

Councilmember Bergman made a motion to approve consent agenda items 3-10 as presented with a second from Councilmember Clay. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Discussion and Action

11. **Consider appointments for boards and committees for 2020.**

Councilmember Bergman made a motion to reappoint all members on the Airport Advisory Board with a second from Councilmember Terrell. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Councilmember Lee made a motion to reappoint Claire Barker, Rene Henry and Marilyn Clay to the Austin Memorial Library Board with a second from Marilyn Clay. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Councilmember Bergman made a motion to table EDC board appointments with a second from Councilmember Clay. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Councilmember Terrell made a motion to reappoint the Financial Audit Committee with a second from Councilmember Bergman. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Councilmember Bergman made a motion to reappoint David Nemeth as Chairman of the Board of the Reinvestment Zone 1 Board with a second from Councilmember Lee. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Councilmember Clay made a motion to reappoint Michael Preiss as Chairman of the Board of the Reinvestment Zone 2 Board with a second from Councilmember Bergman. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

12. **Consider resolution of the City Council of Cleveland Texas Declaring Certain Personal Property of the City to be Surplus and Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Dispose of this Surplus Property (disposal of surplus shelving and library furniture due to renovation of the library)**

This is library shelving and furniture that may be not needed after the renovations have occurred.

Councilmember Bergman made a motion to approve the resolution to declare certain personal property of the City to be surplus and delegate authority to the City Manager to dispose of this surplus property with a second from Councilmember Clay. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Executive Session

13. **Closed Executive Session under Texas Local Government Code 551.071 for Consultation with Attorney.**
14. **Closed Executive Session under Texas Local Government Code 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.**
15. **Closed Executive Session under Texas Local Government Code 551.074, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the performance evaluation and/or compensation of the City Manager**

Left for executive session at 6:25 pm.

Return to Open Session

16. **Approve purchase of 218 Peach Ave and authorize Mayor and City Manager to execute any documents required complete the purchase**
17. **Take action on any items from executive session as needed.**

Returned to open session at 7:41 pm.

Councilmember Bergman made a motion to approve the purchase of 218 Peach Ave and authorize Mayor and City Manager to execute any documents required to complete the purchase with a second by Councilmember Lee. All members present voted "AYE".
Motion carried.

Adjourn

Councilmember Bergman made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilmember Lee. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of January 2020.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL _____
Mayor Otis Cohn

ATTEST:

/SIGNED _____
Angela Smith, City Secretary TRMC