

The Cleveland Economic Development Corporation met in person and virtually using Zoom due to COVID-19 social precautions on August 11, 2020, for a special called EDC board meeting/Public Hearings with Board President Fred Terrell presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Board President Fred Terrell, Boardmembers Carolyn McWaters, Marilyn Clay, Kelly Jenkel-Axton, Patrick Casarez

MEMBER ABSENT: Michele Wyatt, Andrew Bounds

EMPLOYEES: Kelly McDonald, Bobby Pennington, Jennifer Jeude, and Robert Reynolds

Board President Terrell called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and stated there was a quorum.

1. Invocation, Pledge and Roll Call

Robert Reynolds gave the invocation and Carolyn McWaters led the Texas pledge and Patrick Casarez led the US pledge.

2. Public Comments

No comments were provided or received during live event during this section nor were received by the City Secretary via email as stated on the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING FY 2019-20 AMENDED PROJECTS

3. Open public hearing on amendment to approved 2019-20 fiscal year budget projects list. Nature of amended proposed project is as follows:

- Real estate purchase of land off FM 1010 from St. Luke's Church

The public hearing opened at 5:03 pm. There were no comments or questions.

4. Close public hearing on amendment to FY19-20 budget project list

The public hearing closed at 5:08 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING FY 2020-21 PROPOSED BUDGET

5. Open public hearing to receive comments from residents of Cleveland with regard to its 2020-2021 fiscal year budget and proposed projects. The nature of the proposed projects are as follows:

- a. Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements
- b. Demolition/Clearance—Sites for New Affordable Housing and Businesses
- c. Incentives—Other Businesses—Job Creation and Job Retention
- d. Central Business District Infrastructure Improvements
- e. Job Training—Cleveland ISD
- f. Industrial Park—Debt Service
- g. Municipal Park—Debt Service
- h. Airport Improvements
- i. Marketing
- j. Downtown Revitalization
- k. Real Estate Purchase

Public hearing opened at 5:08 pm. Board President Terrell read the information listed on the agenda. Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Pennington stated that the items listed are those that are allowed by law for EDC to handle however since it is not known what will be needed during the year all of

the items are included. At the last meeting the proposed budget was presented and approved by the board. As a reminder we have applied for a grant on the downtown revitalization project and we have \$90k budgeted for improvements for Phase II. We are finalizing construction on the Phase I of the same project.

No other comments or questions.

6. Close Public Hearing on proposed EDC FY20-21 Budget

Public hearing was closed at 5:13 pm.

Closed Executive Session

7. Closed Executive Session

- a. Texas Government Code Sec. 551.072, Deliberations about the sale, purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- b. Texas Local Government Code 551.087, Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations – to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations.

EDC left for executive session at 5:14 pm.

8. Return to Open Session

- c. Take action as needed from Executive Session

EDC returned to open session at 5:41 pm.

Boardmember Carolyn McWaters made a motion to deny the letter of intent submitted to EDC with a second by Boardmember Patrick Casarez. All members present voted “AYE”. Motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business to transpire Boardmember Clay made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned with a second by Boardmember McWaters. Meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of September 2020.

/signed
Vice President Marilyn Clay

ATTEST:

/signed
Angela Smith, City Secretary TRMC