

City Council met for the monthly City Council meeting and three public hearings on proposed budget FY20-21, proposed tax rate FY20-21 and public hearing CDBG MIT application on September 15, 2020, in person at 907 E Houston, Cleveland Texas and virtually using Zoom.com and streaming live on the city's Facebook account due to social distancing needs related to COVID-19, with Mayor Richard Boyett presiding.

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

EMPLOYEES: Bobby Pennington, Jennifer Jeude, Leanne Kirby, Sean Anderson, Robert Reynolds, Darrel Broussard, Leslie Herrera, Mary Cohn and Lindsay Carr

Mayor Richard Boyett called the monthly city council meeting to order at 6:00 pm and did a roll call of council which showed there was a quorum and that this is a virtual meeting on Zoom and is on the city's Facebook account as a Facebook Live event. Lance Blackwell gave the invocation and Jennifer Bergman led the pledges to both flags.

Public Hearing – Proposed Budget FY20-21

1. **Open Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for FY20-21**

Hearing opened at 6:04 pm. Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Pennington reviewed the proposed budget with the lower tax rate of .76 cents.

2. **Consider council action on proposed budget**

Action will be taken later in the meeting.

3. **Close public hearing**

Hearing closed at 6:10 pm

Public Hearing – Proposed Tax Rate FY20-21

4. **Open Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate for FY20-21**

- a. *Vote on the tax rate should be done on September 16, 2020 at 3:00 pm via a Zoom only meeting*

Hearing opened at 6:11 pm. Mayor Boyett informed all that the vote on the tax rate will be done on September 16, 2020 at 3:00 pm via a Zoom only meeting. There were no comments.

5. **Close public hearing**

Hearing closed at 6:12 pm

Public Hearing – CDBG MIT Application

6. **Open public hearing regarding submission of an application to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for a Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) grant.**

Hearing opened at 6:13 pm. Mr. Pennington briefly mentioned what the application will be for.

7. **Close public hearing**

With no comments, the hearing closed at 6:14 pm.

Presentations and Comments

8. **Presentation of Retirement Plaque for outgoing City Manager Kelly McDonald**

Mayor Boyett presented outgoing City Manager Kelly McDonald with a plaque and a proclamation by Brian Babin's office for her years of service with the City of Cleveland. City Manager McDonald gave a goodbye speech to all.

9. **Presentation of Employee Service Award for September 2020**

Doug Castleberry with Fire department reached 15 service years and was the only one for September. He was not able to be present at this meeting.

10. **Public Comments.**

Jim Carson with Cleveland Chamber of Commerce gave their update.

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

Bobby Pennington – sales tax update for September under 9% from original budget but \$47k higher than workshop projection. We may have received the SAFER grant for fire staff.

Carolyn McWaters – we appreciate Kelly McDonald and will miss her hard work and intelligence.

Marilyn Clay wished Kelly McDonald good luck on her next endeavor

Kelly McDonald – Leanne Kirby is taking over Municipal Court Clerk since Mary Ann Harrison has retired.

Jennifer Bergman – Addressed Kelly McDonald - Thank you for your service and countless hours at the City, we appreciate your love and dedication to the city.

Consent Agenda

12. **Consider minutes from City Council meetings held on Aug 4, 11, 18, 21, 2020**

13. **Consider monthly financial report**

14. **Consider request for Dayton Street closure between Washington and N San Jacinto and N. San Jacinto Ave between The Spot and Boothe St. for Chamber's Rock N Ride event being held on November 14, 2020**

15. **Consider approval of annual TxDOT Grant for Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) and designation of the City Manager as the Sponsor's authorized representative**

16. **Consider quarterly investment report for period ending June 30, 2020**

17. **Consider resolution amending designated persons authorized to sign on City related bank accounts**

18. **Consider TexPool & City of Cleveland resolutions amending authorized representatives for City of Cleveland's TexPool accounts**