

City Council and Cleveland EDC met for a Special Called Joint Meeting of both City Council and Cleveland EDC on January 9, 2020, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 907 E. Houston, with Mayor Cohn presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Otis Cohn, Councilmember Marilyn Clay, Councilmember Danny Lee, Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn McWaters, Councilmember Fred Terrell, Assistant City Attorney Derra Purnell, City Manager Kelly McDonald and City Secretary Angela Smith

ABSENT: Councilmember Jennifer Bergman

EDC MEMBERS PRESENT: Carolyn McWaters, Fred Terrell, Marilyn Clay, Kelly Jenkel-Axton, Robert Reynolds, Brad Browder

ABSENT: EDC Boardmember Niki Coats

VISITORS PRESENT:

EMPLOYEES: Bobby Pennington, Jeremy Chesnutt, Jennifer Jeude, Mary Hale, Mary Cohn, Sean Anderson, Darrel Broussard

Mayor Cohn called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and stated there was a city council quorum and then Board President Browder opened EDC's meeting at 6:00 pm. The invocation was given by Darrel Broussard and Robert Reynolds led the pledge to the US flag and Kelly Jenkel-Axton led the pledge to the Texas flag. City Manager McDonald mentioned it was National Law Enforcement Day and gave thanks to all our law enforcement staff and appreciation to their tremendous job done.

Joint Workshop with City Council & Economic Development Corp

1. Discussion on interview process for EDC Director position.

City Manager McDonald spoke about the last EDC meeting and the discussion on interviewing the proposed EDC Director applicants. The EDC Board wished to be the panel interviewers and not just the EDC Board President.

Board President Browder stated that this is an opportunity to do it right and we need to review the job description to make sure that we are filling the position correctly.

The EDC Director needs to report to the board with a admin line to City Manager. Needs to be a city employee to get the benefits. Needs to be responsible to the board and report to council frequently.

Marilyn Clay commented that it is not a concern to work with the City Manager but the EDC Board wanted to be a part of the interviewing process. They wanted the job applications to review. One of the EDC board is more than qualified to be hired.

There will no change to the admin cost from the City to the EDC board.

Councilmember Clay made a motion to create the interview board consisting of EDC Board members minus Robert Reynolds, plus Mayor, City Manager, Assistant City Manager and Councilmember Danny Lee with a second by Councilmember Danny Lee.

EDC Boardmember Reynolds stated that he needed to excuse himself due to conflict of interest since he is one of the applicant for the EDC Director position.

Voting occurred: Councilmember Terrell voted "NAY", Councilmember Lee, Clay and McWaters voted "AYE". Motion passed.

City Attorney Purnell stated no action was needed by the EDC Board on this motion.

The next joint session of EDC/City Council on this topic will be Jan 13th at 5:00 pm.

2. **EDC meeting adjourn**

EDC Boardmember Clay made a motion to adjourn the EDC meeting with a second from EDC Boardmember McWaters. All EDC members present voted "AYE". Motion carried. EDC board adjourned at 6:42 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of February 2020.

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Board Vice President Fred Terrell

ATTEST:

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Angela Smith, City Secretary TRMC