

City Council and Cleveland EDC met for a Special Called Joint Meeting of both City Council and Cleveland EDC on January 13, 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, Olson & Olson Attorney Scott Bounds, City Manager Kelly McDonald and City Secretary Angela Smith

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Jennifer Bergman (arrived at 5:36 pm)

**EDC MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carolyn McWaters, Fred Terrell, Marilyn Clay, Brad Browder

**ABSENT:** EDC Boardmembers Niki Coats, Kelly Jenkel-Axton and Robert Reynolds

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

**EMPLOYEES:** Bobby Pennington, Jennifer Jeude, Mary Cohn, Darrel Broussard

Mayor Cohn called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm and stated there was a city council quorum and then Board President Browder opened EDC's meeting at 5:06 pm. The invocation was given by Otis Cohn and Fred Terrell led the pledge to the US flag and Danny Lee led the pledge to the Texas flag.

1. **Public Comments.**

None

**Cleveland Economic Development Interview Committee & EDC Board**

2. **Discussion by Cleveland EDC Director Interview Committee concerning the position of Cleveland Economic Development Director**

*(The Cleveland EDC Board, along with the remaining Cleveland EDC Director Interview Committee members and City Council members (if present), reserve the right to convene in Executive Session at any time to discuss the position of Cleveland Economic Development Director, under Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters)*

All went into executive session at 5:12 pm.

3. **Closed Executive Session**

- a. Closed Executive Session under Texas Local Government Code 551.071 for Consultation with Attorney
- b. Closed Executive Session under Texas Local Government Code 551.074, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the appointment, employment and duties of the Cleveland Economic Development Director

4. **Return to Open Session**

Returned to open session at 6:22 pm.

- 5. **Consider and take possible action concerning formal recommendations made by the Cleveland Economic Director Interview Committee for the position of Cleveland Economic Development Director to the Cleveland Economic Development Board.**

Councilmember Bergman made a motion to interview five people for the EDC Director position including Landis Adams with a second from Councilmember Lee. Danny Lee, Jennifer Bergman, Brad Browder, and Kelly McDonald voted "AYE", Marilyn Clay and Carolyn McWaters voted "NAY". Fred Terrell, Otis Cohn and Bobby Pennington abstained from voting. Motion from the committee passed.

It was determined that the interviews will take place on Jan 22 & 23, 2020 starting at 5:30 pm for 30 minutes each.

**City Council Discussion and Action**

- 6. **Consider and take possible action regarding formal recommendations made by the Cleveland Economic Development Corporation for the hiring of the position of Cleveland Economic Development Director contingent on following the City of Cleveland hiring processes**

Not needed

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned with no motion at 6:32 pm.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

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Board Vice President Fred Terrell

ATTEST:

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Angela Smith, City Secretary TRMC