

CITY OF CLEVELAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 6, 2016
MINUTES

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The City Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cleveland was called to order by Mayor Shan Ash at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Annie Sutton, Bradley Greene, and Edward Young. Nan Bowen was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Edward Young, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the agenda for the June 6, 2016 City Council Meeting.

2016-05 STANDARD DEVELOPMENT SPECIFICATIONS – 5th and final consideration of amendment to the Standard Development Specifications regulating exterior materials for commercial buildings.

Mayor Ash read the amendment to the Standard Development Specifications regulating exterior materials for commercial buildings.

Purpose: The standards in this Code Section will provide a consistency to the development character, thereby enabling the long-term preservation of property values and the promotion of economic development. All proposed development shall meet the requirements of this code section.

Building Materials: The exteriors of all buildings proposed, planned, constructed, or reconstructed after the effective date of this ordinance (June 6, 2016) shall be covered with those natural materials commonly used in building code compliant commercial construction in the State of Georgia, such as stucco, wood, stone, and brick. However, roofing materials may be man-made. Building code compliant steel or other metal shall not be used on building exteriors, except as may be necessary for roofing, doors, window trim, gutters, and downspouts. Provided however, in those instances where, due to topography or landform, one or more walls of a building are not visible from a public road, public street, or public right-of-way, then such wall or walls which are not visible from a public road, public street, or public right-of-way may be permitted to be covered with building code compliant steel or other metal. The determination of whether or not such a wall or walls are not or would not be visible from a public road, public street, or public right-of-way shall be made by the City of Cleveland. Unpainted concrete block, except when textured or tinted, shall not be used on building exteriors.

Accessory Uses: Trash receptacles, mechanical equipment, outdoor storage, and other accessory uses shall be located or screened in such a manner as to be hidden from view from any public road, public street, or public right-of-way.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Edward Young, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the Standard Development Specifications amendment 2016-05 regulating exterior materials for commercial buildings. Mayor Ash was authorized to strike the month of May and enter in the adoption month of June.

2016-07 SANITATION RATE INCREASE – 1st consideration

The Mayor and Council reviewed the proposed sanitation rate increase. The last increase in sanitation rates was adopted in 2005. The rates, if adopted, are scheduled to go into effect July 15, 2016.

Charges for public collection and disposal. Monthly charges for public collection and disposal of solid waste shall be as follows:

Residential - For one collection, per week, one 90 gallon container:

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| 1. Residential occupancy - 1 person | \$7.88 |
| 2. Residential occupancy - 2 persons | \$12.50 |
| 3. Residential occupancy - 3 or more persons | \$18.75 |

Commercial - 90 gallon container:

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| 1. One container - one collection per week | \$27.50 |
| 2. One container - two collections per week | \$55.00 |
| 3. One container - three collections per week | \$82.50 |

Commercial – Dumpsters and other containers of more than 90 gallons:

Rental fee for dumpsters - \$12.00 per month

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[Collections]	1 container	2 containers	3 containers	4 containers
Once per week	\$80.00	\$120.00	\$160.00	\$240.00
Two per week	\$120.00	\$200.00	\$280.00	\$360.00
Three per week	\$160.00	\$280.00	\$400.00	\$520.00

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Edward Young, in favor – Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the first consideration of 2016-07 Amendment of the Solid Waste Management Ordinance Fee Schedule.

RFP# 2016-0406 – ROAD PAVING – review and acceptance of road paving bid

The city issued a proposal to bid to pave several streets in the city. The deadline to submit a bid was June 3, 2016. No one submitted a bid for the road paving.

The city will reevaluate and reissue the proposal for bids at a later date.

CHIEF RICKY PRUITT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Ricky Pruitt, Fire Department, was not present.

CHIEF JOHN FOSTER – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foster submitted the department statistics for April and May 2016.

Chief Foster reported there has been additional vandalism at the City Park. Vandals have pelted the bathroom doors with rocks. Chief Foster is making the installation of security cameras a priority and is working with Ricky Barrett to install a pole for relay equipment on his property.

Chief Foster has an item for executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

1. On motion by Edward Young, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the Work Detail Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections for the 2016-2017 budget year. The amount (\$39,500) and terms are the same as last budget year. Mayor Ash was given authorization to sign.
2. The Mayor and Council discussed the possibility of declaring certain properties, owned by the city, as surplus and offer for sale. Mayor Ash feels the Daybreak property could be better used as an area to install communication towers and the property on Wilford Ash Parkway as an area for a city maintained sign. It was explained the city does not have a direct need for the Daybreak property as there are numerous communication towers in place at the highest peak on Long Mountain. The city can use the city's right-of-way to install a sign on Wilford Ash Parkway. The full area of the property is not needed for a sign. The city will have both properties appraised and will address options at a later date. Mayor Ash would like to use reclaimed brick from Talon to build the base of a city maintained sign.
3. The city is in the process of obtaining funding from the USDA for the new water tank and well. The USDA has raised the issue of the fees of the engineer and the grant administrator. Mr. Rindt reduced his fees, but Ms. Steedley did not adjust her fees and followed up with a letter justifying her fee schedule by stating the city does not have the means, financially, to employ someone full time to handle the administration of grants and loans. The Mayor and Council directed the city clerk to contact Ms. Steedley about her fees.
4. On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Edward Young, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the draft minutes of May 2 and May 9, 2016.
5. The Mayor and Council reviewed and approved several class requests for police officers to attend radar training, LIDAR training, school resource training, and less lethal instructor training.
6. Public comments – Ms. Gloria Sutton came before the Mayor and Council to question the minimum charge that is applied to each utility account. Ms. Sutton feels she should not be charged wastewater charges if she is not using water. The city clerk explained as long as the meter is unlocked and an active account, there is a minimum charge for water, sewer, and garbage. There are several options that was given to Ms. Sutton last year, such as \$25 three-day inspection fee or to sign up for a snowbird account. A snowbird account is where the city locks the meter, but keeps the account open. The resident must keep the meter locked for three or more months or back-pay minimums. This program is typically for those that have vacation homes in the area. Ms. Sutton stated she did not remember being offered the snowbird option. This is something she will look into. Ms. Sutton expressed her discontent with the charges.

NEW BUSINESS - continued

7. Annie Sutton expressed her appreciation for the service of Richard Smith as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board. Mr. Smith resigned his position.
8. Cindy Bailey, Chamber of Commerce, reminded the group of upcoming events.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor –Edward Young, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to enter into executive session to discuss possible litigation and personnel issues at 7:54 p.m.

RETURN TO COUNCIL MEETING

On motion by Edward Young, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to return to the City Council Meeting of June 6, 2016 at 8:26 p.m. No further business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Edward Young, in favor – Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the City Council Meeting of June 6, 2016 at 8:27 p.m.



Shan Ash,

Mayor



Edward Young,

Council Member



Annie Sutton,

Council Member

(ABSENT)

Nan Bowen,

Council Member



Bradley Greene,

Council Member

Attest:



Connie Tracas,

City Clerk

