



## **Cleveland City Council Meeting Agenda**

**Monday, May 04, 2026 at 6:30 PM**

**Oak Springs Community Center/Police Department – 342 Campbell Street, Cleveland, GA**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **INVOCATION**

1. Lead Pastor Marc Turner, Cleveland Worship Center, and White County Ministerial Alliance

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

### **PRESENTATIONS**

2. Safe Haven Law (HB 350) Presentation
3. Proclamation proclaiming Monday, May 4, 2026 as International Firefighters' Day
4. Cleveland/White 250 Update

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

5. Resolution 2026-03 - FY 2025-2026 Budget Amendment
6. Resolution 2026-04 - FY 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Plan Budget Amendment
7. MountainCraft Builders, LLC Change Order #1 - Funded by SPLOST
8. MountainCraft Builders, LLC Change Order #2 - Funded by SPLOST

### **CALLED MEETING/MEETING MINUTES**

9. April 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

10. April 20, 2026 Executive Session Minutes

### **CITY ATTORNEY KEITH WHITAKER**

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN HARRIS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

11. The White County Water Authority Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. at the White County Water Authority
12. The next Cleveland City Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oak Springs Community Center/Police Department

13. The Planning and Zoning Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oak Springs Community Center/Police Department

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

14. Pending Litigation and Real Estate

**ADJOURN**

# BRINGING SAFE HAVEN BABY BOXES TO CLEVELAND, GA

# It's about compassion and prevention



**DECEMBER 24, 2018**

Intermountain Layton Hospital  
Layton, Utah

# What is a Safe Haven Baby Box?

**A Safe Haven Baby Box is a secure, temperature-controlled device installed at a fire station or hospital**



Safe Haven Baby Boxes offer a compassionate and secure option for mothers in crisis who are unable to care for their newborns. Designed with innovative safety features and installed on the exterior walls of fire stations and hospitals, each box ensures the safe and anonymous surrender of infants. The exterior door locks automatically when a newborn is placed inside, and an interior door allows medical personnel to promptly and securely retrieve the baby, ensuring immediate care and protection.

# Deeper Explanation

The Safe Haven Baby Box is a state-of-the-art device. It NOW legally permits a mother in crisis to safely, securely, and anonymously surrender her newborn. The baby box is a temperature-controlled safety device provided for under a state's Safe Haven Law. The box is installed on the exterior wall of a firehouse or hospital.

Before the box is active, tests occur at every stage of design, development, and deployment. It features multiple alarms in the device which alert first responders of a surrender. The box's alarms are tested weekly to ensure there will be no failures. None of these alarm systems have ever failed. The staff responsible for the box is trained on how the device operates.

The parent opens the door to the Baby Box, which triggers a silent alarm and a call goes to 911 dispatch. The infant is placed in a medical bassinet. A sensor located on the inside of the box triggers a second 911 dispatch call. The exterior door automatically locks upon the placement of a newborn. Within five minutes the infant will be rescued by first responders. An interior door allows a medical staff member to secure the surrendered newborn from inside the designated building. The infant will be quickly taken to the hospital for medical evaluation.



# Why This Matters Here?



- > White County is a rural community blessed with many strengths, supportive neighbors, strong values, and the beauty of our mountains. Yet the same characteristics that enrich our life here can also add extra layers of difficulty for pregnant mothers and newborns in crisis.
- > In rural communities like White County, where access to maternal-health resources, transportation, and 24-hour facilities is more limited, having an additional lifeline makes a meaningful difference (travel distance to major hospitals, fewer specialized providers, and greater logistical barriers).
- > This is an opportunity for our community to be proactive and lead in the State of Georgia. By taking this step early, we're showing that we prioritize both public safety and compassion.
- > This isn't just a resource for the public, it's a tool that supports our first responders. It creates a clear, controlled process for handling these situations, rather than leaving them to respond to unsafe or unpredictable scenarios. It allows fire and medical personnel to act quickly, efficiently, and safely, with a system already in place.
- > At the end of the day, this is about prevention. In moments of panic or desperation, people don't always make safe decisions. Providing a secure, anonymous option can be the difference between a tragedy and a life saved. Even if it's used just once, that's one life protected.



Deron P. Wilson, Fire Chief

Billy Petite, Deputy Fire Chief

We are proud to announce that Henry County Fire Rescue is partnering with Safe Haven Baby Boxes in bringing a life-saving initiative to our community.

The Safe Haven Baby Boxes program provides parents in crisis with a safe, legal and anonymous option to surrender a newborn when they are unable to provide care. Our goal is to help prevent infant abandonment by increasing awareness and accessibility of Safe Haven laws.

Over the next three years, four baby boxes will be strategically installed throughout Henry County at select fire stations to ensure access for parents in crisis. To successfully implement and sustain this program for the next ten years, our goal is to raise \$100,000.

Support from generous community members like you is essential to making this initiative possible. Your contribution will directly help protect vulnerable infants and provide critical resources for families facing difficult circumstances.

We invite you to support this important effort by making a donation using the link below, or by mailing your donation to:

Safe Haven Baby Boxes  
Memo: Henry County Fire Rescue  
PO Box 185  
Woodburn, IN 46797

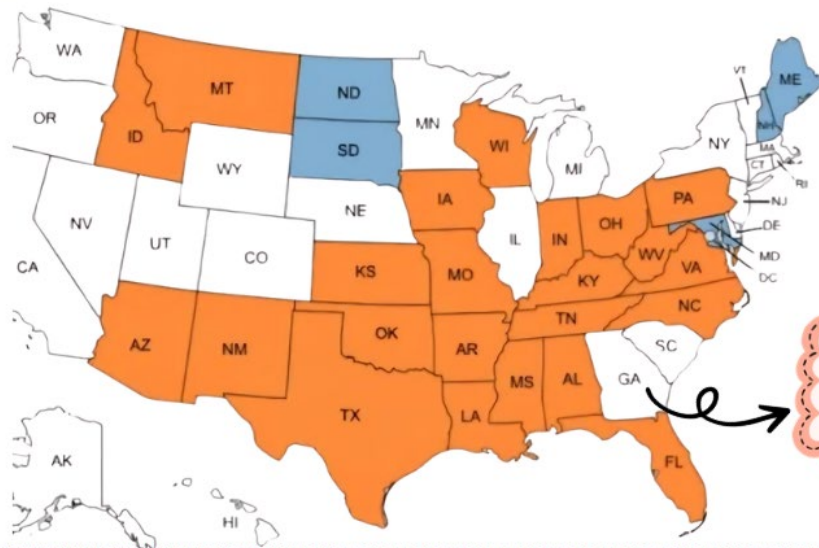
<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/supportgeorgiasbabyboxinitiative/restriction/Henry+County+Fire+Department>

All donations are tax-deductible.

We appreciate your support and look forward to partnering with you to provide these life-saving devices to our community.

Warm Regards,

Deron "Pat" Wilson, MBA, CFO, MIFireE  
Fire Chief  
Henry County Fire Rescue



**NOW  
GEORGIA!**



# Road to Active Baby Box

Baby Box goes live and available to aid infants with parents in crisis.

Item # 2.



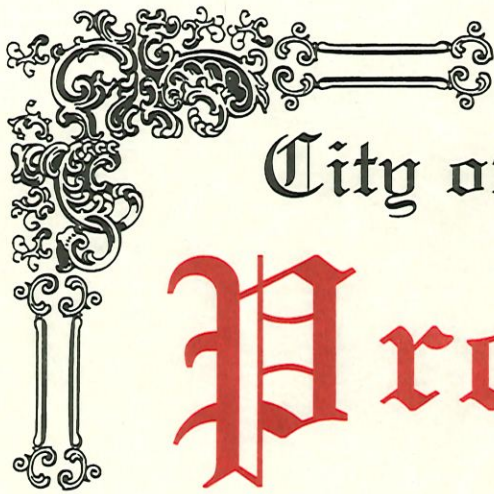
# Contact Info & Questions

 carlysadam@gmail.com

 www.shbb.org

 888-742-2133





# City of Cleveland, Georgia

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, International Firefighters' Day is observed annually on May 4<sup>th</sup> to recognize and honor the dedication, courage, and selfless service of firefighters who protect lives, property, and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, firefighters serve as critical first responders, providing emergency services in response to fires, medical incidents, hazardous conditions, and natural disasters, often under dangerous and unpredictable circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, members of fire services exemplify professionalism, discipline, and an unwavering commitment to duty, frequently placing themselves at personal risk for the benefits of others; and

**WHEREAS**, firefighters also contribute significantly to the safety of the community through fire prevention, public education, and preparedness efforts that reduce hazards and strengthen resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, the demands of the profession require exceptional physical endurance, sound judgement, and personal sacrifices, qualities that merit the highest recognition and respect; and

**WHEREAS**, drawn from all walks of life, firefighters stand ready to protect and serve without expectation of recognition or reward, meeting every moment of need with courage, compassion, and unwavering loyalty.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Council of Cleveland, Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 as:

## INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' DAY

in the City of Cleveland, Georgia, and call upon all citizens to recognize the invaluable contributions of firefighters and to express their appreciation for the vital role they serve in safeguarding our community.

**SO RESOLVED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026

\_\_\_\_\_  
Josh Turner

Mayor

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Jeremy McClure

Council Member  
District 3

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Nan Bowen

Council Member  
District 1  
Mayor Pro Tem

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C.J. McDonald

Council Member  
District 4

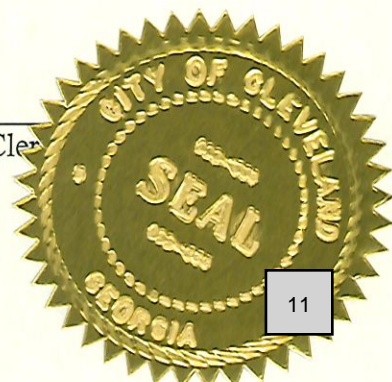
ATTEST:

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Annie Sutton

Council Member  
District 2

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Lisa A. Ritchie

City Clerk



**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE  
FY 2025/2026 BUDGET FOR THE  
CITY OF CLEVELAND, GA  
2026-03**

**WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Operating Budget for the City of Cleveland, Georgia, was adopted by Resolution No. 2025-20 on June 9, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has received revenues in excess of original budget projections in certain funds, including Premium Tax, Sanitation Collections, and Franchise Electric Tax; and

**WHEREAS**, such excess revenues are available for appropriation to support operational needs, including Public Safety functions within the Fire and Police Departments; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend the Operating Budget to reflect current operational needs within the Sanitation, Parks, Economic Development, and Administration Departments; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cleveland, Georgia, that the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Budget, as adopted on June 9, 2025, is hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

RESOLVED THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF May, 2026.

Josh Turner,	Jeremy McClure,
Mayor	Council Member District 3
Nan Bowen,	CJ McDonald,
Council Member District 1 Mayor Pro Tem	Council Member District 4
Annie Sutton,	Attest: Lisa A. Ritchie,
Council Member District 2	City Clerk

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE  
2025/2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
CITY OF CLEVELAND, GA  
2026-04**

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Budget for the City of Cleveland, Georgia, was adopted by Resolution No. 2025-21 on June 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City has received higher-than-anticipated revenues from SPLOST V; and

WHEREAS, such unanticipated revenues are available for appropriation to fund capital expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified an opportunity to purchase a 2025 Ford Police Interceptor at a favorable price of \$55,000.00, including necessary outfitting; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of this vehicle was originally planned for a future fiscal year, but it is in the best interest of the City to proceed with the purchase in the current fiscal year due to the availability of funds and favorable pricing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cleveland, Georgia, that the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Budget is hereby amended to appropriate up to \$55,000.00 in SPLOST V revenues for the purchase and outfitting of a police vehicle, as detailed in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this amendment reflects an increase in both revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$55,000.00 within the SPLOST V fund.

SO RESOLVED, this 4th day of May, 2026.

Josh Turner,	Jeremy McClure,
Mayor	Council Member District 3
Nan Bowen,	CJ McDonald,
Council Member District 1 Mayor Pro Tem	Council Member District 4
Annie Sutton,	Attest: Lisa A. Ritchie,
Council Member District 2	City Clerk

Batch Id: AMEND100 Posting Date: 04/29/26 Budget Year: 6 Fund: 100 Reason: Amended Budget  
\* Account Not on File in Budget Year: 6

Expenditure Account Revenue Account	Account Description Account Description	Change Description	Amend Budget	Chg to Budget	Seq
		RESOLUTION 2026-3	40,000.00	0.00	1
100-31-6200	Premiums Tax				
100-3500-52-2201	Repairs	RESOLUTION 2026-3	15,000.00	15,000.00	2
100-3500-52-2202	Maintenance/Labor	RESOLUTION 2026-3	5,000.00	5,000.00	3
100-3500-53-1101	Supplies	RESOLUTION 2026-3	10,000.00	10,000.00	4
100-3500-53-1230	Electricity	RESOLUTION 2026-3	5,000.00	5,000.00	5
100-3500-53-1270	Gasoline	RESOLUTION 2026-3	5,000.00	5,000.00	6
		RESOLUTION 2026-3	40,000.00	0.00	7
100-34-4110	Sanitation Collections				
100-4300-54-0000	CAPITAL OUTLAY	RESOLUTION 2026-3	25,000.00	25,000.00	8
100-4300-52-2201	Repairs	RESOLUTION 2026-3	5,000.00	5,000.00	9
100-6200-53-1230	Electricity	RESOLUTION 2026-3	2,000.00	2,000.00	10
100-1600-53-1270	Gasoline	RESOLUTION 2026-3	1,000.00	1,000.00	11
100-4300-53-1230	Electricity	RESOLUTION 2026-3	2,000.00	2,000.00	12
100-1500-52-1201	Accounting Services	RESOLUTION 2026-3	3,000.00	3,000.00	13
100-1500-53-1270	Gasoline	RESOLUTION 2026-3	2,000.00	2,000.00	14
		RESOLUTION 2026-3	20,000.00	0.00	15
100-31-1700	Franchise Tax/Electric				
100-3200-52-1300	Computer Software Support	RESOLUTION 2026-3	18,000.00	18,000.00	16
100-7410-52-3201	Telephone	RESOLUTION 2026-3	2,000.00	2,000.00	17
Total Amend Budget: 100,000.00		Total Change To Budget: 100,000.00			

Revenue Posting Summary			Amend Antic	Chg to Antic
100-31-1700	Franchise Tax/Electric	RESOLUTION 2026-3	20,000.00	20,000.00
100-31-6200	Premiums Tax	RESOLUTION 2026-3	40,000.00	40,000.00
100-34-4110	Sanitation Collections	RESOLUTION 2026-3	40,000.00	40,000.00
Total Amend Anticipated: 100,000.00		Total Change To Anticipated: 100,000.00		

G/L Posting Summary		
G/L Debit:		
100-99-9997	ESTIMATED REVENUE	100,000.00
G/L Credit:		
100-99-9999	APPROPRIATED BUDGET	100,000.00
Total Debits: 100,000.00	Total Credits: 100,000.00	

Entries: 17	Total Amend Budget: 100,000.00	Total Change To Budget: 100,000.00
	Total Amend Anticipated: 100,000.00	Total Change To Anticipated: 100,000.00

There are NO errors in this listing.

Batch Id: AMEND320    Posting Date: 04/29/26    Budget Year: 6    Fund: 320    Reason: Amended Budget  
\* Account Not on File in Budget Year: 6

Expenditure Account Revenue Account	Account Description Account Description	Change Description	Amend Budget	Chg to Budget	Seq
320-36-1022	SPLOST 5 INTEREST INCOME	RESOLUTION 2026-4	20,000.00	0.00	1
320-31-3205	SPLOST 5- REVENUE	RESOLUTION 2026-4	35,000.00	0.00	2
320-7570-54-1858	2025 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR	RESOLUTION 2026-4	55,000.00	55,000.00	3
<b>Total Amend Budget:</b>	<b>55,000.00</b>	<b>Total Change To Budget:</b>	<b>55,000.00</b>		

Revenue Posting Summary			Amend Antic	Chg to Antic
320-31-3205	SPLOST 5- REVENUE	RESOLUTION 2026-4	35,000.00	35,000.00
320-36-1022	SPLOST 5 INTEREST INCOME	RESOLUTION 2026-4	20,000.00	20,000.00
<b>Total Amend Anticipated:</b>	<b>55,000.00</b>	<b>Total Change To Anticipated:</b>	<b>55,000.00</b>	

G/L Posting Summary		
G/L Debit:		
320-99-9997	ESTIMATED REVENUE	55,000.00
G/L Credit:		
320-99-9999	APPROPRIATED BUDGET	55,000.00
<b>Total Debits:</b>	<b>55,000.00</b>	<b>Total Credits:</b> 55,000.00

Entries:    3    Total Amend Budget:    55,000.00    Total Change To Budget:    55,000.00  
                  Total Amend Anticipated:    55,000.00    Total Change To Anticipated:    55,000.00

There are NO errors in this listing.



**REQUESTED CHANGE ORDER #1 SUMMARY**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
IT/SECURITY UPGRADES	Upgrades to be performed by Omni Technology; Data wiring, security, access control, fire control, CCTV IP based cameras, server placement. Total reflects amount from invoice as submitted to the city. Does not include further change orders or other costs for IT/Security upgrades beyond the scope of the invoice submitted to the city. 50% deposit due from the city upon signing, with remainder less credits below due upon completion of work by Omni Technology.	\$ 85,144.53
CREDIT- DOUBLE DOOR REMOVAL	Credit given to the city for removing a double french door from the City Hall conference room, applied against the balance above to the final payment due upon completion of work by Omni Technology.	\$ (1,500.00)
CREDIT- ALLOWANCE	Per contract, the allowance for "KEY FOB/SECURITY DOORS" is \$25,000.00. Whereas Omni Technology is installing the key fob and electronic catch portion of this allowance, MountainCraft Holdings shall apply a credit of \$17,500 of the \$25,000 to the portion of work that Omni Technology is performing, with the remaining allowance fully covering the cost of security doors and mechanical door hardware. Credit to be applied against the balance above to the final payment due upon completion of work by Omni Technology.	\$ (17,500.00)

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 66,144.53</b>
<b>TOTAL DUE FROM CITY AT SIGNING</b>	<b>\$ 42,572.27</b>
<b>TOTAL DUE FROM CITY UPON COMPLETION OF WORK BY OMNI TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>\$ 23,572.26</b>
<b>CREDIT PAID BY MOUNTAINCRAFT HOLDINGS TO OMNI UPON COMPLETION</b>	<b>\$ 19,000.00</b>

**REQUESTED CHANGE ORDER #2- AS OF 4/30/2026**

ITEM	NOTES	AMOUNT
PARKING AREA-ADDITIONAL SPACES	Entrance apron widening. Expand access from Cantrell Road to facilitate vehicle passage.	\$ 6,000.00
GENERATOR-100kw GENERAC, TANK	Turnkey generator and propane tank plus connections per bid, plus ground work, concrete pad, and protective bollards. Does not include propane, costs for engineered drawings if required, or unknown costs for buried or hidden pipes/wires that must be moved. Total \$73,560.46, plus \$15,000.00, less \$50,000.00 allowance.	\$ 38,560.46
FRAMING AND TELLER WINDOW	Frame in and sheetrock two closets, add doors, switches and lighting to city clerk office; re-frame, add sheetrock, and add door to police front office; re-frame and add 2nd teller window, remove wall, remove trim, wainscot, re-sheetrock in main city hall shared workspace; demo, reframe, move secure door to City Hall back office.	\$ 7,500.00

**TOTAL \$ 52,060.46**



## Cleveland City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 20, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Oak Springs Community Center/Police Department – 342 Campbell Street, Cleveland, GA

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He then turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem, Nan Bowen.

### PRESENT:

Mayor Josh Turner (virtually), Council Members Nan Bowen (Mayor Pro Tem), Annie Sutton, Jeremy McClure, and C.J. McDonald

Also, present were City Manager Kevin Harris, City Attorney Keith Whitaker, and City Clerk Lisa Ritchie

### INVOCATION

1. Campus Pastor Jeff Groves, The Bridge Church, and White County Ministerial Alliance

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton, and voted, unanimously, to approve the agenda.

### PRESENTATIONS

2. Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tem Bowen read the Proclamation.

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure, and voted, unanimously, to approve the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation.

The Mayor Pro Tem and Council Members presented the Proclamation to Enotah CASA Inc. Outreach Coordinator Fran Parks, and South Enotah Child Advocacy Center Executive Director Rebekah Perethian.

3. Proclamation proclaiming April 20-25, 2026 as Georgia Cities Week

Mayor Pro Tem Bowen read the Proclamation.

Motion by Council Member Sutton, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to approve the Proclamation proclaiming April 20-25, 2026 as Georgia Cities Week.

The Mayor Pro Tem and Council Members presented the Proclamation to Ms. Ritchie.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

## PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Turner recused himself due to a conflict of interest.

4. Consider a request from Coleby Nelson, requesting to rezone 4.57 acres, Tax Map and Parcel 047A 011, located at 499 Old Blairsville Road, Cleveland, Georgia 30528. The current zoning classification for the tract is R-1, Single Family Residential District. The requested zoning classification of said tract is B-2, Highway Commercial District. The proposed use of this property is for low impact office space.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowen provided the public hearing procedures and opened the hearing.

She confirmed with Mr. Nelson that he had submitted a Disclosure of Campaign Contribution Certification and verified that he had not made any contributions exceeding \$250 to any government official involved in reviewing his application within the past two years. Mr. Nelson confirmed compliance.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowen also verified that all property taxes associated with the property had been paid, which Mr. Nelson confirmed.

Economic Development and Planning Director Tom O'Bryant addressed the Mayor and Council, stating that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval with staff's recommended conditions.

Mr. Nelson then addressed the Mayor and Council. He stated that he would not have any problems complying with the conditions set by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowen called for a show of hands from those in favor of the item; one person responded. She then asked for those opposed; there were none.

No additional public comments were made.

Mayor Pro Tem Bowen then closed the public hearing.

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure, and voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Nelson's request to rezone 4.57 acres, Tax Map and Parcel 047A 011, located at 499 Old Blairsville Road, from R-1, Single Family Residential District to B-2, Highway Commercial District with the following conditions:

- 1) Access onto Old Blairsville Road shall be improved to a commercial apron and drive standard approved by Planning and the Chief Building Official.
- 2) Any site improvements shall include stormwater retention measures to prevent all downstream storm impacts.
- 3) Fire and Life Safety commercial requirements and commercial building codes.
- 4) Commercial signage will be subject to the city sign ordinance.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

5. Economic Development and Planning Director Tom O'Bryant – March 2026 Report

Mr. O'Bryant addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following March items:

- Occupational License - 9
- Building Permits - 4
- Building Inspections – 16
- Plan Review - 3
- Current Commercial Activity - 7
- Development Inquiry - 3

Grant Applications and Administration:

- Selection of Rindt, Inc. to provide services for the well project

- The Wastewater Treatment Plant notice to proceed date is May 11
- Georgia Rural Water Workforce Initiative for funding for Campbell Street sewer relieve line servicing Talon Village was awarded funding in the amount of \$2.5 million. DCA site visit has been scheduled. Staff met with the city engineer to begin implementation

Infrastructure and Planning:

- Staff submitted the US Census Bureau report on construction status of the new fire station and expenditures.

6. Finance Director John Solmon – February 2026 Report

Mr. Solmon addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following February items:

- General Fund: Revenues are up, expenses are up
- LOST and SPLOST Collections: up 5.9% for the month
- Public Safety (Police and Fire is 56% of the general fund expenditure
- Water and Sewer Fund Revenue and expenses are up

7. Fire Captain Steven Sears – March 2026 Report

Fire Captain Steven Sears addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following March items:

- Responded to 123 incidents (65 inside the city limits, 44 auto-aid outside the city limits, and 14 surrounding district responses)
- The call volume has increased 6.25%
- 219 documented training hours
- Every shift now has a Lieutenant staffed

8. Police Chief Jeff Shoemaker – March 2026 Report

Chief Shoemaker shared that Brandon Landress had been promoted to Lieutenant.

Chief Shoemaker addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following March items:

Total occurrences – 2,438

- Public assist - 318
- Premise checks – 1,682
- Field interviews – 8
- Incident reports – 56
- Accident reports – 27
- Investigative/Supplemental – 50
- Use of force – 0
- Citations – 105
- Warnings – 143
- Warrants – 8
- Juveniles – 0
- Admin: Alcohol Badges, CHRI, Peddler – 45
- Arrests - 3

9. Public Works Director Ricky Hunt – March 2026 Report

Mr. Hunt addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following March items:

- Dumpster repair/replace – 2
- Culvert Clean Out – 1
- Sewer Inspection - 2

- Snowbird - 1
- Water Quality - 1
- Meter Change Out - 4
- City Hall Office Maintenance - 1
- Cut Off and Lock Meter - Non-Payment - 25
- Inspection - 2
- Check for Leak - 5
- Final Reading - Do Not Lock - 24
- Garbage Request - 13
- Sewer Backup - 2
- Meeting with Customer - 2
- Final Read and Lock Meter - Disconnect - 17
- Garbage Request Change - 4
- Meter Inspection - 29
- Residential Turn On - 35
- Commercial Turn On - Just Unlock - 1
- Street R-O-W Maintenance - 1
- Meter Readings - Monthly - 2,318
- Meter Re-Reads - Monthly - 19
- Utility Locates - 113
- Street Repair - 1
- After Hours Work - 2
- City Property Maintenance - 2

Total Number of Work Orders - 2,626

- Inmates worked 17 of their scheduled (17) workdays
- Routine Sewer Lift Station Inspections: 9 Lift Stations Inspected daily (252 inspections conducted)
- Residential and Commercial Sanitation - 57 loads collected, 189.09 tons of waste transported to the transfer station

#### 10. Water Resources Bradley Filaski – March 2026 Report

Mr. Filaski addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following March items:

##### Water Treatment

- City wells produced 16.9 MG
- Purchased 6.1 MG from the County
- Flushed 5 hydrants for water quality
- Performed 195 laboratory tests on drinking water
- Collected and shipped all required monthly samples to EPD's lab
- Submitted all monthly operating reports to EPD
- Issued 1 boil water advisory to EPD
- Water loss for the month was 34.9%

##### Water Reclamation

- Discharged 10.6 MG of treated effluent into the Tesnatee Creek
- Performed 108 laboratory tests on influent and effluent wastewater
- Cleaned all UV lamps
- Submitted the discharge monitoring report to EPD
- Reviewed and filed monthly grease trap manifests
- Installed new chemical feed pump for magnesium hydroxide

## Industrial Pre-treatment

- Reviewed Cobb-Vantress and NOK self-monitoring reports

## NEW BUSINESS

- Capital Budget Reallocation for turnout gear and radios for the Fire Department - Funding Source: SPLOST V

Captain Sears addressed the Mayor and Council Members to discuss the item.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton, and voted, unanimously, to approve the Capital Budget Reallocation for turnout gear and radios for the Fire Department.

- Request for sanitation services and road closures of South Brooks Street from East Kytile to East Underwood Street, and Quillian Street from East Kytile to East Underwood Street, for the Business Block Party scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

White County Chamber of Commerce President Beth Truelove addressed the Mayor and Council Members to discuss the request.

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to approve the request for sanitation services and road closures of South Brooks Street from East Kytile to East Underwood Street, and Quillian Street from East Kytile to East Underwood Street, for the Business Block Party

- Ratification of Service Agreement with Ghost Coast Entertainment, LLC for a fireworks display show for the July 4, 2026 event - Funding Source: Cleveland/White 250

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to approve the ratification of the Service Agreement with Ghost Coast Entertainment, LLC for a fireworks display show for the July 4, 2026 event.

- Georgia Department of Corrections Fire Services Mutual Aid Agreement

Captain Sears stated that the agreement is for extra personnel to be provided by Lee Arrendale Prison should there be a need.

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member Sutton, and voted, unanimously, to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections for Fire Services.

## CALLED MEETING/MEETING MINUTES

- April 2, 2026 Called Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton, and voted, unanimously, to approve the April 2, 2026 Called Meeting Minutes.

- March 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member Sutton, and voted, unanimously, to approve the March 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

- April 2, 2026 Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to approve the April 2, 2026 Executive Session Minutes.

## CITY ATTORNEY KEITH WHITAKER

Mr. Whitaker had no items to report.

## CITY ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN HARRIS

Mr. Harris discussed the following topics:

- Appreciation to everyone who was involved with the wastewater treatment plant groundbreaking
- Project status of the new City Hall/Police Department
- Georgia Cities Week
- Appreciation to Chiefs Shoemaker and Bryant for their leadership in their departments
- FY 2026-2027 budget planning

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Ritchie gave the announcements.

- 18. The next Cleveland City Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oak Springs Community Center/Police Department
- 19. The Planning and Zoning Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oak Springs Community Center/Police Department

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton and voted, unanimously, to enter an Executive Session at 7:48 p.m.

- 20. Pending Litigation

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the Meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Council Member McDonald opened the door to allow citizens to return to the regular meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the Meeting of April 20, 2026, at 9:04 p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Josh Turner                      Mayor

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Jeremy McClure              Council Member  
District 3

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Nan Bowen                      Council Member  
District 1  
Mayor Pro Tem

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C.J. McDonald              Council Member  
District 4

ATTEST:

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Annie Sutton                      Council Member  
District 2

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Lisa A. Ritchie              City Clerk