



Cleveland City Council Meeting Agenda

Monday, October 05, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Cleveland Municipal Complex, 55 Cantrell Road, Cleveland, GA

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

1. Pastor John Harrison, Nacoochee Presbyterian Church, and White County Ministerial Alliance

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

2. Proclamation proclaiming October 2026 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month
3. Photo Presentation - Diane Fenlason

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

4. Request for sanitation services and road closures of East Underwood and Quillian Streets beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2026, for Bridge Recovery's 5K Event
5. Approval of RFP to initiate the selection of a qualified vendor to assist with planning, design, and implementation efforts for both the City Park (Woodmen Hall Road), and a Pocket Park (adjacent to Campbell Street)

CALLED MEETING/MEETING MINUTES

6. Approval of the September 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

7. Approval of the September 21, 2026 Executive Session Minutes

CITY ATTORNEY KEITH WHITAKER

CITY MANAGER KEVIN HARRIS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. The White County Water Authority Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. at the White County Water Authority
9. City of Cleveland Offices will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2026, in observance of Columbus Day
10. The next Cleveland City Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cleveland Municipal Complex

11. The Planning and Zoning Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cleveland Municipal Complex

EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. Real Estate

ADJOURN



City of Cleveland, Georgia

Proclamation

WHEREAS, everyone should be offered the opportunity to live and work with dignity, freedom, and economic self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, building an inclusive community and strong economy includes workplaces that welcome the talents of all people; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Cleveland seek to raise awareness of disability employment issues and celebrate the many varied contributions of people with disabilities. The City of Cleveland recognizes the importance of the perspectives of individuals living with disabilities, and calls upon employers, schools, and others to recognize that people with disabilities are up to the task throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Activities during this month will reinforce the value and talent that people with disabilities bring to our workplaces and communities, and affirm the City of Cleveland’s commitment to an inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, National Disability Employment Awareness Month traces its history to 1945, when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week of October as “National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week.” In 1988, Congress expanded the observance to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Americans of all abilities should have access to good, safe jobs, and including diverse perspectives in problem-solving situations can lead to better solutions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and City Council Members of the City of Cleveland proclaim the month of October 2026 as:

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Cleveland, Georgia, and encourage all citizens to embrace the skills and talents of workers with disabilities and promote the right to equal employment for all.

GIVEN UNDER HAND AND SEAL, by proclamation of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cleveland, Georgia, this 5th day of October 2026.

Josh Turner Mayor

Jeremy McClure Council Member
Ward 3

Nan Bowen Council Member
Ward 1
Mayor Pro Tem

C.J. McDonald Council Member
Ward 4

Annie Sutton Council Member
Ward 2

Lisa A. Ritchie City Clerk





EVENT OCT 31

CITY OF CLEVELAND
SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION

85 South Main Street, Cleveland, Georgia 30528
permitting@clevelandga.org / 706-865-2017 opt. 2

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Rec'd:

Permit #:

Item # 4.

Event Name: Costumes for A Cause 5K
Event Location: Freedom Park
Event Date: 10-31-26 Event Time: 9am Set up begins: 7am

Applicant's Name: Bridge Recovery
Applicant's Address: 195 E Jarrard Str. Suite B2
City/State/Zip: Cleveland GA 30528
Applicant's phone: 770 310 0972
Email address: shelley@bridgerecovery.org

Non-profit Agency/Group &
501 (c)3 Identification: 873791513

Additional Emergency Contact: Kim Nunn
Phone number: 770 367 7577
Email Address: clean6582@me.com

Event Type (Provide a description of event and the related benefit to the community):

This is a 5k & fun run fundraiser for Bridge Recovery. All proceeds go to fund programming for an addiction recovery support center that provide free services for persons struggling with addiction.
Anticipated number of attendees: 50-75 Number of staff: 11

Will food be provided/given away/sold by vendors or food trucks? ☐ yes ☒ no

If so, have you made contact with White County Environmental Health? ☐ yes ☒ no

Will electrical service be needed (if held at Freedom Park)? ☒ yes ☐ no

Electrical service will need to be coordinated by the applicant with the White County

Board of Commissioners.

Will canopy tents be used? ☒ yes ☐ no

How Many: 3 Size: 10x10

(enclosed tents are prohibited)

Clean up of location will be provided by: ☒ Event volunteers ☐ Private Contractor

City of Cleveland Sanitation Department (must be coordinated with City Hall. Additional fees will apply.

Will fireworks be displayed? ☐ yes ☒ no (*separate approval must be obtained by Cleveland Fire Department)

Will speakers, microphones, amplifiers, or sound systems be used? ☒ yes ☐ no

Are street closures requested? ☒ yes ☐ no

*Street closures must be approved by the Mayor and City Council.

Any requests for assistance from the Cleveland Police Department for traffic control, security, or pedestrian crossing assistance must be coordinated directly with the Cleveland Police Department by calling 706-348-7078. Such requests for personnel will incur additional costs which are the sole responsibility of the applicant.

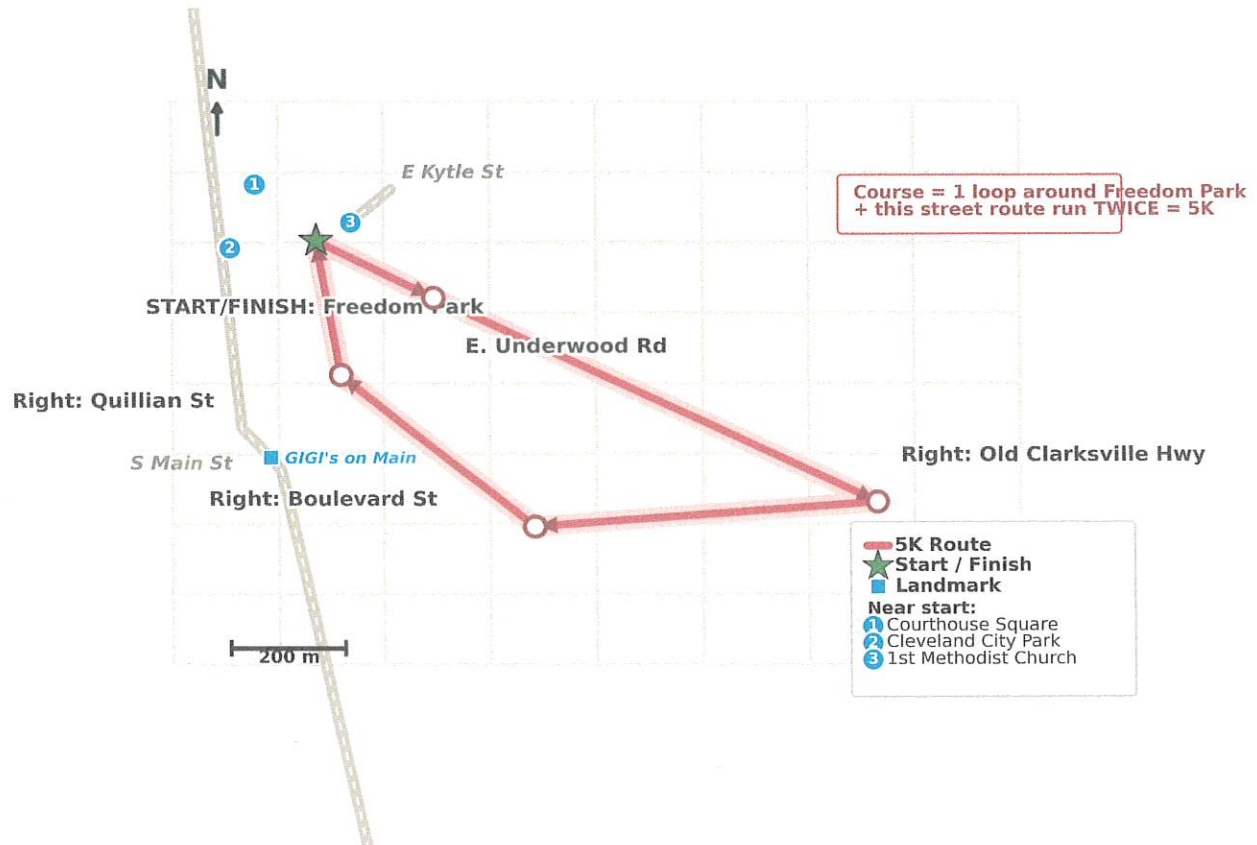
Required supporting documents: copy of Photo ID, list of vendors if applicable, sketched layout to include vendor locations, parking, and tent locations.

Applicant Signature: Shelley Adams Date: 8-17-26

BRIDGE Recovery 5K

Race Route — Cleveland, GA

BRIDGE Recovery 5K Route — Cleveland, GA



Course: one loop around Freedom Park, then this street route run **twice**, for a total of 3.1 miles (5K).

Turn-by-Turn Directions

Leg	Street	Turn	Notes
1	Freedom Park	Start	Loop around the park
2	East Underwood Road	—	Head out from Freedom Park — Lap 1
3	Old Clarksville Highway	Right	
4	Boulevard Street	Right	
5	Quillian Street	Right	
6	East Underwood Road	—	Back at Freedom Park — repeat street loop — Lap 2
7	Old Clarksville Highway	Right	
8	Boulevard Street	Right	



Costumes for a Cause 5K — Event Day Narrative

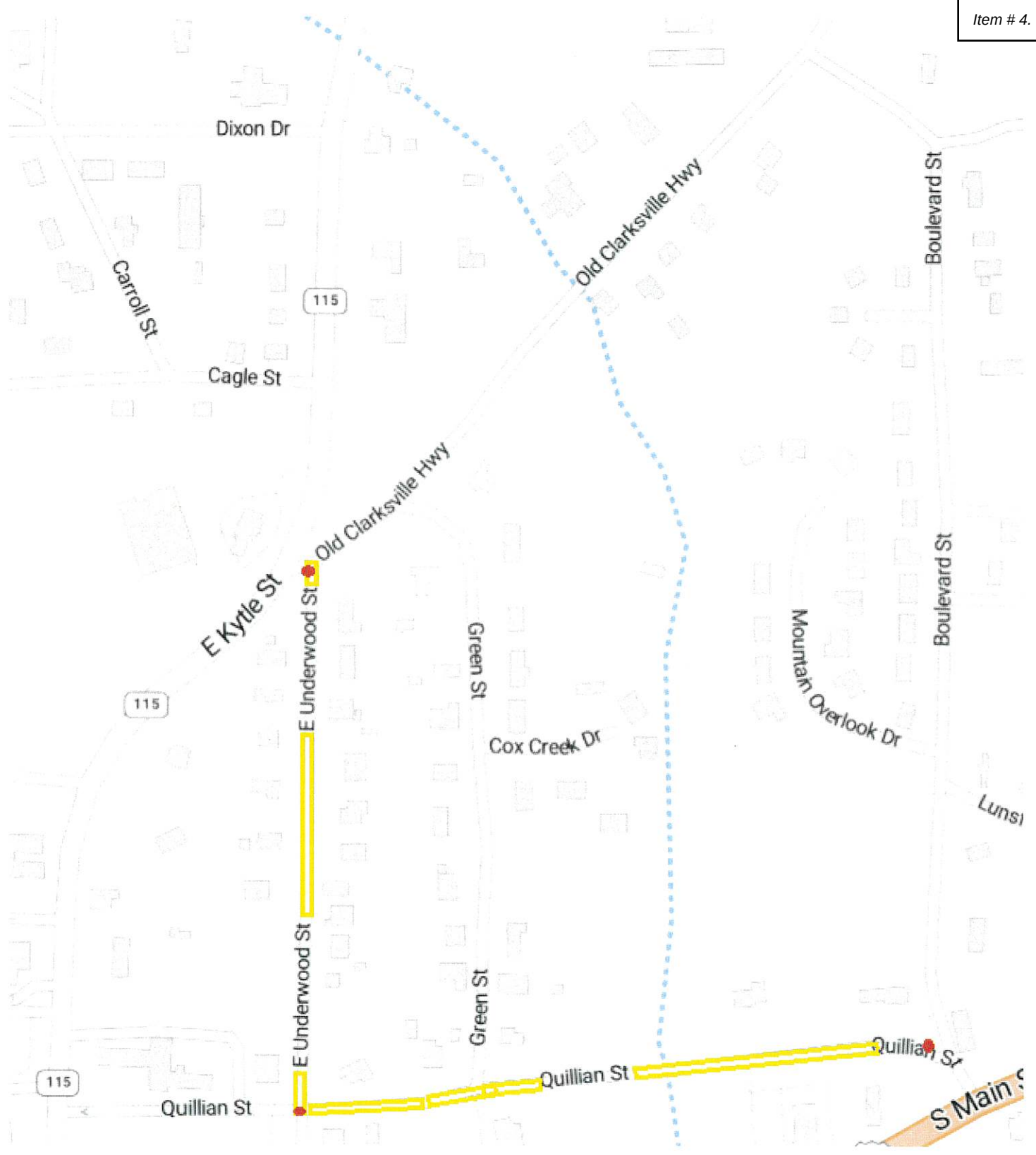
Saturday, October 31, 2026 · Freedom Park, Cleveland, GA

Setup begins at 7:00 AM. Volunteers arrive to place directional signage, set up three 10x10 canopy tents, and stage water and registration tables near the start/finish line.

At 8:30 AM, road closures go into effect on East Underwood Road and Quillian Street to protect runners along the course. Both streets close to through traffic for the duration of the race. Volunteers or event staff hold each closure point to redirect vehicles and keep the course clear.

The race starts at 9:00 AM from Freedom Park. Runners follow the street course — East Underwood Road to Old Clarksville Highway, right on Boulevard Street, right on Quillian Street, back to the park — twice to cover the 5K distance, then finish with a loop around Freedom Park.

Once the last runners clear East Underwood Road and Quillian Street, the closures lift and both streets reopen to normal traffic. Cleanup follows, handled by event volunteers, with tents, signage, and tables cleared from the park.





Cleveland City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 21, 2026 at 6:30 PM
Cleveland Municipal Complex, 55 Cantrell Road, Cleveland, GA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the new City Hall.

Mayor Turner called for a moment of silence in memory of a Truett-McConnell University student who recently passed away.

PRESENT:

Mayor Josh Turner, Council Members Annie Sutton, Jeremy McClure, and C.J. McDonald

Nan Bowen (Mayor Pro Tem) was not in attendance.

Also, present were City Manager Kevin Harris, Deputy City Manager/Finance Director John Solmon, City Attorney Keith Whitaker, and City Clerk Lisa Ritchie

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, 3 to 0 (Council Member Bowen was not in attendance), to approve the agenda.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

2. Economic Development and Planning Director Tom O'Bryant – August 2026 Report

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

-Occupational License - 1

-Building Permits - 6

-Building Inspections - 17

-Plan Review - 2

-Current Commercial Activity - 8

-Development Inquiry - 5 Grant Applications and Administration:

Grant Applications and Administration:

- Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant - the US Army Corps review is complete, scheduled and advertised public hearing for the project.

-The Rural Workforce Housing Initiative (RWHI) - Campbell Street Sewer Relief Line - Site crew is visiting the site and establishing sewer line alignment within the easement

-Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) - construction is underway, forms and concrete have been poured, the project is approximately 11% complete. Moved archived construction plans to the old tax office.

Infrastructure and Planning:

-Completed the monthly US Census Bureau report on construction status of the WWTP expansion, including expenditures.

-Submitted GDOT permit application for West Kytte Street waterline project.

-Coordinated with AGL for new natural gas service lines in the Campbell Street area.

-City of Cleveland Downtown Development Authority (DDA) attended board member training on August 20th.

-Attended GMRC Economic Development Retreat with Georgia Power and HEMC addressing demand for data center locations; attended Chestatee-Chattahoochee Resource Conservation Development Board Meeting.

-Presented at the Georgia Association of Conservation Districts on Housing and Infrastructure Planning.

-Responded to an open records request for West Jarrard Village.

Council Member McClure asked if the grant for the well was reimbursable. Finance Director John Solmon stated that it is reimbursable.

4. Finance Director John Solmon – April 2026 Report

3. Finance Director John Solmon – July 2026 Report

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

-General Fund: Revenues are down, while expenses are down due to three payrolls occurring during the month.

-LOST and SPLOST Collections: Collections increased 4% for the year.

-Public Safety: Police and Fire expenditures account for approximately 56% of General Fund expenditures

- Water and Sewer Fund: Revenues are up; expenses are down

4. Fire Chief Jason Bryant – August 2026 Report

Fire Chief Bryant addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following August items:

- Total of 113 calls (66.37% inside the city limits and 21.24% in the automatic aid area) for the month and 1,070 for the year

-The new Scott SCBA air packs arrived

-Personnel participated in 146 documented training hours

-Fire safety education programs were conducted at The Bridge Church and J.P. Nix Elementary School

5. Police Chief Jeff Shoemaker – August 2026 Report

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

-Public assist - 299

- Premise checks – 1,363
- Field interviews – 9
- Incident reports – 36
- Accident reports – 24
- Investigative/Supplemental – 22
- Citations – 69
- Warnings – 138
- Warrants – 6
- Juveniles – 1
- Admin: Alcohol Badges, CHRI, Peddler – 40
- Arrests - 7

6. Public Works Director Ricky Hunt – August 2026 Report

Mr. Hunt addressed the Mayor and Council Members. he reported the following August items:

- Street R-O-W Maintenance - 3
- Inspection - 3
- City Hall Maintenance - 24
- Meter Change Out - 9
- Cut Off and Lock Meter - Non Payment - 19
- Check for Leak - 15
- Final Reading - Do Not Lock - 19
- Garbage Request - 14
- Meeting with customer - 5
- Final Read and Lock Meter - Disconnect - 11
- Meter Inspection - 32
- Residential Turn On - 32
- Commercial Turn On - 1
- Meter Readings - Monthly - 2,318
- Meter Re-Reads - Monthly - 31
- Utility Locates - 101
- Sewer Backup - 1
- Street Repair - 1
- Outside New Water Cut-In & Sewer Cut-In - 1
- After Hours Work - 2

Total Work Orders - 2,642

- Inmates worked five of their 17 scheduled workdays, as there is currently no assigned officer.
- Routine sewer lift stations daily inspections – 9 lift stations, 7 days a week, 279 inspections conducted

-Sanitation (Residential & Commercial) – 55 loads collected, 181.95 tons of waste transported to the transfer station

7. Water Resources Director Scott Brown – August 2026 Report

Mr. Brown addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following August items:

Water Treatment

- City wells produced 16.7 MG
- Purchased 6.1 MG from the County
- 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
- Water loss for the month was 26.1%

WATER RECLAMATION:

- Discharged 11.7 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
- Greased and changed filters on blowers
- Responded to 1 sewer odor complaint call

INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT:

- Reviewed Cobb-Vantress and NOK self-monitoring reports
- Semi-annual Industrial Pretreatment inspection by EPD

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Turner opened the Public Hearing.

8. First Reading and Public Hearing - Amendments to the Sign Ordinance

Economic Development and Planning Director Tom O'Bryant addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He presented the proposed amendments, which included electronic LED signage regulations and standards, and new technologies. Council Member McDonald asked Mr. O'Bryant to look at billboards, and Mayor Turner asked that he consider other items previously communicated.

Mayor Turner closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Resolution 2026-15 - White County-Cleveland - Hazard Mitigation Plan

White County Public Safety Director David Murphy addressed the Mayor and Council Members. Mr. Murphy discussed the item.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton, and voted, 3 to 0 (Council Member Bowen was not in attendance), to approve Resolution 2026-15 - White County-Cleveland - Hazard Mitigation Plan.

10. Resolution 2026-16 Declaring certain city-owned vehicles, equipment, and miscellaneous property as surplus and authorizing their lawful disposition

Mr. Harris discussed the item.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton, and voted, 3 to 0 (Council Member Bowen was not in attendance), to approve Resolution 2026-16 Declaring certain city-owned vehicles, equipment, and miscellaneous property as surplus and authorizing their lawful disposition.

11. Resolution 2026-17 Authorizing the Establishment of a separate Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST VI) Account; authorizing the Deputy City Manager/Finance Director to establish and administer such account; and for other purposes

Mr. Solmon discussed the item.

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure, and voted, 3 to 0 (Council Member Bowen was not in attendance), to approve Resolution 2026-17 Authorizing the Establishment of a separate Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST VI) Account; authorizing the Deputy City Manager/Finance Director to establish and administer such account; and for other purposes.

CALLED MEETING/MEETING MINUTES

12. Approval of the August 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes
13. Approval of the August 20, 2026 Called Meeting Minutes (8:00 a.m.)
14. Approval of the August 20, 2026 Called Meeting Minutes (6:00 p.m.)
15. Approval of the August 20, 2026 Called Meeting Minutes (6:15 p.m.)

Motion by Council Member Sutton, seconded by Council Member McDonald and voted, 3 to 0 (Council Member Bowen was not in attendance), to approve the minutes of the following Meetings/Called Meetings:

-August 17, 2026 Meeting

-August 20, 2026 8:00 a.m. Called Meeting

-August 20, 2026 6:00 p.m. Called Meeting

-August 20, 2026 6:15 p.m. Called Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

16. Approval of the August 20, 2026 Executive Session Minutes (Real Estate)

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton and voted, 3 to 0 (Council Member Bowen was not in attendance), to approve the April 20, 2026 Executive Session Minutes.

CITY ATTORNEY KEITH WHITAKER

Mr. Whitaker did not have any items to report.

CITY MANAGER KEVIN HARRIS

Mr. Harris discussed the following items:

- Municipal Complex ribbon-cutting and Open House
- Operations & Communications Coordinator, Bre Bardenwerper
- Upcoming social media platform changes
- Utilization of YouTube rather than Facebook
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board
- future Annexations
- FLOST reduced property taxes from 5.056 to 1.938 - plans for no property taxes in the city
- Department staffing numbers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Ritchie gave the announcements.

17. The next Cleveland City Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cleveland Municipal Complex
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald and voted, 3 to 0 (Council Member Bowen was not in attendance), to enter an Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.

20. Personnel and Real Estate

Motion by Council Member Sutton, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, 3 to 0 (Council Member Bowen was not in attendance), to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, 3 to 0 (Council Member Bowen was not in attendance), to authorize a full-time position for a Deputy Utilities Clerk.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald and voted, 3 to 0 (Council Member Bowen was not in attendance), to re-enter Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Sutton, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, 3 to 0 (Council Member Bowen was not in attendance), to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the regular Meeting at 8:28 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion by Council Member Sutton, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, 3 to 0 (Council Member Bowen was not in attendance), to adjourn the Meeting of September 21, 2026, at 8:31 p.m.