Cleveland City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 16, 2026 at 6:30 PM
Oak Springs Community Center/Police Department – 342 Campbell Street, Cleveland, GA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

2. Proclamation proclaiming March 16 to March 20, 2026 as Government Finance Professionals Week in Cleveland

   Mayor Turner read the Proclamation.

   Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to approve the proclamation proclaiming March 16 to March 20, 2026 as Government Finance Professionals Week in Cleveland.

   The Mayor and Council Members presented the Proclamation to Finance Director John Solmon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. Economic Development and Planning Director Tom O'Bryant – February 2026 Report

   Mr. O'Bryant addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He gave the February report.

4. Finance Director John Solmon – January 2026 Report

   Mr. Solmon addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He gave the January report.

5. Fire Chief Jason Bryant – February 2026 Report

   Fire Chief Bryant addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He gave the February report.

6. Police Chief Jeff Shoemaker – February 2026 Report

   Chief Shoemaker addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He gave the February report.

   Chief Shoemaker stated that there is an increase in scams.

7. Public Works Director Ricky Hunt – February 2026 Report

   Mr. Hunt addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He gave the February report.

8. Water Resources Director Andrea Smith – February 2026 Report

   Ms. Smith addressed the Mayor and Council Members. She gave the February report.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to provide architectural and engineering service for ARC Project N0. GA-22582-2025, Cleveland Well Project

   Mr. O'Bryant addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He stated that staff recommended Rindt Inc.

   Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member Sutton, and voted, unanimously, to approve the award of the RFQ to Rindt Inc.

CALLED MEETING/MEETING MINUTES

10. March 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes

    Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure, and voted, unanimously, to approve the March 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

11. March 2, 2026 Executive Session Minutes

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

CITY ATTORNEY KEITH WHITAKER

Mr. Whitaker did not have any items to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN HARRIS

Mr. Harris discussed the following items:

- Revamping of the Code of Ordinances
- Upcoming budget
- New City Hall/Police Department Project

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Ritchie provided the announcements.

12. The Planning and Zoning Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oak Springs Community Center/Police Department
13. City of Cleveland Offices will be closed on Friday, April 3, 2026 in observance of Good Friday
14. The City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2026, has been cancelled
15. The White County Water Authority Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. at the White County Water Authority
16. The Downtown Development Authority meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the White County Chamber of Commerce

17. The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oak Springs Community Center/Police Department

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no items for an Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the Meeting of March 16, 2026, at 7:10 p.m.