



## Cleveland City Council Meeting Minutes

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

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He introduced his children, Halley James and Thomas, who were in attendance.

### PRESENT:

Mayor Josh Turner, 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. Lead Pastor Marc Turner, Cleveland Worship Center, and White County Ministerial Alliance  
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### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### APPROVE AGENDA

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

### PRESENTATIONS

2. Safe Haven Law (HB 350) Presentation  
Carly Adams addressed the Mayor and Council Members. She gave a presentation about Safe Haven Baby Boxes.  
Mayor Turner directed Mr. Harris to begin the process and have the City Attorney to review it.  
Mayor Turner provided Mrs. Adams with a donation in support of the baby box project.
3. Proclamation proclaiming Monday, May 4, 2026 as International Firefighters' Day  
Mayor Turner read the Proclamation.

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure, and voted, unanimously, to approve the Proclamation proclaiming Monday, May 4, 2026 as International Firefighters' Day.

The Mayor and Council Members presented the Proclamation to Fire Chief Jason Bryant, and firefighters Randall Johnson and Mark Francis.

4. Cleveland/White 250 Update

First Lady Lacy Turner addressed the Mayor and Council Members. She discussed the Cleveland/White 250 initiatives to celebrate 250 years of the United States of America.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Council Member Sutton expressed her appreciation to Fire Chief Bryant and City Clerk Lisa Ritchie for organizing a well attended Fire Department Open House.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

5. Resolution 2026-03 - FY 2025-2026 Budget Amendment

Finance Director John Solmon addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He stated that the budget amendment is needed for the operational budget.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to approve Resolution 2026-03 amending the FY 2025-2026 Budget.

6. Resolution 2026-04 - FY 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Plan Budget Amendment

Mr. Solmon stated that this budget amendment is needed for the Capital Improvement Plan budget.

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member Sutton, and voted, unanimously, to approve Resolution 2026-04 amending the FY 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Plan Budget.

7. MountainCraft Builders, LLC Change Order #1 - Funded by SPLOST

Mr. Solmon stated that Change Order #1 is mostly for technology, safety, and security items at the new City Hall/Police Department.

Motion by Council Member Sutton, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to approve Change Order #1.

8. MountainCraft Builders, LLC Change Order #2 - Funded by SPLOST

Mr. Solmon stated that Change Order #2 is for reconstructing the turn in area, adding a culvert, propane tank and a second teller window.

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure, and voted, unanimously, to approve Change Order #2.

## **CALLED MEETING/MEETING MINUTES**

9. April 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member Sutton and voted, unanimously, to approve the April 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

10. April 20, 2026 Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald and voted, unanimously, to approve the April 20, 2026 Executive Session Minutes.

## **CITY ATTORNEY KEITH WHITAKER**

Mr. Whitaker had no items to report.

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN HARRIS**

Mr. Harris discussed the following items:

- New City Hall/Police Department project status
- FY2026-2027 Proposed Budget status
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project status

- Woodmen of the World Park upgrades/improvements
- Revamping of the Park and Recreation Board
- RFQ for vendor for parks (Woodmen and Campbell Street)
- Appreciation for Fire Chief Bryant and Ms. Ritchie for their work on the Fire Department Open House

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Ritchie gave the announcements.

Mayor Turner reminded everyone that early voting ends on May 15.

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**

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen and voted, unanimously, to enter an Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

14. Pending Litigation and Real Estate

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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

### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the Meeting of May 4, 2026, at 8:33 p.m.