

**CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Monday, March 23, 2020**

Members of the Cleveland City Council met in a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020, at Cleveland City Hall located at 105 W. Caddo, Cleveland, Oklahoma, with Mayor Scott Rusher presiding. The agenda for this meeting was posted on the front door of the Cleveland City Hall on March 19th, 2020, at 4:55 p.m.

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Scott Rusher called this meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** City Clerk Michelle Lehnus called roll with the following members present:
Present: Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, Lee Merrifield, David Carter, Mike Carroll
Absent: None
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Rusher prior to the meeting being called to order.
4. **Invocation.** The invocation was performed by David Carter prior to the meeting being called to order.
5. **Discussion and action to approve or reject Resolution No 2020 – 01: A RESOLUTION FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS; RESCHEDULE ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 7, 2020 DUE TO SECRETARY OF THE ELECTION BOARD’S DECLARATION OF ELECTION EMERGENCY.** City Attorney Bryan Drummond advised the council that the Secretary of the Election Board had declared an election emergency due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and recommendations of social distancing made by the CDC. This resolution would allow the general election scheduled April 7, 2020 to be rescheduled to June 30, 2020. Mr. Drummond reminded council that newly elected officials would not take their seat on the council until after the general election. A motion was made by Mike Carroll and seconded by David Carter to approve Resolution No 2020-01: A RESOLUTION FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS; RESCHEDULE ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 7, 2020 DUE TO SECRETARY OF THE ELECTION BOARD’S DECLARATION OF ELECTION EMERGENCY. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (5-0)
Aye: Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, Lee Merrifield, David Carter, Mike Carroll
Nay: None
6. **Discussion and action to approve or reject Resolution No 2020-02: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING OMAG (OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL ASSURANCE GROUP).** City Attorney Bryan Drummond advised the council that this resolution would allow OMAG to exist in perpetuity. A motion was made by Brian Torres and seconded by Lee Merrifield to approve Resolution No. 2020-02: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING OMAG (OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL ASSURANCE GROUP). This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (5-0)
Aye: Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, Lee Merrifield, David Carter, Mike Carroll
Nay: None
7. **Discussion and action to approve or reject Ordinance No 2020-632: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 13-401 TO 13-404 AND 13-406 TO 13-407; REPEALING SECTION 13-405 TO CHAPTER 4 OF PART 13 OF THE CLEVELAND CODE REGARDING CIVIL EMERGENCY AUTHORITY.** City

Attorney Bryan Drummond advised the council that this ordinance had been reviewed and amended heavily. One main amendment he noted was that the ordinance as it is written to be passed would allow (a) the Mayor and City Manager; or (b) the Mayor and Vice-Mayor; or c) the City Manager and Vice-Mayor to declare a state of emergency. A motion was made by David Carter and seconded by Mike Carroll to approve Ordinance 2020-632: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 13-401 TO 13-404 AND 13-406 TO 13-407; REPEALING SECTION 13-405 TO CHAPTER 4 OF PART 13 OF THE CLEVELAND CODE REGARDING CIVIL EMERGENCY AUTHORITY. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: (5-0).

Aye: Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, Lee Merrifield, David Carter, Mike Carroll

Nay: None

Emergency Clause: A motion to pass Ordinance No 2020-632 as Emergency was made by David Carter and seconded by Scott Rusher. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (5-0).

Aye: Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, Lee Merrifield, David Carter, Mike Carroll

Nay: None

- 8. Adjournment.** A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Carroll and seconded by Scott Rusher. This motion passed with the following roll call vote: (5-0)

Aye: Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, Lee Merrifield, David Carter, Mike Carroll

Nay: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Signature on File
Scott Rusher, Mayor

Signature on File
Michelle Lehnus, City Clerk