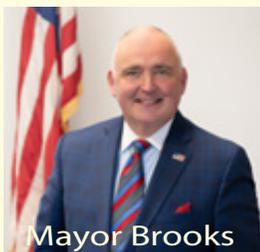




## MAYOR BROOKS STATE OF THE CITY 2025



Mayor Brooks

Mayor Kevin Brooks recently presented the State-of-the-City Address and 2024 has been a very busy year. Here are a few highlights: First on the list is the improvement to Communications: The city launched a podcast "Five Points with the Mayor." it can be heard at: <https://5points.fireside.fm/1>. We are excited to bring a more proactive way of communicating with the public on important developments and events, as well as updates on projects. We also have implemented "Cleveland Conversations," a video interview series with each council member; this will be shared monthly on You Tube.

Finance: The city moved debt from 65% variable rate to 95% fixed rate and is in strong financial position for 2025.

Public Safety: The Cleveland Police Department (CPD) is in the top 3% of Police Departments in the state with their Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) certification. CPD will be launching License Plate Readers at federal/state intersections. The Cleveland Fire Department (CFD) is in the top 3% of Fire Departments in the state with their Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating of 2; CFD has also purchased a very much needed ladder truck with the city's first mid-mount platform.

Industry: Site Selection Magazine ranks Cleveland #8 in Tier 3 metros for industrial growth; USA Today listed Cleveland, top 3 best cities to move to in Tennessee. Cleveland was also number 1 in new job announcements in 2023.

Infrastructure: We are approaching year 2 of the BUILD CLEVELAND's FUTURE INITIATIVE; over \$138 million transportation, parks, aesthetics plan.

Development & Parks: 595 New construction permits issued equaling \$212 million in value - record number of residential permits. New & improved Civitan Inclusive Park; Jim Sharp Park; Johnston Park; Tinsley Park new pickleball complex, renovate small and large dog parks, ballfields, parking and more...

Announcements: Sports Tourism Facility Feasibility Study; Land Bank Authority established; Former Whirlpool property under contract; Historic Redevelopment Grant for Cherokee Hotel - New City Center; Greenway Cameras, and the 3rd St. Infrastructure Project (East-West Connector) for downtown;

Looking Forward 2025: Downtown Beautification Project; Downtown Improvement Grant Projects; Paving of Paul Huff Parkway; New Greenway Nature Park; College Hill Sidewalk Project; 25th Street Traffic Improvements; East circle Greenway Extension; Peerless/Paul Huff Intersection Project; 25th Street/Peerless Intersection Project; Exit 27 Ramp; Michigan Avenue/Minnis Road Widening Project; Jetport Hangar expansion; Army Corp of Engineer Stormwater Projects (2); New lights at Soccer Complex. "2025 will be a very exciting year. Happy New Year!," said Mayor Kevin Brooks.

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## JOHNSTON PARK RENOVATION

The renovation of Johnston Park was completed and re-opened just in time for Christmas. An official grand-opening is planned for the Spring. The date and time will be announced at a later date. We are pleased to hear such positive comments from the community. Everyone has been raving about how the renovation has made such a difference in downtown, how it is so beautiful, and how it makes them proud to be a Clevelander. The park glowed with beautiful Christmas lights and synchronized Christmas music this year. Santa made a welcomed appearance to add more excitement. Everyone young and old enjoyed taking photos and admiring it's beauty and taking it all in.



Mayor & Council tour the newly renovated Johnston Park - Now, A Downtown Jewel

Councilman May stated, "I could not be more proud of how the park has turned out." Mayor Brooks stated, " I know everyone will enjoy Johnston Park for many years to come. It is truly a great asset to our community."

## TINSLEY PARK RENOVATION

Tinsley Park Renovation is underway with construction beginning in September. The project includes updating softball fields, fencing, sidewalks, parking lots, and updates to the small and large dog parks as well as landscaping and lighting.

One of the main features of the park will be the Pickle-Ball Complex which will feature covered courts and increasing the number of courts to a total of 24 (covered and open-air) courts available for pickle-ball enthusiasts. Pickle-Ball is the fastest growing sport in the United States. "By increasing the number of courts, this facility will attract tourism dollars to our community, in hopes it will enable the city to host world-class tournaments," said Mayor Kevin Brooks.

"The city intends to have most of the work completed this summer," said City Manager Joe Fivas. If you would like more information about clinics, leagues and tournaments, please call 423-479-4129.

Pickle-Ball is also played every Wednesday night 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at South Cleveland Community Center located at 1334 Church Street (rain or shine).



## WALKABLE INMAN STREET

On Monday, November 18th, a ribbon cutting was held at the intersection of Ocoee and Inman Street for the grand opening of the newly revitalized Inman Street, with new 10' sidewalks, aesthetic street lighting and landscaping. The redesign of Inman has made downtown more beautiful, safer, and more pedestrian friendly.



For years, many businesses on Inman didn't have a street front entrance. The new walkable Inman has brought a breath of fresh air to downtown. The new sidewalks will make it safer for pedestrians and patrons to visit all of the shops and restaurants with ease. This project has been 20 years in the making. The intent of this project was to create a safer, more attractive, economically vibrant corridor in downtown, serving as both a residential and commercial area. We invite you to come downtown, "slow down and take it in."



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Duane Goff

Councilman - Dist. 5

The employee spotlight in this edition is on our newly elected City Council members Duane Goff and Dan Moore. Duane serves the 5th District, replacing Dale R. Hughes who recently retired; and Dan serves the At-Large District, replacing Avery Johnson who recently retired. They were sworn into office on September 9th at the Museum Center at 5ive Points.



Dan Moore

Councilman-At-Large

Councilman Goff is a Cleveland native and a graduate of Bradley Central High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business with a minor in Theology from Lee University. Duane is a local business owner and has lived in District 5 for 18 years. Duane and his wife Candace have two daughters. Duane has a strong commitment to public service, demonstrated by his roles in various organizations.

Councilman Moore is a fifth generation Cleveland resident deeply rooted in our community. Dan owns and operates multiple small businesses. Dan and his wife Sarah have 2 boys. Dan is actively engaged in community activities and is a dedicated member of Broad Street United Methodist Church.

"We are excited to have both Duane and Dan on the Cleveland City Council." said Mayor Kevin Brooks. Welcome aboard!



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- Cleveland Regional Jetport: 423.650.3775
- Codes Enforcement: 423.284.4402
- Development & Recreation (Permits): 423.479.1913
- Fire (non-emergency): 423.476.6713
- Municipal Traffic Court/Business Tax: 423.472.4551
- Parks and Recreation: 423.479.4129
- Police (non-emergency): 423.476.1121
- Public Works: 423.472.2851

### Job Opportunities:

- Firefighter
- Police Officer

Additional job openings are posted on the city's website at:  
<https://www.clevelandtn.gov/jobs.aspx>

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Work session is held at 1 p.m.  
Voting session is held at 3 p.m.

in the City Council Chambers located on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building at 190 Church Street.

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