

JANUARY 4, 2022
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
GOVT. CTR. – RM. 100 (Virtual and in-person Meeting)

PRESENT: City Commissioners: Jon Howard, BJ Fletcher, Chad Warbington
Virtual Attendees: (Mayor Dorough, Mayor Pro Tem Fuller, Bob Langstaff,
Jr., and Demetrius Young)
City Manager: Steven Carter
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Commissioner Howard called the meeting to order at 8:32 am, asked the Clerk to call the roll and wished all a happy new year.

ADOPTION OF THE WORK SESSION AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Fuller moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher and, following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Speaker Appearance)

Joshua Collins, representing the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks, discussed the impact of bigger trucks on roadways (infrastructure/safety) and, using a power point presentation (copy on file) asked that the Commission support the status quo regarding the issue of allowing larger trucks on roadways. He stated that he has a draft letter that can be sent to state and federal legislators.

Commissioner Young asked Mr. Collins the location of his office. Mr. Collins stated that he is one in an office of four, based in Chicago. He explained that Georgia is targeted due to upcoming legislation that will allow a state-wide increase of truck weight. Commissioner Young agreed that this is a concern pertaining to residential neighborhoods and large truck parking, etc., adding that being proactive is necessary. He asked Asst. to the City Manager Barry Brooks to provide information regarding the new rules that were recently adopted regarding who can appear before the Commission.

Mr. Brooks clarified that the rules of procedures and comportment are in affect and that the speaker today is subject to the rules; he asked if the question pertains to the person speaking not being from Albany. Commissioner Young agreed and Mr. Brooks explained the reason why Mr. Collins was allowed to speak to the truck debate. Providing clarification for Commissioner Young, Mr. Brooks advised that Commissioners have discretion to waive rules if they so desire, adding that this is City business. He noted that approval of the agenda at the beginning of the meeting allows for any item to be debated/what can be discussed and/or removed from the agenda.

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

The Clerk reminded the Commissioners of the following: 1) Monday, January 10, 2022, regular business meeting and swearing in of newly elected officials; 2) Commission Retreat scheduled for February 5-7, 2022.

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REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Mr. Davis discussed the special [approval]/permit application that will be on the next regular meeting agenda (January 10, 2022) and advised that he sent an email explaining the process.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE ITEMS

DARTS FREIGHT PLAN UPDATE

Kimberly Allen, Buyer, discussed information (copy on file) regarding a request to contract with Metro Analytics, Marietta, GA, to update freight planning data for a not to exceed amount of \$50,000. There were no questions/comments on this item.

CDBG-MIT SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Paul Forgey, Planning Director, discussed information (copy on file) regarding the request to approve the amendment as noted.

In reply to Commissioner Young, Mr. Forgey explained that the Mayor will be listed on the contract as the point of contact and that he hopes he will continue to be on communications, explaining that they wanted the Mayor to be the point of contact rather than a staff member.

In reply to Commissioner Howard, Mr. Forgey stated that there will be no major changes from the original agreement.

Mayor Dorough stated that he will do his best at being the point of contact.

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION RE: 2022 TRANSFERS

Yvette Fields Interim Asst. City Manager discussed information (copy on file) regarding approval of the annual resolution authorizing vehicle transfers for 2022. There were no questions/comments on this item.

MEMBER REQUEST AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Warbington asked if redistricting will be placed on an upcoming agenda and whether there are time restraints. Mr. Carter stated that he will bring information back.

Commissioner Young asked if information is available regarding the joint redistricting committee with the County and School Board that he and Commissioner Howard were appointed to.

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Commissioner Warbington, as a member of the committee, stated that he has spoken with a few County Commissioners and was advised that the City has no bearing on the work that they have done to this point. He said their information was released to the news media which included their proposed maps.

A brief discussion followed regarding the City not being present at the meetings with Mr. Warbington explaining that the City will be a part of discussion only if a City/County consolidation map were to come up.

Commissioner Howard asked if PSA's can be released regarding truck parking in empty parking lots. He also asked if dirt bikes can be addressed through PSA's. Mr. Carter stated that the ordinance will be reviewed and information distributed.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Carter introduced Yvette Fields and Bruce Maples as Interim ACM's, adding that a national search is being conducted for both positions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

SONJA TOLBERT, CMC
CITY CLERK