

MARCH 13, 2018
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Bob Langstaff, Jr.
City Commissioners: Matt Fuller, BJ Fletcher, Roger Marietta and Tommie Postell
City Manager: Sharon D. Subadan
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.,

TRAVEL

Commissioner Postell moved to approve the following, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the motion unanimously carried.

1. Mayor D. Hubbard - Albany-Dougherty Day at Capitol; Atlanta, GA; Feb. 20 -21, 2018; \$500.97
2. City Manager S. Subadan; GMA 2018 Annual Convention; Savannah, GA; June 22-26, 2018

PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

2500 BLOCK OF E. ALBERSON DR. SPEED TABLES

Bruce Maples, Director of Engineering, discussed the purchase and installation of concrete traffic speed tables for the 2500 block of E. Alberson Dr., and advised that it meets the requirements for traffic calming measures.

Commissioner Postell asked that speed tables for his ward be on the agenda next. Mr. Maples explained the process, adding that citizens come to his office to initiate the request for traffic calming measures which triggers a study, petition, etc., which is then brought to the Commission for consideration. However, no one from Ward VI has initiated the process.

Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff asked if Commissioner Postell can initiate the process; Mr. Maples replied that staff needs to know the street and block number. Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff asked the amount of funds left in that program, with Mr. Maples stating \$121,239 out of the \$300,000 originally allocated; with the two approved today it will be approximately \$87,000 remaining.

Commissioner Postell stated that speed humps are supposed to go from one end to the other on MLK Dr. Mr. Maples explained that MLK is a connector street and traffic calming measures cannot be placed there since the State deems it something other than a local road.

Discussion followed with Commissioner Marietta stating that Joyce Jordan questioned the 400 block of Heard Avenue, with Commissioner Postell expressing concern that she is not in his ward and he does not want to discuss. Commissioner Marietta asked if the process should go through with Mr. Maples stating that signatures are required. Ken Breedlove, Traffic Engineering

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Manager, reported that the speed on Heard met the requirements; however, Ms. Jordan did not return the second petition after misplacing the first one.

Ms. Subadan advised that speed humps will be considered after the street is resurfaced and that they will follow-through.

There were no additional comments on this item.

3200 BLOCK OF HARVEST LANE SPEED TABLES

Mr. Maples stated that the request is to purchase and install concrete traffic speed tables for the 3200 block of Harvest Lane that met the criteria. In reply to Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff, he again verified the amount left in the account.

Thomas Goff, 3200 Harvest Lane, spoke in favor of this speed table and asked the Commission to approve. He suggested that the other speed tables installed in the neighborhood have caused traffic issues, with speeders now on Harvest Lane. He asked that four-way stops be considered at each intersection, and asked the Commission to approve the speed tables.

Commissioner Marietta asked if 100% signed the petition with Mr. Goff stating that over 80% were contacted. Commissioner Marietta mentioned that Willie Corbett, President of Homeowners Association, etc., is in favor and supports this.

Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff explained that the official vote will be taken at the next meeting.

There were no additional comments on this item.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE MATTERS

PURCHASES

Dale Henry discussed the following (copy on file).

1. Fairway Mower - (1) John Deere 7700A Precision Cut Mower; Deere & Co.
Total expenditure \$54,252.90

There were no comments on this item.

Mr. Henry discussed the following (copy on file):

2. (5) 2018 Ford F-150 4DR Pickup Trucks; Sunbelt Ford Town, Albany, GA
Total expenditure \$132,884.35

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Commissioner Postell clarified vehicles purchased by Dougherty County with Mr. Henry explaining that the City piggybacked off their bid.

Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff asked if all vehicles have been budgeted, with Mr. Subadan replying in the affirmative, explaining that some vehicles are over 20 years old, etc., adding that the rising cost to maintain older vehicles necessitated replacing them.

There were no additional comments on this item.

Mr. Henry discussed the following (copy on file):

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| 3. | Police Vehicles - (54) vehicles; Sunbelt Ford Town, Albany, GA | |
| | Total expenditure | \$1,309,852.70 |

Commissioner Postell clarified the bid with Mr. Henry reiterating that the City piggybacked off this Dougherty County bid also. Stephen Collier, Asst. City Manager, advised that the procurement department handles purchases for Dougherty County as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff asked if we can piggyback on other counties bids, with Mr. Henry replying yes, adding that he has piggybacked off other counties. He agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff that it is similar with purchasing from state contract.

Commissioner Fuller questioned the life span of a police cruiser. Peter Bednar, Fleet Director, stated that it depends on the use of the vehicle; if they run each shift, the average life span is three-four years. Vehicles dedicated to one driver and not in constant use have an approximate life span of five-six years.

There were no additional comments on this item.

Mr. Henry discussed the following (copy on file):

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| 4. | Pickup Trucks - (2) 2018 Ford F150; Sunbelt Ford Town, Albany, GA | |
| | Total expenditure | \$53,153.74 |

In reply to Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff, Mr. Henry stated that 2006 vehicles are being replaced.

Commissioner Fletcher commented that the amount of money being spent today looks like a lot; however, comparing these costs to the money spent for the Golf Course, which looks great, it has been money well-spent and the taxpayers deserve it. She also commended on buying local.

In reply to Commissioner Marietta, Mr. Henry stated that all vehicles will be declared surplus and listed on GOVDEAL. Mr. Bednar said most of the vehicles will be surplus, some will be put in a loaner pool (six vehicles).

There were no additional comments on this item.

Mr. Henry discussed the following (copy on file):

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| 5. | Trucks & Vans - (2) Vans and (2) Pickup Trucks; Sunbelt Ford Town Albany, GA. | Total expenditure | \$115,328.84 |
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In reply to Commissioner Postell, Mr. Henry stated that the purchases today total approximately \$2.0 million, with the low bid meeting specifications. Ms. Subadan stated that \$1.6 million is being spent on bids this morning. In reply to Commissioner Postell, Mr. Bednar said they are looking at a five- year plan to bring vehicles up to date at a cost of \$9.0-10 million to replace the City's aging fleet. In reply to Commissioner Postell, Mr. Bednar said he has been with the City since the latter part of October 2017. Mr. Collier stated that we are getting on a plan to update yearly and five years will get us to where we should be. There were no additional comments on this item.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Ms. Subadan gave updates on the following:

1. GEFA project will be bid by the end of the month and will be brought back to the Commission for vote in April or May.
2. The Trail project will be brought for approval in April.
3. Downtown connector from Monroe to Downtown will be bid soon.
4. HR Policy Manual will be presented the first meeting in April.
5. The strategic Plan will be presented the first of April.
6. Westover Crosswalk came in 40% over budget and is a work in progress.
7. Venue Management will be brought back at the next meeting.
8. Outside agencies will be brought in starting in April
9. Eames Park is being worked on with the SIAC tournament coming this spring.

She asked that executive session be scheduled today to discuss property acquisition.

OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Commissioner Marietta mentioned a presentation at the retreat re: Rails to Trail with 65% of people using it. He mentioned Oakland Plantation and asked if concrete is needed all the way to Sasser, adding that he does not think it should be used. Ms. Subadan advised that concrete is being used on the connector, but will not be used for the entire trail.

Commissioner Postell commented on funding for the trails and asked how much was reimbursed for the storms from last year. Ms. Subadan said she will bring a report, adding that approximately \$13.0 million has been received which represents approximately 90% of the City's costs, with the

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City covering approximately \$1.3 million. We are still waiting for reimbursements and pursuing all avenues. Commissioner Postell commented on replacing police vehicles, etc.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 9:11 am and the regular meeting immediately followed.

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CITY CLERK