

NOVEMBER 12, 2019
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
GOVT. CTR. – RM. 100

PRESENT: Mayor Dorothy Hubbard
City Commissioners: Jon Howard, B.J. Fletcher, Roger Marietta and Bob
Langstaff, Jr.
City Manager: Sharon Subadan
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

SPEAKER APPEARANCE

Dr. William Myles referred to the annual payment in lieu of taxes, and thanked the Commission for being a great partner with Albany Housing Authority and assisting with the things they need. He then presented the check to Mayor Hubbard.

MEETING DATE CHANGE

The Clerk discussed information as noted (copy on file) regarding changing the Organizational meeting to the 2nd Monday in January, as required by the City's Code, adding that the meeting time would change from 8:30 a.m., to 6:00 p.m..

There were no questions/comments on this item.

PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

DOGWOOD TRAIL APARTMENTS

Bruce Maples, Director of Engineering, discussed information as noted (copy on file) regarding the request to install on-street parallel parking wells for Marie Road re: Dogwood Trail Apartments, adding that City Commission approval is required. He advised that staff recommends approval.

There were no questions/comments on this item.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE MATTERS

APPROVAL OF PENSION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #6

Nicole Bush, HR Manager, discussed information as noted (copy on file) regarding the request to amend the pension ordinance regarding one-time lump sum payments and incentives. She explained that the Pension Board approved to recommend this action to the City Commission in

its October 3rd meeting, which will amend the definitions of annual salary and gross wages, adding that the purpose of the amendment is to exclude occasional and one-time lump sum incentives from both definitions.

There were no questions/comments on this item.

SALES AND USE TAX INFORMATION REQUEST

Derrick Brown, Finance Director, discussed the request for a resolution required by the State Department of Revenue re: Sales and Use Tax information. He explained that this action allows the City to ask the State for sales tax data of local merchants and asked for approval.

In reply to Mayor Hubbard, he explained the process of asking the State for additional information, adding that the State provides a list, which allows him up to ten specific requests, in addition to the initial, once-a-year request, should the need arise for more in-depth information if something appears to be omitted or unusual.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Ms. Subadan provided an update of capital projects, which include: crushed asphalt alleys (41 complete of 120 approved); street resurfacing (Oxford is completing work on Pine Ave.); Palmyra Road sidewalks, 30% complete; Shadowlawn sewer extension is complete; the East/West interceptor project: West is 65% complete, with the East completed; storm station 75 rehab is complete, with Lift Station 17 to be brought for consideration as a future agenda item regarding sewer/lift stations; the 200 block of Washington St. sewer repairs are complete; regarding solid waste - the landfill methane vent system is getting ready to move forward and lastly, the Gillionville/Westover intersection improvements are underway with road widening to begin in a few weeks.

OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Commissioner Fletcher asked that employee parking at the Government Center be looked into to ensure that the upper decks are used by employees so that ground parking is open for citizens. She mentioned an incident at Home Run Foods and commented on business establishments, which have cameras installed, but are not operational. She stated that one issue is that the company that monitors the cameras did not alert the business that the camera had failed. She mentioned that a city in Michigan monitors cameras for businesses requesting that service and asked if the City can monitor cameras at businesses – for a fee and reward/incentivize businesses for updating their camera systems.

Commissioner Marietta asked Ms. Subadan if the rubber speed bumps around Lake Loretta can be replaced with concrete, adding that there is a maintenance issue with the current speed bumps, i.e., bolts work their way out and have caused a number of flat tires. Ms. Subadan stated that this will be looked at.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION - PENDING LITIGATION

Mayor Hubbard advised that the Executive Session will be held after the regular business meeting adjourns.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

SONJA TOLBERT
CITY CLERK