

MAY 19, 2020
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
GOVT. CTR. – RM. 100

PRESENT: Mayor Bo Dorough
Mayor Pro Tem Jon Howard
City Commissioner: Chad Warbington
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Dorough called the (virtual) meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., and after attendance confirmation, it was noted that City Manager Sharon Subadan, Commissioners Fuller, Langstaff and Young were on the virtual conference call. (Commissioner Fletcher joined the virtual meeting at 8:39.)

Mayor Dorough reported that at last night's Chehaw Park Authority meeting, Executive Director Tommy Gregors announced that the Park had received funds that will be transferred to the City; he recognized Mr. Gregors to provide information.

Mr. Gregors stated that as part of the Hurricane Michael cleanup, Chehaw, a FEMA project, partnered with the City, cleaning up in excess of 25,000 cubic yards of debris at Chehaw. The information was submitted to FEMA, with the first reimbursement being received; he presented a check of over \$200,000.00 to Mayor Dorough for the City's portion in the cleanup and thanked the City for partnering with the Park in this effort.

COMMISSION EXPENSE REPORT

Mayor Dorough stated that the expense report was supplied for information, with no action needed.

2020 GMA ANNUAL (VIRTUAL) CONVENTION VOTING DELEGATE

Mayor Dorough stated that the convention is held the last weekend in June in Savannah. This year, because of the pandemic, a virtual convention will be held, and a voting delegate is needed to represent the City. Legislative Assistant Triquenski (Que) Hicks explained that if no one from this Board is attending the virtual convention, the City can choose either Mayor James Wilbanks, District Director; or Judy Powell, District Vice President, to represent the City as a proxy. Mayor Dorough asked if someone on the Board is planning to attend the virtual convention and would like to serve as the voting delegate; Commissioner Warbington volunteered.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE MATTERS

FAA/FTA CARES ACT FUNDING AWARDS

Transit Director David Hamilton discussed information (copy on file), in which the transit award amount is \$5,006,589 and aviation is \$15,930,908; both contingent upon FAA and FTA approval.

Commissioner Warbington noted that Transit proposed \$3.6 million for operating and \$1.3 for capital and asked if the City is bound by these breakouts – operating versus capital and, how are the awards administered. Mr. Hamilton explained that there is some flexibility in how the funds are spent; both awards are reimbursable expenses, with the City having to submit documentation to be reimbursed.

Commissioner Young asked if Transit has any plans to use the funds to make travel via buses and the airline safer from the COVID-19 virus. Mr. Hamilton advised that those using bus services are required to have on a mask prior to boarding, with social distancing required for flying as well as limiting interaction with passengers.

Ms. Subadan added that the bus driver's compartment will be enclosed, which was being considered before COVID for driver safety and, at some point we will return to boarding at the front and fare collection. The social distancing at the Airport will continue and, the biggest impact in the budget is that the City will not have to subsidize operations of Transit from the general fund.

Mayor Dorough asked how much of the budget amounts for the Airport and Transit will be covered by these funds, which can be covered later. He mentioned that the Utility Department and Dougherty County drafted resolutions to express appreciation to employees who have continued working in person during the pandemic, asking if this Board has any interest in doing the same, which can be discussed under Other Business. Ms. Subadan stated that these awards are helping with our budget, especially the Airport in which not just for the current years, but future years as well with operating expenses.

SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAM

Downtown Manager Lequrica Gaskins reviewed the Power Point presentation (copy on file), in which staff developed a proposal to help local small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Pro Tem Howard asked who will monitor this program to ensure that only those who qualify receive funding. Ms. Gaskins explained that the City formed a committee which is working on the program and she is one of those members, along with staff of other City departments. Mayor Pro Tem Howard asked if a business, which has previously applied for a loan from CED, but is not in good standing, is permitted to apply. Ms. Gaskins stated that they will be able to apply; however, her department will research and evaluate the circumstances/conditions. She referred to the slides related to eligibility and the three-prong approach in which a business may not qualify in one department but could possibly in another. The small business relief (local part), if approved, will be a grant rather than a loan. Mayor Pro Tem Howard mentioned the Payroll Protection Program, asking if it follows federal guidelines in which he/she must keep those employees on for more than eight weeks. Ms. Gaskins agreed and explained that the Payroll Protection Program is specified by what Congress has voted into law, and SBA must follow the established rules/guidelines. Mayor Pro Tem Howard noted that her office will oversee these funds for small businesses and that the repayment can be forgiven if they maintain certain criteria. Ms. Gaskins reiterated the three components, with her department being one, but funds for the Small Business Development Grant, will come through Community and Economic Development, with staff members in that department administering the grant component, adding that staff members in the Utilities Department will help monitor and ensure that applicants are getting what they need from the Utilities Department. She advised that her office will oversee the CARES Act Technical Assistance Program, adding that with the three separate components, applicants can be assured that they will receive the assistance that they need. Mayor Pro Tem Howard asked if once the small businesses receive funding, will the Commission will be permitted to look at those who made application. Ms. Gaskins replied in the affirmative, adding that confidential information will be redacted and, there will be a follow-up with the businesses to determine if they had a direct, positive impact.

Commissioner Fuller asked if the City match of \$350,000 was a requirement for the \$350,000 the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Ms. Gaskins replied in the negative and explained that public hearings were held for the CDBG. Afterward, based on public feedback, it was determined that at least \$700,000 is needed to successfully implement the program. Since we are receiving funding from the CDBG, they were asked to support a dollar for dollar match for a wider reach to small businesses.

Commissioner Fletcher mentioned that the Albany Chamber of Commerce is following what many other counties are doing and asked Ms. Gaskins if she is familiar with a Georgia entrepreneur and small business network and the possibility of forming a committee to steer small businesses to available resources. Ms. Gaskins replied that they have been in communication with the Chamber, as well as Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Georgia Department of Economic Development, etc., to do what she just recommended. If the program is approved, webinars and workshops will help ensure that small businesses are aware of how to get these funds. Commissioner Fletcher stated that the hardest hit areas for small businesses were payroll and utilities; can it be suggested to them to pay a little extra on their utilities to avoid issues with their utilities in the event of a catastrophic event.

Commissioner Warbington asked the criteria to determine the amount small businesses will receive; is it damages, amount of harm, etc. Ms. Gaskins explained that it depends on the number of employees and how many years they have had a business in Albany including financials and budgetary parameters. Commissioner Warbington asked how quick, if approved, will this be put together and businesses can expect to get help from the program. Ms. Gaskins stated that they are ready now, but the Commission will not vote on this until the May 26th meeting. She explained that if approved, they will advertise the program, with webinars starting immediately. Commissioner Warbington asked if the \$700,000 will be enough. Ms. Gaskins replied that the pandemic has seriously hurt businesses everywhere, but she believes the \$700,000 is a good start; however, there may be damages left to deal with after utilizing the \$700,000. The information is being put on the City's website and they will use the information to evaluate the variables with what applicants put into the database, which will be used to determine who is eligible as well as being used for a possible Phase II.

Commissioner Young asked that the application process be made clear and if there will be a priority or 'first come, first served'. Ms. Gaskins explained that the application is a questionnaire of approximately 12 questions and will be online; many of the applicants are already in their database. Those who get a completed application, with required supporting documentation, will be put in queue and processed first. In reply to Commissioner Young, she stated that offline applications will be made available. Commissioner Young mentioned webinars that are already available to help businesses reopen i.e. beauty salons, adding that he feels it would be prudent to use funds/resources to ensure that businesses are able to afford PPEs, safety equipment, procure equipment, etc. in order to prevent spreading of the virus and help businesses reopen safely. Ms. Gaskins stated that the intent was to help the bottom line of businesses, but since it has not yet launched, his suggestion can be incorporated and to let her know of any specific recommendations.

Ms. Subadan stated that during the period in which applications are collected by CED, all will be considered to ensure that someone who did not make it to round one is not left behind; resources will go to those in most need.

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Using a Power Point, Ms. Subadan presented the proposed budget for FY 2021 (copy on file). She asked that a moment be taken to remember those who were lost to the COVID-19 pandemic, adding that the City lost three employees with many other lives lost throughout our community. The budget's theme this year 'We are in this together' reflects the City being a united organization, adding that the budget was developed based on Commission priorities of: public safety, blight, Code Enforcement and recreation. The City-wide total budget for this fiscal year is \$290,293,549, an increase of \$1.97 million; the general fund is increased by 2.1%, special revenue funds increased by 13.6% with enterprise funds down by 13.7%. She advised that: the budget has assumed a 15% revenue loss in SPLOST, LOST and T-SPLOST sales tax and discussed other factors affecting the budget.

Reviewing the Utility budget of \$161,024,536 she explained the 6% depreciation on all City assets (excluding cash), with the depreciation number increasing because new items (sewer pipes, AMI meters, streetlights, etc.) depreciate at a much higher rate than older assets. She briefly discussed capital projects and advised that a public hearing is scheduled for June 2nd with more budget discussion on June 16th. The budget is scheduled for adoption on June 23rd. She thanked staff for their time and diligence in working on this budget, which was greatly challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Pro Tem Howard mentioned the 6% wage increase for sworn police officers and asked if instead of 2.3%, a COLA of 3% be considered for all other City employees. Ms. Subadan stated that this recommendation was looked at and the information was provided via email adding that she did not get much feedback and is nervous about going over-board due to the current uncertainty of the City's financial future. Ultimately it is a decision of this Board, with her recommendation to be more conservative. Mayor Pro Tem Howard mentioned Mayor Dorough's comments about employees making over \$90,000 and asked for a list of those making \$75,000 and up; Ms. Subadan said that it will be provided. Mayor Pro Tem Howard asked Albany Police Department Chief Michael Persley, the possibility of having cadets just coming out of the Police Academy sign a contract that they must stay with the City for a two-three year timeframe and if they terminate before then, they will have to reimburse the City for their training. Chief Persley explained that this is a State law for anyone leaving within two years of graduating the Academy, adding that when APD has this situation, notification is sent to the law enforcement agency that hired them; however, this law applies only if the move is to another law enforcement agency. If they move to anything other than law enforcement, the City has nothing to cover lost expenses. He said he is open to discussion to incorporate into the current contract APD has with officers that losses can be recovered if they go *anywhere*. In response to Mayor Pro Tem Howard, he discussed measures used to attract and retain qualified, desirable employees.

Ms. Subadan mentioned partnering with Albany Technical College, with the additional training benefitting cadets when going through the Academy. Mayor Pro Tem Howard asked if with the passage of the proposed budget, Code Enforcement will become a stand-alone department. Ms. Subadan stated that it has been put in the budget as a department with a department head; however, the reporting structure will continue to be connected to the police department, which will report to the police chief. There are departments which report to other departments (i.e. senior department heads) and Code will be structured like that, with the department head reporting to Chief Persley. Mayor Pro Tem Howard countered that the pulse of Commissioners indicate that they want Code to be a stand-alone department.

Commissioner Fuller mentioned the 15% decrease in sales tax and asked if the Commission can feel confident it is a safe projection. Ms. Subadan replied in the affirmative, adding that this is an

unprecedented time with no way to know what to expect, but they felt that 15% is a reasonable number. The State has already started making deep cuts, but on the positive side, the City does not receive a significant amount of State funding over and beyond sales tax. Fortunately, Albany has a diverse source of revenue streams and is not totally dependent upon sales tax. A brief discussion ensued regarding the City being able to collect sales tax on internet sales, which started in April; proposed measures if property taxes/valuation drop further than projected; making mid-year adjustments, etc.

Mayor Dorough mentioned the internet tax, with his understanding that when cases were litigated, the court held that sales tax was only required to be paid when a merchant had a physical presence in the state or, are all internet transactions subject to taxation. Ms. Subadan agreed, adding that a lot of internet sales have a physical presence in the state; even a 2-3% increase is still an increase.

Commissioner Fletcher commended and thanked those who put the budget together.

Commissioner Warbington also thanked staff for their work on the budget. He mentioned new initiatives asking for an explanation of the redundant fiber hut and the cost for that. Ms. Subadan asked to bring additional information at the next work session and stated that the City's main fiber hut is located at 207 Pine and built before expansion of our fiber optic offerings, which has greatly increased; she briefly explained the need to expand, adding that the cost for the redundant fiber hut is \$1.0 million, with SPLOST funding being identified for use. She stated that TAC Director Steven Carter can bring a full presentation at the next work session. Commissioner Warbington mentioned the continued decrease of revenue in the light division of Utilities and suggested that this may need to be addressed with MEAG (cost of goods) or measures to increase customers. He questioned the difference between last year's budget and the proposed budget regarding capital. Ms. Subadan agreed it was significantly reduced and mentioned the \$4.8 million bus purchase, which was a one-time cost and the \$6.2 million expended for the Airport. She explained that when a budgeted item is tied to a grant and the City has a match, the entire amount of the item is budgeted, adding that a \$600,000 error was discovered in The Budget in Brief, but is corrected in the official budget book. Commissioner Warbington mentioned the Pension liability; Ms. Subadan explained that Pension is not part of the operating/capital budget and discussed unfunded liabilities all pension plans bear. Finance Director Derrick Brown explained measures the Pension Board proposed and was approved by this Board, to address challenges within the Pension Plan.

Commissioner Langstaff asked Mr. Davis if he has formed an opinion as to whether Code Enforcement should be a stand-alone department., and if that department is prohibited from reporting to another department. Mr. Davis stated that based on his research of the Charter, he does not see that Code Enforcement (f/k/a Marshal Office) was intended to be a separate department; however, that is a prerogative of Commissioners if they want to designate it as a separate department. Code is not prohibited from reporting to another department; the City Manager, with Commission concurrence, can designate a reporting system. Commissioner Langstaff stated that the Commission needs to know the status quo if no further action is taken.

Mentioning initiatives, Commissioner Young asked if the City is forward-looking to future government services, such a solar energy, EV stations, etc., and if there are provisions for such items in the budget. Ms. Subadan explained that, in terms of EV, the Utility Board will hear a presentation on the City's findings; there is an opportunity to put in stations, however the process includes the Utility Board weighing-in on the matter (where, how many). Regarding solar energy, she noted that some

Commissioners want to pursue a different direction; however, dealing with MEAG contracts is involved, etc., suggesting that she and staff have ideas they would like to explore and discuss. Commissioner Young discussed using initiatives to lessen the financial burden on rate payers. Ms. Subadan commented that she and staff look for ways to reduce costs that benefit, not only the City, but its citizens as well, adding that the utility department helps to offset the cost of the general fund and allows the city to have a considerable public safety presence; 26% of the general fund comes from the utility. Commissioner Young asked if there are benchmarks to be achieved regarding the pay raise for police officers. Chief Persley explained that the goal is to get to a full staff (214); being able to sustain a reasonable number of 190, which is related to recruitment/retention; the other part of the benchmark is CALEA and other state requirements. He commented on community surveys providing an opportunity to determine the perception of the department, offering a competitive package to search, find and recruit the best and most qualified officers, etc.

In reply to Mayor Dorough regarding APD budgeted for 214 positions, but fully staffed at 190, Chief Persley explained that 190 is a manageable number to provide service, staff specialized units and have presence in the community; his goal is always 214. Regarding the presentation, Mayor Dorough questioned representatives from the Center for Public Safety Management, LLC, with Chief Persley explaining the process of having an assessment, vendors, etc. Mayor Dorough said that his opinion is that Code Enforcement needs to be separate, as provided in the Charter, and that the department should be subject to the direction of the City Commission, adding that there should be a more aggressive demolition schedule, and having someone to answer questions the Commission may have. He asked Ms. Subadan if the 2.3% increase is for all employees or are employees making over \$90,000 excluded. Ms. Subadan stated that in the proposed budget, it is for everyone adding that she did not receive clear instructions (Mayor Dorough and one other Commissioner replied) and this is her proposed budget. Mayor Dorough recommended that everyone under \$90,000 receive 2.5%. Mr. Brown stated that the current amount in the budget is \$1,420,000 as proposed, excluding those making \$90,000 and over, the current budget would be increased by \$75,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Howard said that he could support the proposal. Commissioner Fuller expressed concern for the overall budget and requested more information. Commissioner Fletcher said that she would prefer further discussion. Commissioner Warbington said that he is neutral. Commissioner Langstaff echoed Commissioner Warbington's comment. Commissioner Young said that he can support Mayor Dorough's proposal.

SPLOST / T-SPLOST BUDGET PROPOSAL & REALLOCATION

Mr. Brown said that the need is to keep a close eye on collection of both taxes, especially for the next 15-month period. Using a Power Point (copy on file) he reviewed the information, saying that at the end of March the SPLOST balance was \$10.1 million and, T-SPLOST had accumulated \$7.0 million. The anticipated collection in SPLOST VII is \$11.1 million and \$10.8 million in T-SPLOST. Available funding is projected at \$21.3 in SPLOST VII and \$17.9 million in T-SPLOST. The potential budget proposed for both items is \$19.9 million (SPLOST VII) and slightly less than \$14.0 million (T-SPLOST), leaving a small balance available at the end of the fiscal year based on projected numbers. Based on the SPLOST VII referendum, a collection of \$59.2 million was anticipated. He briefly discussed: line items funding can be taken from to offset the shortfall, funds that were spent through the end of FY '20, and what has been committed in the next fiscal year. He stated that reducing the budget to \$57.2 million (funding spent

and what has been allocated/committed) leaves an available balance of \$24.5 million for future projects. Based on this Board's priorities, the proposal is a reallocation of some funds on the referendum, which he reviewed and advised that if the proposed reallocations are approved, the proposed budget for SPLOST VII will be \$19.9 million for next year. Similar measures are proposed for T-SPLOST, which had an original referendum amount of \$53.6 million. He reviewed the proposed reallocations, with a \$2.0 million reduction in the proposed amended budget, should collections fall \$2.0 million short resulting in available funding of \$42.0 million over the life of T-SPLOST, followed by a review of items proposed for next year, which will have a proposed total budget of \$13.9 million.

Commissioner Fuller asked to what the \$1.35 million in streetlight improvements would be reallocated. Ms. Subadan discussed the remaining 110 non-functional lights, with interest by some on this Board for additional lights, adding that her commitment was that once all existing lights were working, discussion would be held on infield lights, with Engineering providing the cost. She advised that the project is very close to completion.

In response to Commissioner Fletcher about a timeline on 100% completion; Asst. City Manager Ken Stock said that he is unable to provide a timeline at this time.

Commissioner Warbington said that he cannot support any alley paving reduction and asked that other options be considered to maintain the current amount in alley paving; explaining that this is the primary reason constituents contact their commissioner. He mentioned the \$4.4 million proposed for recreation and asked that the reallocated funds be considered. Ms. Subadan replied that that has not yet been designated and mentioned Commission interest in Carver Gym, 1st Tee, outdoor basketball, with options being created for Commission approval. A review of Bill Miller and Henderson Gyms indicate that the Commission is interested in doing the front entrances, with both being ready for design/build; however, they will need to be re-engineered. The trail was put into a different category in T-SPLOST, with the number needing to be increased. Commissioner Warbington suggested putting the sections of money being considered for reallocation on the next work session. He mentioned the 2006 Recreation Master Plan, and thanked Mayor Dorough for disseminating the information. He also mentioned the lack of traffic calming measures for next year; Ms. Subadan replied that nothing is in the pipeline now, but if the Commission directs that for consideration, it can be added. Commissioner Warbington recommended adding \$30,000 for traffic calming measures.

Commissioner Young stated that there are no speed tables/traffic calming measures in his ward, and he has received numerous calls from constituents. He mentioned the sidewalk project that appears to be an ad hoc process, suggesting that if projects are not conducted systemically, there is no equitable distribution of funds for these projects.

Mayor Dorough recommended that this be taken for information as a guide point and that Commissioners maintain maximum flexibility when considering SPLOST projects. In reply to Mayor Dorough regarding the airport building, Ms. Subadan stated that the same presentation heard by the Aviation Commission will be brought to this Board which will include a layout of how the projects are allocated, how funding is spread and where it goes. She mentioned the CARES Act for the Airport, with the funding able to be used for three consecutive years. This Commission has the discretion to reallocate funding and have the general fund continue supporting the Airport. She advised that in projects, the idea is to use funds from the CARES Act for future Airport operating expenses for three consecutive years after, with the

information being presented to this table. Mayor Dorough stated that the Commission should see where the needs are before committing to reallocations and suggested that once COVID-19 subsides, a retreat be scheduled to discuss this; as it would be ill-advised to make long-term decisions at this time. Regarding Bill Miller and Henderson Gyms, he said he would like to have this move forward to include the extension for both building as well as procuring ideas from a landscape architect for ways to enhance the appearances of both centers.

Commissioner Warbington noted that the budget has a \$4.4 million allocated to Recreation, with there not being that much in SPLOST to spend. Either the budget needs to change, or funding needs to be allocated differently since this is what voters voted on in the referendum.

Mayor Dorough disagreed, saying that as long as an item is on the referendum, the funding can be spent, with the proposed budget not being binding in any way, adding that he approves the increased allocated funding for Recreation in order to improve offerings to citizens.

Commissioner Warbington stated that the Recreation line item needs to be addressed before the budget is passed next month. Ms. Subadan advised that additional information and options will be submitted before the next meeting, as well as options for alley paving.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Ms. Subadan reported that a written plan is being developed for reopening City facilities. Discussions with health officials led to the decision to not open City pools this summer; the Boys and Girls Club will not be opening this season and social distancing measures at gyms under discussion. She advised that those who are teleworking continue to do so until June 12; staff is actively working on the re-opening plan for incrementally restarting operations that are deemed safe to do so. She mentioned "Mask Up Albany" with staff being actively involved to get masks out and encouraging face coverings; as well as ensuring small businesses have access to masks. The request to the Commission from the small business community is that it is not made mandatory. She said that project updates to the Commission will be in a written report via email tomorrow.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

A brief discussion followed regarding whether the County did a resolution declaring that citizens out in public should wear a mask. Mayor Dorough stated that the City and County Attorneys drew up a resolution and he did not want to execute it until it had been discussed and voted on by this Commission, adding that he supports it, but the public fails to understand the limitations that have been imposed on local governments; people cannot be required to wear face masks; however, businesses have that authority for customers. Mayor Pro Tem Howard noted that Memorial Day is this weekend, with people out and about. Mr. Davis said that a formal vote cannot be taken at this time. Mayor Pro Tem Howard asked that the Commission remember the family of former Commissioner, Marvin Bannister, who passed away last week. He also asked that the City Clerk, who had surgery, be included in our prayers. He asked Ms. Subadan if there is a date to tell the public that City government will be open. Ms. Subadan replied that City government is open; however, if he is asking when the Government Center will reopen, she does not have a date, but it will be after June 12th.

Commissioner Fletcher reminded Mayor Dorough of employee recognitions. Mayor Dorough asked that a resolution be drafted to recognize those who have been physically present doing their jobs.

Discussion followed with Commissioner Warbington clarifying that in the new meeting structure, public hearings will only be held at the night meeting, the fourth Tuesday of the month. Mr. Davis advised that the primary requirement is advertising notice of a public hearing for zoning and the budget. Commissioner Warbington mentioned a zoning matter on Parker just as the coronavirus was ramping up, garnering a lot of attention in which he received numerous calls; a public hearing was scheduled on June 2 for the zoning matter. He mentioned his concerns re: a virtual public hearing presenting challenges for constituents, etc., and asked if it can be delayed. Planning Director Paul Forgey said that there is no legal requirement; however, the applicant has called him several times wanting to move forward with it. Mr. Davis opined that it can be delayed, adding that the other one is the Winterwood subdivision regarding the proposed use of the property, in which there was a minimum waiting requirement of six months but no more than nine months before a vote could be taken. Mr. Forgey interjected that a hearing would have to be held either in July, August or September. Commissioner Warbington proposed delaying zoning public hearings until the public is allowed back into the Government Center.

Commissioner Langstaff asked to put the Code Enforcement issue on a future agenda to be voted up or down.

Commissioner Young thanked the entire community for coming together and making good and rational choices to take it slow to make our community safe during this crisis.

Mayor Dorough asked to take a straw poll to see who supports the recommendation asking that citizens wear masks in public.

Ward I - yes
Ward II - yes
Ward III - no
Ward IV - yes
Ward V - neutral until more information is available
Ward VI - yes
Mayor - yes

Mayor Dorough advised that a majority supports it and asked that it be put on the agenda for Tuesday's night meeting. He said that he needs to address whether or not the state of emergency should be reinstated, with the original instituted by himself and Dougherty County Chairman Chris Cohilas expiring May 13 and, we remain under a state-wide state of emergency. He asked Commissioners to call him with their thoughts; the issue is that the EOC continues to be in operation. Commissioner Fletcher said that she can support Mask UP if it is only a recommendation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

SISSY KELLY
ASST. CITY CLERK