

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 23rd, 2022
5:30 p.m.
VIA ZOOM**

MINUTES

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor
Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner
Lionel Laratte, Commissioner
Dee Merriam, Commissioner

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager
Paul Hanebuth, Asst. City Manager
Shannon Powell, Asst. City Manager
Gina Hill, City Clerk
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda
Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adopt. Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Commissioner Comments**
Commissioner Shortell commented about the work done on the abelia hedge. She promoted the upcoming community work day to pull ivy and other invasives out of the hedge. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher thanked the Gardeners for the Common Good for their work on the hedge. He added that he had a great time at his first visit to 37 Main. Commissioner Merriam promoted organ donation. Mayor Elmore shared condolences to the family of resident Katie Abel who recently passed away. City Manager Bryant also thanked the Gardeners for the Common Good as well as Assistant City Manager Hanebuth for their work to beautify the city.

Item #4 **Resolution to Authorize Construction of North Woods Phase One**
This proposed resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract with Centennial Contractor Enterprises to complete construction as detailed in the attached work order package developed under the state bid contracting procedure. Phase One is primarily the construction of recreational trails and must be complete by June 30, 2022, under the terms of the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant already awarded to the City.

Commissioner Shortell moved to approve. Commissioner Merriam seconded. All ayes.

Ms. Shortell explained this was the first part of a bigger project that needs to be completed now because of a grant deadline. City Manager Bryant provided more detail, as did Commissioner Merriam.

Item #5

Resolution to Set 2022 Storm Water Utility Fees

This proposed resolution keeps per-unit fees constant at \$15 per month (\$180 annually) for 2022 and provides for the indexing of fees in future years to the Construction Cost Index.

Commissioner Laratte moved to adopt. Commissioner Merriam seconded. All ayes.

This was discussed at the last work session, explained City Manager Bryant. He added that any later BOMC could make changes to this process. Commissioner Merriam asked if the fees were retroactive and Assistant City Manager Hanebuth provided detail about the process. Commissioner Shortell was happy the city is being proactive about stormwater.

Item #6

Resolution to Adopt Water Waste Policy

The Water Resource Management Plan of the Metro North Georgia Water Planning District requires local policies to discourage the waste of water and thereby decrease the volume of flows into the storm water system. This proposed resolution adopts a city policy that satisfies this requirement.

City Manager said this has been discussed at the previous two work sessions. A change that Commissioner Laratte had requested regarding washing cars had not been removed from the draft. Commissioner Laratte moved to change the language and Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes. Some discussion followed about leaving discretion to the code enforcement officer.

Item #7

Resolution to Contract for Janitorial Services at City Facilities

This proposed resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract for janitorial services at City Hall and the Public Works building consistent with staff recommendation regarding the most responsive bid received.

Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adopt. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes. City Manager Bryant gave a recap of this item, which had been discussed at a previous meeting. Commissioner Laratte had questions about current cleanings and frequency of having an outside crew do the work. Mr. Bryant responded.

Item #8

Resolution to Lift Emergency Covid Restrictions

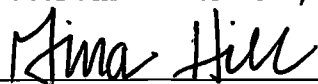
Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to approve. Commissioner Merriam seconded. All ayes.

City Manager Bryant explained this was required to remove the measures taken in light of the Covid Omicron variant, such as closing city hall, having meetings virtually, etc.

Item #9 Public Comment: None

Item #10 Adjournment
Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adjourn. Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED MARCH 9TH, 2022

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Gina Hill, City Clerk