



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
APRIL 26TH, 2023
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING**

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
Shannon Powell, Asst. City Manager
Ellen Powell, Communications Manager
Gina Hill, City Clerk
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney
Harry Hess, Police Chief
Kristen Moretz, Capital Projects Mgr.
Lori Leland, Permitting Coordinator
Adrian Langston, Greenspace Mgr.
Don Huff, Public Works Supervisor
Marcel Jackson, Public Works Director
Helen Menefee, Admin Coordinator

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda
Commissioner Laratte moved to adopt. Commissioner Merriam seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Discussion of Sanitation Program and Services**
City Manager Bryant gave a presentation illustrating some of the issues with staffing the public works department as well as problems with aging equipment. He also provided details about the current sanitation fee and what it can cover and can't. Mr. Bryant offered three different scenarios outlining ways to move forward, each with it's own cost. He responded to questions from members of the BOMC. One topic of discussion was the county's fee for using their landfill, a fee that's expected to rise dramatically. The group also talked about the pros and cons of outsourcing trash and recycling pickup. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher said the investment in greenspaces the city has made is not being maintained because sanitation operates at the expense of greenspace management. This will continue to be a topic of conversation. Commissioner Merriam requested

increased communication on this topic to residents. Mr. Bryant thanked the public works management in the audience.

- Item #4 **Environmental Work for US278 Complete Street Project**
Request for approval of up to \$59,000 for Stantec as an add-on service for required environmental work associated with the Complete Street Program.

City Manager Bryant said the possibility of cost overruns has been discussed several times. There was discussion about the source of these funds and timeline. This will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

- Item #5 **North Woods Phase Two Contract Approval**
An amount of \$1,152,396 is requested to contract with JOC Construction to build phase two of the North Woods project. A contingency of \$115,000 is also being requested for a total cost of \$1,276,396.

City Manager Bryant provided more information on this item. He explained it in conjunction with the item below. This contract will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

- Item #6 **Grant Funding for North Woods Project**
Staff wishes to accept \$188,357 in additional money from the Department of Natural Resources 319(h) grant and requests a commitment to allocate an additional \$75,343 as the local match which is already budgeted in the stormwater fund.

There was little discussion about this item. City Manager Bryant was pleased the bid came in lower than expected. He also thanked the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the grant funding. Commissioner Merriam asked what phase two would include. Timeline for the project was discussed. Capital Project Manager Kristen Moretz was praised by Mr. Bryant for her work on this project.

- Item #7 Public Comment
Bill Hover asked for the North Woods timeline to be repeated.

- Item #8 Adjournment
Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adjourn. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED MAY 10TH, 2023



Gina Hill, City Clerk