

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 27TH, 2021
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: Shannon Powell, Asst. City Manager
Paul Hanebuth, Asst. City Manager
Ellen Powell, Communications 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 amend the agenda to remove items three, six and ten. Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.
- Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Commissioner Merriam seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Police Department Update (REMOVED)**

Mayor Elmore said this update was to be given by the City Manager who is absent. He added there was not much new information to provide.

Item #4 **2022 Draft Budget Discussion**

Assistant City Manager Hanebuth gave a presentation about the draft budget for 2022. The presentation looked at budget trends over the years as well as several options for pay adjustments. He fielded questions from members of the BOMC.

Item #5 **Town Green Pavilion**

Discussion of costs and financial options to build the pavilion as part of the Town Green project.

Assistant City Manager Powell said staff has received positive feedback about the proposed pavilion at the Town Green location. Staff has since done more due diligence on the project with respect to design and cost. Bill Clark, Sheri Locke and Jerry Miller all gave presentations about the pavilion. Members of the

BOMC asked questions about the design and cost. Some discussion topics included materials and parking. Commissioner Merriam was concerned about price and wished to investigate pre-fabricated materials. After discussion, the consensus was to continue with the custom design. The group was complementary of the design. Mr. Miller explained the breakdown of costs. Ms. Powell described some of the funding options.

Item #6

US 278 Right-of-Way Donation (REMOVED)

City staff requires approval before donating any of its property to Georgia Department of Transportation for the US 278 Complete Streets project.

Item #7

Georgia Power Powerlines Discussion for Town Green

Per the BOMC's request, city staff has researched options for location and types of power poles. Staff will present the findings.

Assistant City Manager Powell recapped that the last time this was discussed, the BOMC asked her to research more options for burying and/or moving powerlines. She explained what she discovered from Georgia Power. Ms. Powell said the DDA would pick up the costs of rewiring the exterior of some city-owned buildings in the area. After some questions and discussion about options, the consensus was that everyone was comfortable with the cost (about \$36,000) if the DDA was involved.

Item #8

Amended Tree Ordinance

Changes include specifying the desired canopy coverage at 50% as well as alterations to the tree list.

Assistant City Manager Hanebuth asked for some clarification on a couple of items in the draft tree ordinance. City Attorney Quinn pointed out a couple of issues that are not covered in the draft. They discussed the percentage of desired tree canopy, which the group agreed on 50% for the residential area and 40% for the business district. Commissioner Shortell brought up that perhaps a tree replacement plan should be required with a land disturbance permit. Talk turned to what defined a land disturbance. The board agreed to move forward with the current draft in the interest of getting the already agreed upon changes codified asap, while continuing to consider other amendments such as a land disturbance trigger.

Item #9

Public Comment

Paul Dorroh endorsed the option of higher merit raises for city employees. Mr. Dorroh also had a question about the market pavilion and its financing. He also wanted confirmation that the public would get to see an outline of the development agreement for the commercial portion of the project. Bill Hover offered that raises may be less expensive than hiring and training new employees. He made a comment about the market pavilion construction and maintenance and tree ordinance.

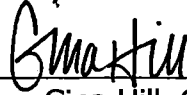
Item #10

Executive Session with the Downtown Development Authority – Real Estate (REMOVED)

Item #11 Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adjourn. Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED NOVEMBER 10TH, 2021

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Gina Hill, City Clerk