

Mayor and Council Work Session

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May 19, 2020 6:00PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order: Mayor Hallman called the Council Session videoconference to order at 6:00pm.

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Alan Hallman

Alderman at Large Mike Rast

Councilman at Large Travis Horsley

Councilman Ward I Mark Adams

Councilman Ward II Chloe Alexander

3. Welcome

4. Questions on Agenda Items – none

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.I Consideration and Action to approve an agreement with Norfolk Southern in an amount not to exceed \$181,196 for the supervision and construction associated with the Sylvan Road at Grade Crossing

5.II Consideration and Action to approve a resolution and a cooperative agreement with Fulton County to remain a part of the County CDBG Grant Funding Program for years 2021 to 2023.

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Councilman Horsley seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

6. OLD BUSINESS– none

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.I Consideration and Action on Lease for 3266 Dogwood Drive

MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the lease, Councilman Adams seconded. Discussion: Councilman Alexander wanted to verify if the City have to give grounds if not wanting to renew. City Attorney, Priya Patel said that is correct. Councilman

Adams asked is there any interest in making a full scale grocery store. City Manager, Tim Young said there is some interest in this, and that the City would maybe have more favorable terms. He said he was very pleased with the tenant's response. Alderman Rast ask whether the term is the calendar year and when does the term ends. Motion carried 4-0.

7.II Discussion on 2020-2021 Budget

Mayor Hallman stated that we're having to make decisions that none of us have concrete answers to but as the information comes along, we do the best we can do with the circumstances. Mr. Young stated that the team is working on a cash model through June; may change monthly for publishing purpose. He stated that it is a good chance that the plans for Willingham could get approved in June and the property could sell before the bond payment is due. But if not, there would be a budget amendment done. Alderman Rast asked how much is the bond payment due in August. Councilman Adams asked what are the major obstacles of Willingham closing. Mayor Hallman stated some early on issues but stated there's nothing new to his knowledge. Councilman Horsley asked about the budgeted programs listed and that there is a possibility they cannot happen. Mr. Young stated it's a lot easier to take off than to add on. Mayor Hallman said he believes that cities will have access to federal funding. Hapeville has been a very lean City so far and thank goodness the City Manager was able to line up the healthcare. We'll need to see how the market is going to react and be prepared for the worse case. Councilman Horsley said the check protection plan is propping up the airline industry but will no longer prop up and part of the City may be getting a pink slip. Mr. Young said Council can reach out to him and he will continue to set up meetings concerning the budget.

8. City Manager Report – Mr. Young said staff is working on a plan for next year. The Recreation Center had distributed food to over 600 vehicles and would be doing another food distribution tomorrow. He also mentioned that the Atlanta Clean Sweep happened last week. And lastly, staff is building a plan to open up the City.

9. Public Comments – none

10. Mayor and Council Comments – Councilman Alexander thanked Councilman Horsley and the City Manager and Freshway. Approximately 700 families were served food. Councilman Adams echoed Councilman Alexander and thanked citizens for attending meeting. Councilman Horsley asked is the CDAP grant (technical assistance), is that budgeted in the City Planner's portion. Also, he said that various neighbors were asking is there a City code about roosters and that he couldn't find the code. Mayor Hallman said we do need to look at it in order to be proactive. Alderman Rast thanked the finance team for their hard work so far. Mayor Hallman recognized National Police Week – May 10-16 and EMS Medical Week – May 17-23. He thanked the front line workers.

11. Executives Session – none

12. **Adjourn** – Alderman Rast made a motion to adjourn at 6:30PM, Councilman Adams seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Hallman, Mayor

Crystal Griggs-Epps, City Clerk