



Meeting Minutes - Final
City Council

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

4:00 PM

Conference Room

Work Session

Call to Order

Council President Wayne Trawick called the Work Session to order at 4:05 p.m.

Roll Call

All Council members were present. Others present: Mayor John Koniar, Mike Thompson, Vickie Southern, Sandra Pate, Katy Taylor, Jessica Middleton, Leslie Gahagan, Taylor Davis, Butch Stokes, David Thompson, Jeff Rouzie, Don Staley, Miranda Bell, Sue Steigerwald, Suzanne Kellams, Randy Bishop, Joey Darby, David Wilson, Miriam Boutwell, LaDonna Hinesley, Marc D. Anderson (Press Register), Cathy Higgins (Foley Onlooker), Kipp Trawick (Goodwyn, Mills, Cawood), and Stephen Delhanty (Sawgrass, LLC).

Present: 5 - President Wayne Trawick, Council Member Vera Quaites, Council Member Ralph Hellmich, Council Member Rick Blackwell and Council Member Charles Ebert III

Discussion Items

[14-0320](#)

Approve Foley's Contribution Submission for Responsive/Adaptive Signals on U.S. Hwy. 59

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported the Cities of Foley and Gulf Shores are looking to have an adaptive traffic signalization done at approximately 30 intersections. The signal monitors traffic flow and increases the amount of green light time to move traffic more effectively and adjusts from a time signal based on the car counts and enables the traffic flow to continue to move instead of coming to a standstill on U.S. Highway 59. The signals begin at the Foley Beach Express and continue to Alabama Highway 181. Skipper Consulting, Inc. has submitted a proposal for the project that is broken down by City and class of intersection (I, II, III, and IV). Gulf Shores has 13 signals (Class I and II) with an estimated cost of \$958,000 and Foley has 17 signals (Class III and IV) with an estimated cost of \$2,849,000. The Project Cost Summary is as follows:

Project Cost Summary	Gulf Shores	Foley
Pre-Construction Engineering (Approximately 7% of construction costs)	\$ 55,000	\$ 108,500
Engineering Costs	\$ 785,000	\$1,550,000
Construction Engineering/Inspection (15% of construction costs)	\$118,000	\$ 232,500

Total Estimated Costs by City	\$958,000	\$1,891,000
Total Estimated Project Costs	\$2,849,000	

ALDOT proposes they do 100% preconstruction costs and the cities contribute the remaining costs. Mr. Thompson recommended the Council make a recommendation for Foley's contribution and suggested the following:

- \$108,500 for 100% of the pre-construction costs;
- \$232,500 for 100% of the Engineering and Inspection;
- \$210,000 through ATRIP and TIGER grant projects for the six traffic signals at Fern, Azalea, Michigan, Pride Drive, Tanger Mall and CR20; and
- \$100,000 additional cash contributions towards construction (20%)

This totals \$651,000 for Foley's contribution.

Mr. Thompson reported that only \$331,000 would be out of pocket for Foley as the remainder will be reimbursed through grant funds.

Gulf Shores is already to proceed with the project and has hired a person to monitor the servers. That person is already in training. If the City chose to participate then Foley would pay Gulf Shores a portion of the costs. If Foley doesn't move forward then the bottleneck will begin at CR10. If they chose to do it on their own then the signals would not be set up to coordinate with each other along Hwy. 59. Adaptive signals have been installed in Birmingham, Huntsville, and Mobile and ALDOT has paid all the construction costs because of the congestion. This is not a budgeted item and the Council would need to adopt a resolution stating what Foley's contribution would be for the project.

After further discussion there was a consensus to proceed with Mike's proposal and move this item to the Council meeting agenda.

Enactment No: 14-0177-RES

[14-0323](#)

A resolution appropriating \$200.00 To The American Heroes Memorial Day Cookout 2014.

Attachments: [American Heroes](#)

Mayor Koniar reported that he received this request in the mail and felt that it would be a good and useful purpose to spend public funds for a contribution to the Wm. F. Green Veteran's Home for their Memorial Day Cookout. It was recommended that \$200 be given and this item was moved to the Council meeting agenda.

Enactment No: 14-0176-RES

[14-0337](#)

Discuss contacting engineering firms to assist with storm damaged roads.

Attachments: [FBE Culvert 5](#)
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 [Glenlakes Club View \(3\)](#)
 [Glenlakes Club View](#)
 [Slope Paved Ditch Section Justice Center](#)
 [South Pecan Street \(2\)](#)
 [South Pecan Washout \(1\)](#)
 [South Pecan Street](#)
 [West Peachtree \(1\)](#)

Butch Stokes reported he identified five (5) projects the he and his staff feel are severe that need attention and requested Council to consider moving forward with finding an engineering firm to assign to these projects. They are: 1) Pecan Street; 2) Culverts on the Foley Beach Express; 3) West Peachtree Avenue located on the north side at the end going to the Foley Municipal Airport; 4) the slopped paved ditch at the Foley Justice Center; and 5) the boxed culvert on Clubview Drive in Glenlakes. He would like to seek proposals from engineering firms to bring back to Council for their consideration. There was consensus for Butch to proceed.

Joe Bouzan reported that their might be some mitigation funds that may cover some of the damage. The Mayor has signed a letter and sent it to NRCS.

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14-0300 Request for Vehicle Purchase - DC Randy Bishop reported the dealer was not able to provide the PD with the 2014 vehicles they ordered and evidently were taken off the State's bid list. The price increased for the 2015 vehicles and cost \$23,871.20 over the budgeted amount of \$128,000. The Chief is willing to pay \$11,935.60 out of the Federal Fortitures Restricted Account if the City will make up the remaining \$11,935.60. Mike Thompson reported that he spoke with a manager at GM and he was told that they will no longer be making the police vehicles in single runs but will produce them throughout the year. As a side note it was noted the Police Department is down one Expedition. It ended up in flood waters and the Detective managed to get out but not before the radio equipment was submerged. When Joe Bouzan was asked if the insurance would cover it he was not sure but felt that if it was totalled the City might not get much money for it. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

14-0319 Develop two new City Departments and Appropriate Funds for Sports Tourism/Event Management - By creating two new City Departments and appropriating funds into these accounts it will be easier to track expenditures for each Department versus lumping them in with General Government.

14-0325 Adopting Policies and Procedures for the Control of Capital Assets - Sue Steigerwald introduced Miranda Bell, who is now the new Accountant/ Asset Manager. Sue reported that she gave Miranda her notes to decipher to come up with a new policy and procedure manual for the control of capital assets. She has done a great job in putting this together. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

14-0326 Continuing Resolution approving Financing Documents by the City of Foley and the Cooperative District - Mike Thompson reported these resolution will continue until the validation process begins. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

14-0316 Resolution accepting the first Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for FY2013 provided by Warren Averett, LLC - This item was approved during the Special Called Council meeting held today at 3:15 p.m. This item is to be removed from the Council Meeting agenda.

ADD ON's

14-0323 Donation to Wm. F. Green Veteran Veteran's Home for Memorial Day Cookout - Mayor Koniar reported he received this request in the mail and felt that it would be a good use of public funds to support the veterans. A \$200 donation was recommended. This item was added to the Council meeting agenda.

14-0320 - Adaptive Signalization - This item was discussed previously and is to be added to the Council meeting agenda.

14-0331 - Land Clearing for CAFFM, PH II project - Jeff reported Blue Collar hired a company that is clearing their land and will be willing to have them clear the City's property for the same price at a cost of \$3,800/acre and will bill the City for the expense. This is more cost effective since the company already has their equipment here. This item was added to the Council meeting agenda.

14-0330 - Survey to be performed by Sawgrass, LLC - Jeff Rouzie reported Sawgrass, LLC has submitted a quote to perform a survey so that the land can be cleared at the Wilson Pecan property (aka CAFFM). This item was added to the Council meeting agenda.

14-0329 - Consider Gulf Shores FFA to hold a car wash at the Farmers Market on Saturday, May 10th to raise money for their trip. This group has been instrumental in supporting the Farmers Market with selling plants and planting and mulching existing plants at the Farmers Market. This item was added to the Council meeting agenda.

14-0328 - Rescinding Resolution 14-0150 and appropriating funds to Hoar Management - This item is to correct the account numbers and to clarify the amount needed for three projects. This item was added to the Council meeting agenda.

Extra Item -

Regarding the rain event this past week, Joe Bouzan reported there is Public Assistance (PA) and Individual Assistance (IT) from FEMA. There were over 200 calls on Friday and at least four employees taking calls. Thanks to Butch Stokes, Randy Kurtz, and Taylor Davis in helping us. They have identified \$1.6 million in property damage to get up to FEMA and EMA. They still have Leslie's items from the Nature Preserve that need to be added and it will be ongoing for a little bit.

On a side note, Joe reported that he just had a phone call from Bladwin County EMA and was told to expect another big even this weekend. Tomorrow they

will be coming out with another flash flood warning for our area since the ground is saturated at 600% even 1-2" will cause flash flooding.

Mike Thompson asked if FEMA has come out with percentages. Joe reported that Alabama is number five on FEMA's list of disasters. He anticipates 75% but FEMA will only bring the items back to what they were before and not better than, for example, Pecan Street needs to be upgraded either with a bridge or boxed culverts.

Jeff Rouzie reported that he was contacted by an individual who is wanting to purchase the Claude Petit building. The individual wants to move it off to another location. There was a consensus by the Council to decline the person's offer as the City has several uses for the building.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Koniar reported the City needs to get the Annual Hurricane Season Meeting together for the first week in June. He thanked Dan Hellmich for his idea on repairing the drainage on Magnolia and thanked Butch for following through as this was one place that didn't flood. He had received a thank you note from the Schroeders for this action.

Visitor's Comments

Councilman Ebert thanked Sue and Miranda for their work on the new Policies and Procedures for the Control of Capital Assets.

Adjourn

The work session adjourned at 5:20 p.m.