



Meeting Minutes - Draft
City Council

Monday, October 19, 2015

4:00 PM

Conference Room

Work Session

Call to Order

President Wayne Trawick called the Work Session to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

All Council Members were present. Also present were: Mayor John Koniar, Mike Thompson, Vickey Southern, Katy Taylor, Steve Smith, Leslie Gahagan, Taylor Davis, Stephen Delahunty, Darrell Russell, Patrice Tiggs, Shawn Miller, David Wilson, David Thompson, Joey Darby, Miriam Boutwell, Britton Bonnor and press representative Jay Sowers (Onlooker).

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

[15-0608](#)

Rescheduling meeting dates due to Conferences and accommodating holidays

Attachments: [Email](#)

The Council meeting of Monday, January 18, 2016 will be rescheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2016 to accommodate Martin Luther King Day Monday, July 4, 2016 will be rescheduled for Tuesday, July 5, 2016 to accommodate Independence Day Monday, September 5, 2016 will be rescheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2016 to accommodate Labor Day. Monday, March 7, 2016 will be rescheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2016 to accommodate the NLC Conference held March 5-9, 2016, Monday, May 16, 2016 will be rescheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2016 to accommodate the ALM Conference held May 15-17, 2016.

[15-0609](#)

Presentation by Patrice Tiggs for the Snook Youth Club

The Director of the Snook Youth Club Patrice Tiggs reported the Snook Youth Club is located in Aaronville and many of their students are considered low income and are at risk of being left home alone or hanging out on the street corners. Snook Youth Club offers safety for kids and do not only consider Aaronville, Beulah Heights and Mills children as their only responsibility. They

take their love of the arts to others as well. New research shows that people exposed to music and visual arts experience higher levels of self-esteem and lower levels of stress. Snook Youth Club's youth discover ways to express themselves through arts and academic enrichment.

Future goals include a multi-cultural teen center to be better serve ages 13 through 16 by offering them ACT waivers, visits to college campuses, vocational schools, Job Corps and AmeriCorps. Snook Youth Club also offers fun activities such as Partying with a Purpose, which helps prevent substance abuse and underage drinking. The City of Foley is guaranteed to save money by investing in the youth today before we have to build more prisons for tomorrow.

In February 2015, Snook Youth Club brought Ken Ford – “The King of Strings” to the City of Foley, affecting 3,000 youth in assemblies at the public schools as well as hosting the concert at the Foley Civic Center. They also had an opportunity to perform at the BCCA Star Search, which hosted over 600 competing teams. The Snook Youth Club introduced a new program, “Guitars Not Guns” in January 2015 and in June of 2015, the Youth Club introduced a computer rebuild program. Over forty-five multi-cultural students attended the summer camp and eight AmeriCorps members and sixteen researchers helped develop the Snook Youth Club's Youth and Resource Guide. Snook Youth Club has new partners such as the Bay Area Food Bank, who offer Super Snacks, a Good Will Easters Seal Representative and a South Baldwin Literacy Council volunteer. There has been over \$23,000 of in-kind donations. Ms. Tiggs thanked the City Council for their support and thanked them for the computers that were donated this past summer. Ms. Tiggs reported they hope to continue the computer rebuild program and they would like to reach out to the special needs community in the City of Foley. She reported Foley Elementary School alone has over 375 special need students. She further reported she plans to help the City live up to the slogan of “The Forward City” and she refuses to become stagnant in her efforts.

[15-0618](#)

Hoar Program Management (FYI only)

Attachments: [Hoar](#)

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported this item is an FYI only. Mr. Rouzie wants to use Hoar Program Management for the management of the Peavey Building.

[15-0622](#)

September 2015 Bid Activity

Attachments: [September 2015 Bid Awards.pdf](#)

City Administrator Mike Thompson asked Assistant City Clerk Katy Taylor if the Bid Activity Report needed to be moved to the Council agenda. Mrs. Taylor reported that it does need to be added to the Council agenda under the Reports section. There was a consensus to add this item to the Council Agenda under Reports.

Discuss Council Meeting Agenda of October 19, 2015

15-0625 Marketing Department Quarterly Report - July, August and

September 2015 – Mr. Thompson reported Marketing Director LaDonna Hinesley is out of the office and this report needs to be carried over to the Council meeting of November 2, 2015. There was a consensus to carry over this item to the November 2, 2015 Council meeting.

Assistant City Engineer Taylor Davis reported that he had a short PowerPoint presentation on capital projects updates on the Pecan Street mitigation repair, Foley Dog Park, Graham Creek Estates drainage improvements, Graham Creek Nature Preserve road extension, North Pine Street drainage improvements, Pride Drive ATRIP, Tiger Phase 2, Cedar Street and Azalea Street pipe replacement and signage upgrades for UTC wayfinding and Riviera Blvd. roundabout. The PowerPoint presentation is attached as backup to the minutes.

15-0150 Vacation of right of ways on two separate areas of Beck Road and 15 0592 A Resolution to accept donation of right of way by Castille Real Estate Co, LLC for the Beck Road vacation. – President Trawick reported these items needed to be carried over to the Council meeting of November 16, 2015 because that is the date of the public hearing regarding the Beck Road vacation. There was a consensus to carry over these items to November 16, 2015.

15-0582 E J Builders' Change Order No. 1 for Dog Park – Assistant City Clerk Katy Taylor reported Randy Kurtts wishes to have this item removed from the agenda due to pulling the change order because it was decided to not have the sloped canopies painted. This item was carried over for the October 5, 2015 Council meeting and needs to be officially removed. There was a consensus to remove this item from the agenda.

15-0596 A Resolution to reappoint Otis Gatlin and David Vosloh to the Fire Code of Appeals Board. – Fire Chief Darby reported both Mr. Gatlin and Mr. Vosloh are willing to serve another term and Mr. Vosloh serves as Chairman of this board. There was a consensus for this item to remain on the Council agenda.

15-0597 Acceptance of ADCNR ACAMP Grant for an ADA Trail at Graham Creek- Leslie Gahagan reported they received the Alabama Department of Conservation Natural Resources Alabama Coastal Access Improvement Grant. She reported they want to build an ADA trail, which will be a third of a mile long behind the Interpretive Center. It will be a board walk over the wetland area and there will be a walkway using rubberized tire mulch at the memorial tree grove. President Trawick asked if the mulch will be laid as a carpet. Mrs. Gahagan reported it is a carpet that is rolled out and using recycled tires is highly favored for grants. There was a consensus for this item to remain on the Council agenda.

15-0610 A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DECLARING WEEDS TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND ORDERING ITS ABATEMENT OFF OF SOUTH CEDAR STREET – Assistant City Clerk Katy Taylor reported this property has been abated by the owner and no further action is required. There was a consensus to remove this item from the agenda.

15-0616 Trolley Route Survey and Engineering Services Contract –

Taylor Davis reported this item is to consider Sawgrass's proposal for professional services for the trolley route design. There was a consensus for this item to remain on the Council agenda.

15-0620 Request change order for Graham Creek Interpretive Center to add alternatives 1 and 2 – Leslie Gahagan reported she is not requesting any additional funds. City forces were going to put the road and parking area in; however, it would be more of a cost saving to have the contractor put in the ribbon curb, the ADA parking and the sidewalk to the center. There is enough funds in the roadway budget to cover the expense. There was a consensus for this item to remain on the Council agenda.

15-0623 Consider Bid Results for One Custom Pumper for the Foley Fire Department – Chief Darby reported there was only one responsible bidder. The bid came in significantly higher than budgeted. The state bid law allows the City to negotiate a lower price when there is only one bidder. He reported he negotiated with NAFECO to lower the price without changing the bid spec. NAFECO negotiated with the manufacturer, who was able to cut costs and offer a discount for prepayment getting the proposal within budget. There was a consensus for this item to remain on the Council agenda.

15-0627 Approves Recreation to purchase a reel mower for field maintenance. – David Thompson reported this is a budgeted item for this year and with the additional fields being added, purchasing a commercial mower is necessary. The listed price of the mower is less than what is budgeted; however, the full budget amount is being requested due to a 12% price increase that will take place in five days. There was a consensus for this item to remain on the Council agenda.

15-0632 Resolution authorizing employees to enter upon the property at the Meadow Run subdivision detention pond for the purpose of abating the public nuisance. – Leslie Gahagan reported City forces will not be able to abate this detention pond. There are trees growing in this pond and a forestry mower will be needed. Mr. Thompson reported he is concerned about abating detention ponds because it is unlikely that the City will recoup the funds used by placing a lien on the property. This detention pond is not owned by the home Owners Association, it is owned by Leonard Jernigan, who was the original developer. There was a consensus to carry this item over until after a legal review from an attorney.

15-0634 Approves Memorandum of Agreement Between The State of Alabama and The City of Foley Regarding Removal and Disposal of Debris – City Clerk Vickey Southern reported Council has already approved an agreement; however, the City never received a fully executed copy of the agreement from ALDOT. ALDOT has modified the agreement and the new version must be approved. There was a consensus for this item to remain on the Council agenda.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Koniar reminded everyone of the invitation to the joint meeting with the Baldwin County Commission, Baldwin County Board of Education and the Citizen's Task Force. This is a group of citizens that were put together to make recommendations to the Board of Education and the County about where we

are in public education. The meeting is in Bay Minette at the Commission's chambers from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. He reported he and Council Member Vera Quaites were attending.

Visitor's Comments

The Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermens Market Manager Heather Pritchard invited everyone to the oyster unveiling on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. The City of Foley and The Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermens Market has partnered together to sponsor an oyster for the Oyster Gardening Program. There will also be oysters to taste at the event.

Also, Forland Family Market is having a ribbon cutting for their grand opening at 10:00 a.m. on October 27, 2015.

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