



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, June 5, 2017

4:00 PM

Conference Room

Work Session

Call to Order

Council President Wayne Trawick called the June 5, 2017 Work Session to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

All Council members were present. Also present: Mayor John Koniar, City Clerk Katy Taylor, Sandra Pate, Kate Embry, Thurston Bullock, Darrell Russell, Meg Hellmich, John Jackson, Randy Kurtts, Chad Christian, Joey Darby, Sue Steigerwald, Francis Holk-Jones, Dorothy Ward, Paul Pecora, Tom DeBell, Jason Clabo, Dale Brown, and press representatives Jessica Vaughn (Onlooker) and Parks Rogers (Gulf Coast Media).

Discussion Items

[17-0312](#)

Community Solar Project Presentation

Tom DeBell with Riviera Utilities reported to the Council that the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority is offering funding programs for community solar projects. Riviera would like to partner with the City and the school board on these projects to be the first in the area to have them. Riviera has put together a core team and would like to add individuals from the City and school board partners. The team has identified four possible areas to place the solar panels, the panel sites would be the equivalent to ten Honda generators. Mr. DeBell feels this is a great opportunity for the school to work on career technical education. Any agreements, site plans, or actions will be brought before the Council. There was no further discussion on this item.

Reports

[17-0320](#)

Randy Kurtts to update Council on pedestrian bridge repair, tower repair, and gateway sign projects.

Randy Kurtts reported to the Council that the controller and amplifier for the clock tower have shipped and once the parts arrive the man lift and technician will coordinate installation. The lights for the pedestrian bridge have also arrived and will be replaced by a separate contractor but use the same man lift. Mr. Kurtts reported that the mesh panels for the pedestrian bridge are in the

powder coating stage and should be shipped soon, however; the contractor has not yet cleared the process for the replacement. ALDOT permits for Highway 59 and County Road 10 was submitted on May 24, 2017 and permits for Highway 98 east and west will be submitted this week. There was no further discussion on this item.

Discuss Council Agenda of June 5, 2017

17 0290 Street Dept. requests permission to purchase a Mini Excavator from Thompson CAT.

Public Works Superintendent Darrell Russell reported to the Council that this excavator is a budgeted item and it is bid under budget. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0295 Navy Jet Crash Memorial

Deputy Chief Thurston Bullock reported to the Council on January 28, 1983 Commander Haywood flew out of Pensacola on a training jet and crashed in the area of Juniper and Riviera Blvd. The Police Department will be recognizing the Commander's sacrifice with a memorial in the area. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0296 Police Department requests to declare bikes as surplus and donate them to Liberty Church

Deputy Chief Thurston Bullock reported to the Council that the Police Department has accumulated 33 bicycles that have reached the 90 day process status. Liberty Church has a program that the bikes are turned into ornamental decoration. These bikes are purchased for \$125 and the contributions go to feed 200+ children throughout the school year. The Police Department will declare the bikes as surplus and donate to Liberty Church for the program. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0297 Request to Transfer funds from Environmental Operating to Capital Projects

Environmental Manager Leslie Gahagan reported to the Council that the Boardwalk project was over budget and this transfer of funds will allow the project to be closed out. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0306 Tanger Avenue Extension Agreement

City Engineer Chad Christian reported to the Council that ALDOT will fund up to \$250,000 to extend Tanger Avenue on the west side. The signal at Riviera Blvd would be removed, per item four of the agreement. Council Member Charlie Ebert requested this item to be carried over so that all businesses and developers in the area affected would have time to be notified of the loss of the light and changes in the area. Mr. Christian reported that the loss of the light is included in ALDOT's access management plan. There was a consensus to carry this item over until the next Council Meeting so that everyone can be notified. There was no further discussion on this item; it was carried over to the June 19, 2017 meeting.

17 0308 A resolution setting a public hearing to consider Planning Commission's recommendation for rezoning property owned by GCOP Arborwalk, LLC From R 2 (Residential Single Family and Duplex) To R 1D (Residential Single Family).

There was no further discussion on the item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0309 A resolution setting a public hearing to consider Planning Commission's recommendation for rezoning property owned by Smart Living, LLC From PUD (Planned Unit Development) To PUD (Planned Unit Development).

There was no further discussion on the item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0311 Approve Library Cell Phone Usage Policy

Library Director John Jackson reported to the Council that this item updates the Library's policy manual. There was no further discussion on the item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0313 Approve Library Circulation Policy

Library Director John Jackson reported to the Council that this item updates the Library's policy manual. There was no further discussion on the item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0314 Authorize the Mayor to sign Construction and Use Agreement with The Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety Construction and Use Agreement IBHS

Council Member Charlie Ebert reported to the Council that Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety would be building two 15x30 pavilions at Graham Creek Nature Preserve to study the useful life of asphalt shingles. The City will be responsible for normal routine maintenance. The testing equipment is housed inside the attic of the pavilions and several solar panels are placed on top. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0315 A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DECLARING 413 2ND AVENUE TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND ORDERING ITS ABATEMENT

Environmental Manager Leslie Gahagan reported to the Council that this structure that is abandoned. The structure was in a trust and went to several family members who cannot agree what to do about the structure. The owners have been notified and notices will be placed on the structure. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0316 Request to use Beulah Heights Park for a family reunion

Council Member Vera Quaites reported to the Council that extra garbage cans in the park would be needed for this event. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0317 CR 20 Sidewalk Repairs

City Engineer Chad Christian reported that this would appropriate the funds for this project that is already included in the Capital Plan. Mr. Christian reported that the Engineering Department feels they will be under budget and will be able to address other sidewalk projects. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0319 Appropriate Funds For St. Jude Tour

Council President Wayne Trawick reported to the Council that this would appropriate \$2,000 to send staff to St. Jude in Memphis for the partnership with Varsity sports and St. Jude. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0321 Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for Library Intern

Library Director John Jackson reported to the Council that the current intern is scanning documents in the Genealogy Department and this will continue the position through the fiscal year. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0322 Residential Sanitation Write Offs as Uncollectible in the Amount of \$322.12

There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0323 A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Amendment to Tax Abatement Agreements for future Foley Holdings, LLC. Subsidiaries

Council President Wayne Trawick reported to the Council that this will keep the individual entities from having to come back to Council each time for the Tax Abatements. The Council would still like the abatements to be reported and kept record of. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Koniar reported to the Council that during the recent conference visit in Las Vegas he and Jeff Rouzie were able to meet with several possible vendors that are interested in the OWA development and Foley area. Vendors included a Legends impersonator group, theater group, and aquarium facility group.

Visitor's Comments

There were no comments to report.

Adjournment

Hearing no further comments, the Work Session adjourned at 5:05 p.m.