



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, August 21, 2017

4:30 PM

Council Chambers

Work Session

Call to Order

Council President Wayne Trawick called the August 21, 2017 Work Session to order at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call

All Council Members were present with the exception of Councilman Ralph Hellmich who was out of town. Also present: City Administrator Mike Thompson, City Clerk Katy Taylor, Sandra Pate, Joey Darby, Sue Steigerwald, Chad Christian, Randy Kurtts, Thurston Bullock, Rachel Spear, Tom DeBell, Francis Holk-Jones, Alec Barnett Jr., and press representative Jessica Vaughn (Gulf Coast Media).

Discussion Items

[17-0454](#)

Tom DeBell will present an update on the proposed Community Solar Project.

Tom DeBell of Riviera Utilities reported to the Council that Riviera Utilities staff is working with Casey Pipes on the lease agreements for these sites. The two proposed sites are the space near the dog park as well as a site at the south east corner of Highway 59 and Section Avenue. Mr. DeBell reported that after meeting with the City Engineering Department he feels that from their perspective the Dog Park site is best, however; from a public exposure stand point the Highway 59 site is best. Mr. DeBell reported that they would continue to work through the terms of the lease agreements and bring them back to the Council. There was no further discussion on this item.

Reports

[17-0456](#)

July 2017 Bid Activity

Attachments: [July 2017 Bid Awards.pdf](#)

There was a consensus to move the July 2017 Bid Activity report to the Council Meeting Agenda due to the report not being present on the electronic copies

during Work Session.

[17-0469](#)

Randy Kurtts to Update Council on Pedestrian Bridge Repair, Tower Repair, and Gateway Sign Projects.

Randy Kurtts reported to the Council that the panels for the Pedestrian Bridge have been inspected and did not meet the general contractor's approval. The panels have been sent back into the powder coating stage and once complete, they will be shipped for installation. Mr. Kurtts reported to the Council that the bells for the bell tower have arrived in Ohio for repair and are in line with the company's workshop, however; the company is not able to give the Engineering Department an estimated time of completion at this time. Mr. Kurtts reported that two of the three remaining Gateway Sign permits are in the final submittal stage with ALDOT and he anticipates the final one to be submitted this week. There was no further discussion on this item.

Discuss Council Agenda of August 21, 2017

17 0457 The South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce Requests To Allow Film Footage During Festival Of Flavor

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported that the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce had contacted him to allow the film footage and that he requested that they have a release form. Council Member Charlie Ebert reported to the Council that he would like to request Attorney Casey Pipes to review the document before allowing the filming. Mr. Thompson reported that if the Council would pass this item contingent on the review of Mr. Pipes he would get the document reviewed. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0458 A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DECLARING WEEDS TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND ORDERING ITS ABATEMENT AT 500 SOUTH HICKORY STREET

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

17 0464 Residential Sanitation Write Offs as Uncollectible

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

17 0466 Approving Cooperative Agreements for Maintenance of Gateway Sign Locations

Randy Kurtts reported to the Council that the new gateway signs are on the ALDOT right of ways and ALDOT is requesting the updated agreement for these locations. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0480 Fern Avenue Extension ATRIP Project Right Of Way Appraisal

Council President Wayne Trawick turned the Work Session meeting over to Councilman Charlie Ebert. City Engineer Chad Christian reported to the Council that for the Fern Avenue Extension Project nine tracks of land were necessary for the right of way. Mr. Christian reported that eight tracks have

been donated, accepted, and approved by ALDOT. The remaining track of land is 14 feet across and a total of .095 acres. This track of land is held within a real estate and building trust that does not wish to donate the right of way. Mr. Christian reported the next step would be to receive an appraisal from an appraiser from ALDOT's approved list and establish a value to offer the owner. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda. Councilman Charlie Ebert turned the Work Session meeting back over to Council President Wayne Trawick.

17 0481 Foley Event Center Sidewalk Extensions

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported to the Council that the Fire Department was concerned about the locations of the sidewalks ending on the north and south side of the building. The Fire Department felt that these sidewalks need to be extended for safety reasons. Mr. Thompson reported to the Council that this resolution would extend those sidewalks. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0482 Approval for landscaping at the Foley Event Center

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

17 0463 Approval of a Special Event ABC License for the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce.

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

Council President Wayne Trawick reported that there were two additional items for the August 21, 2017 Council Meeting Agenda.

17-0448 Resolution to Amend the Sublease Agreement With Gregory Driskell

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

17-0491 A Resolution To Confirm Certain Rights Of Way

City Engineer Chad Christian reported to the Council that the owner of the Goodyear store has contacted the Engineering Department. The owner has an agreement to sell and the surveyor for the prospective buyer has concerns about encroachment to the right of way on Myrtle and South McKenzie Street. Mr. Christian reported that the Engineering Department has provided all necessary documents to the owner, the Engineering Department wishes to not hold up the owner's closing. Mr. Christian reported that by adding the approximate verbiage to the item will help to cover the City and allow the owner to continue with closing. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

Mayor's Comments

The Mayor was not present for comments.

Visitor's Comments

Council Member Rick Blackwell reported to the Council that he has had recent citizen requests that include updates to the Railroad Museum and mile markers in the walking area around the park.

Council Member Vera Quaites reported to the Council that the Hickory Bend Subdivision has blind spots when leaving the subdivision and requested the right of ways to be looked at.

Alec Barnett JR., a representative of the State branch of the NAACP reported that the group is working to establish of meeting in Baldwin County to bring local officials, citizens, and law enforcement together to be able to work towards preventing incidents such as the recent Virginia attacks.

Adjournment

Hearing no further comments, the Work Session adjourned at 5:17 p.m.