



Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, June 19, 2017

4:00 PM

Conference Room

Work Session

Call to Order

Council President Wayne Trawick called the June 19, 2017 Work Session to order at 4:01 p.m.

Roll Call

All Council members were present with the exception of Council member Quaites, who was absent due to illness. Also present, Mayor John Koniar, City Administrator Mike Thompson, City Clerk Katy Taylor, Sandra Pate, Kate Embry, Chad Christian Andy, Forsythe, John Gleaton, John Graham, Joey Darby, Taylor Davis, Randy Kurtts, LaDonna Hinesley, Chuck Lay, Pam Harris, Jeff Rouzie, Leslie Gahagan, Thurston Bullock, David Wilson, Sue Steigerwald, Paul Pecora, Jason Clabo, Bill Swanson, Francis Holk-Jones, Paul Hartline, Gloria Boatwright, and Press Representative Jessica Vaughn (Onlooker).

Present: 4 - President Wayne Trawick, Council Member Ralph Hellmich, Council Member Rick Blackwell and Council Member Charles Ebert III

Absent: 1 - Council Member Vera Quaites

Discussion Items

[17-0326](#)

Discuss Mediacom

Jason Clabo with Mediacom reported to the Council that their permits have been applied for but are on hold until the franchise agreement with the City is complete. Mediacom has a plant that currently services up to County Road 8 in Gulf Shores, Elberta area, and just north of Summerdale. The first neighborhoods that will be the main focus of Mediacom early on will be Parish Lakes and Iberville Square, building materials and labor are prepared to move into these two areas quickly. Offer high speed internet service 60 mbps as compared to the base line of 25 mbps that is the baseline service of Century Link. Mediacom will come into the area and be able to deliver high quality service to the area. Mr. Clabo reported to the Council that Mediacom has made an offer to Riviera Utilities Cable to purchase their plant and to upgrade to the Mediacom offerings, that offer has not currently been accepted. There was no further discussion on this item.

[17-0332](#)

Discussion of OWA Entertainment District

Attachments: [OWA ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT MAP-36X48 EXHIBIT MAP \(1\).PDF](#)

Gloria Boatwright from OWA reported to the Council that the ordinance for the Entertainment District and the Map have been submitted to the ABC Board. She has been in contact with Ben Barrett at the board and everything has been submitted for legal review. There was no further discussion on this item.

[17-0334](#)

(Second Reading) Building Code & Fee Amendments

Attachments: [2015 Code Ordinance draft.pdf](#)
 [2015 Code Ordinance draft clean copy](#)

Chuck Lay reported to the Council that it's time for the codes to be updated and the fee schedule was also updated this time, after 15 years. Mr. Lay reported that the typical home will go approximately \$100 per house and the City will see approximately \$300 per house. There was a consensus to add this item to the June 19, 2017 Council Meeting agenda.

[17-0352](#)

Discuss possible parking area at the south east corner of HWY 98 and Pine Street

City Engineer Chad Christian reported to the Council that a recently demolished gas station allows for the City to add an additional seven parking spaces in the area. This project could be completed in house with striping and curb stops. Council Member Charlie Ebert reported to the Council that he feels this is an easy way to receive more parking for the downtown area and that if any future access would be needed for that property it could be addressed at a future date. Council Member Ebert reported that the property is still on the market for purchase. Due to this item being completed in house the item was not moved to the Council agenda but will be brought back at a later date if funds need to be allocated. There was no further discussion on this item.

Reports

[17-0349](#)

Randy Kurtts to update Council on Pedestrian Bridge repair, tower repair, and gateway sign projects.

Randy Kurtts reported to the Council that currently the repairs on the clock tower have been scheduled for Wednesday, June 21. The light change out on the pedestrian bridge will be completed at the same time so that only one man lift rental is needed. However, with the anticipation of Tropical Storm Cindy moving into the area the Engineering Department will be making any schedule changes needed due to weather. Mr. Kurtts reported that the ALDOT permit for the Alabama Credit Union light post project has been received and will be scheduling the installation this week. Mr. Kurtts reported that the contractor has submitted a plan for the panel replacements on the pedestrian bridge. The plan includes that they will possibly do this install at night and would require lane closures. Engineering has made it clear that any road closures would need to be approved ahead of time and would need to go through the appropriate departments. Mr. Kurtts reported that the ALDOT permit request

for Hwy 98 east has been submitted, the permit for Hwy 98 west has not been submitted but will be by Wednesday. There was no further discussion on this item.

Discuss Council Agenda of June 19, 2017

17 0301 Amend Volkert, Inc.'s CE&I Contract for TIGER Phases I and II

City Engineer Chad Christian reported to the Council that both contractors for Phase I and II went over time which required additional inspection time. This resolution will also amend the professional services contract for the completion of the project. The Engineering Department's recommendation is to divide the liquidated damages that were paid to the City as 75% to Volkert as ALDOT's inspector and 25% to the City. Mr. Christian reported that FHWA audited TIGER III and would expect TIGER I and II to be audited as well. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0327 A RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF CABOOSE CLUB DONATIONS

Finance Director Sue Steigerwald reported to the Council that this is the use of the donations to purchase remotes for the Model Train exhibit that will soon be phased out and will not be available for purchase. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0328 Request Approval to Bid and Purchase a Full Size, Half Ton, 4x4 Extended Cab Truck for the Horticulture Department

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

17 0329 Foley Beach Express/County Road 20 Safety Project Construction Appropriation and Bid Permission Request

City Engineer Chad Christian reported to the Council that this resolution will appropriate funds to allow the Engineering Department to bid the project to offset the turn lanes at County Road 20 and create a safer intersection. There was \$150,000 appropriated to the Capital Plan but it will be closer to \$200,000 for this project to be completed. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0336 Approval to go to bid and purchase hydraulic rescue tools for FFD

Fire Chief Joey Darby reported to the Council that the current hydraulic rescue tools are ten years old. It was originally planned to purchase new tools this year and put the current sets into reserve. The Fire Department does not currently have any of these tools on reserve. Chief Darby reported that with current special demo pricing the expectation is to receive the first set under \$20,000 and to purchase the second set after the new budget cycle with holding bid pricing. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0340 Resolution declaring property located at 413 2nd Avenue to be a threat to the public's health and welfare.

Environmental Manager Leslie Gahagan reported that the City will have to bid

out for this structure to be demolished and the price of demolition will be placed as a lien on the owners. Mrs. Gahagan reported that certified letters have been sent to the owners and the notice has been posted. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0342 Residential Sanitation Write Offs as Uncollectible

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

17 0345 A Resolution Reappointing Billie Nardell on the Senior Center Advisory Board

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

17 0348 A Resolution Approve Contract Negotiations on Behalf of the Public Cultural & Entertainment Facilities Cooperative District

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

17 0354 Declaring Surplus Detective John Gleaton's Badge and Service Weapon

Police Chief David Wilson reported to the Council that Detective John Gleaton will be retiring with his last day being on June 23, 2017. Chief Wilson reported that Detective Gleaton will be working with Former Deputy Chief Bishop at OWA. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor John Koniar reported that High School Principal Russ Moore has approached him about possibly renting the new Event Center for possible prom and graduation events.

Council Member Rick Blackwell reported that during a recent tour at OWA he noticed that they have purchased a boat to be on display and that they have some interest in purchasing the Miss Foley boat.

Council Member Charlie Ebert reported that during recent meetings ALDOT's access management plan has been mentioned. Council Member Ebert requested a copy of the plan to be provided.

Visitor's Comments

Paul Hartline reported to the Council that the road in the area of Fig Avenue and Alston needs to be resurfaced and have been in bad shape for ten years. Mr. Hartline also reported that there is an issue of drivers running stop signs in the area of Fig Avenue and the Methodist Church.

Adjournment

Hearing no further comments, the Work Session adjourned at 5:09 p.m.