



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, December 18, 2017

4:00 PM

Conference Room

Work Session

Call to Order

Council President Wayne Trawick called the December 18, 2017 Work Session to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

All Council Members were present with the exception of Vera Quaites who was absent due to illness. Also present: City Administrator Mike Thompson, City Clerk Katy Taylor, Sandra Pate, Kate Embry, Taylor Davis, Thurston Bullock, David Thompson, Bill Swanson, Joey Darby, Meg Hellmich, Chad Christian, Randy Kurtts, Leslie Gahagan, David Wilson, LaDonna Hinesley, Francis Holk-Jones, and Press Representative Jessica Vaughn (Onlooker).

Discussion Items

[17-0618](#)

A resolution to accept the donation of H.M. Hamburg & Sons, Inc property made by the stockholders: Helen Hamburg Williams, President, Kenneth Hamburg, Vice President, Don Martin Hamburg, Secretary/Treasurer, and Melba Lauder Hamburg, stockholder.

Attachments: [Hamburg Proposal](#)
[H.M. Hamburg & Sons Map and Tax Appraisal](#)

Council President Wayne Trawick reported to the Council that the Hamburg family would like to donate the property before the end of the year. Mr. Trawick reported that while meeting with the Hamburg family the family agreed to allow time for the City to move forward with the project and that the City will be looking for grants and other available funding to complete the project. Mr. Trawick reported that the first step will be for the Council to appropriate the funds to stabilize the building by repairing the roof and then move forward over the next several years. There was a consensus to move this item to the December 18, 2017 Council agenda.

Enactment No: 17-1338-RES

[17-0711](#)

Discussion of Pickleball Complex Proposal

Attachments: [Pickleball Facility Layout Dec. 8](#)

Bob Webb reported to the Council on behalf of the area's Pickleball Club that the club currently has 750 members and most play daily and the club has partnered with the Bocce Ball Club for future developments. The Pickleball Club has developed a plan based on the model of Chicken N Pickle located in North Kansas, Missouri to develop a game park area; Chicken N Pickle is an outdoor and indoor restaurant and pickleball venue. Mr. Webb reported that the development consists of five phases that would include a 60 x 40 kitchen area, 80 x 40 covered patio area, restrooms, pro shop, pickleball, bocce ball, and corn hole; the concept would be a park setting with as much green space as possible as well as a 6-8 foot fence surrounding the park. Mr. Webb reported to the Council that this concept would be funded by investors and the project would only grow as large as the funding allows; the five phases total cost is \$3.5 million. Mr. Webb reported that the Pickleball Club is requesting the City of Foley to donate the land near the Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermans Market a total of 6.6 acres; the fifth phase would require additional land to create a teaching school for pickleball. Mr. Webb reported to the Council that the club would like to look at a long term lease of the property, the club has not identified any further possible locations, and that it would be a for profit organization. City Administrator Mike Thompson reported to the Council that this organization being for profit the City would have several steps to take in order to make this possible. Council Member Ralph Hellmich reported to the Council that this property is both cooperative district and CAFFM property. Mr. Thompson reported that the CAFFM land could not be donated due to CAFFM being created under the New Market Tax Credit until after the seven year cycle is complete. Mr. Thompson reported that the cooperative land is under an agreement with Mr. Trivvy for first right of refusal of this property. Council Member Charlie Ebert reported to the Council that when the area was zoned as PUD designated certain areas as green space and that he feels the area needs to be preserved as green space. Council Member Rick Blackwell reported that he has a vision for that area for hotels, restaurants, etc. but not for a recreation area. Mr. Thompson reported to the Council that there are several City owned properties that could be easier donated or leased to the organization and potentially better for the project. There was a consensus to allow City employees and the Council to discuss options and provide an answer to the club during the second Council Meeting in January.

17-0718

Discuss Filling Vacancy On Industrial Development Board

Council President Wayne Trawick reported to the Council that the Industrial Development Board has lost one member from the board and will need to fill this vacancy. City Administrator Mike Thompson reported to the Council that the hospital has provided one suggestion of a new member, however; based on the criteria of membership for the board the individual does not qualify. There was no further discussion on this item.

Discuss Council Meeting Agenda of December 18, 2017

17 0695 Approval to waive the fees for the 2018 ACS South Baldwin Relay for Life

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

17 0700 A resolution waiving fees for the use of Heritage Park for the Foley Art Center's 46th annual Art In The Park event.

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

17 0702 South Pine Street Drainage Improvements

City Engineer Chad Christian reported to the Council that there are drainage issues on South Pine Street that backs up in the area. Mr. Christian reported there is a private group that has offered \$300,000 in cash and in kind services towards the construction of the project and allow the City to move the priority of the project up. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0703 REQUEST TO GO TO BID & PURCHASE A NEW TRUCK FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported to the Council that this resolution will allow for the purchase of a new vehicle for the incoming new inspector in the Community Development Department; this purchase is included in the capital plan. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0704 Authorizing transfer of funds in the amount of \$600 for Beautification Board temporary help.

Human Resources Director Sandra Pate reported to the Council that the Beautification Board is requesting to transfer funds for temporary additional help for projects. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0706 A resolution waiving fees for the use of Heritage Park and Pavilion for South Baldwin Chamber Foundation's annual BBQ & Blues Cook Off fundraising event.

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

17 0707 A Resolution to Deny Business License Application

Chief David Wilson reported to the Council that this applicant has been revoked of their license in the past and that the same events are continuing to occur at this location so the Police Department recommends denying this business license at this time. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0708 FY18 Annual Resurfacing Project (Ph. VII)

City Engineer Chad Christian reported to the Council that Engineering Department has received bids for the FY 2018 Resurfacing Project and the department recommends awarding the bid to the lowest bidder in the amount of \$474,131.41. Mr. Christian reported that the Council has already appropriated funds for a portion of the design and inspection portion of this project and will need to appropriate \$472,464.00. There was no further discussion on this item,

it remained on the agenda.

17 0709 Resolution Authorizing Amendments to the Pay Classification Plan in Follow up to the Restructure of the Sports Tourism Department

Human Resources Director Sandra Pate reported to the Council that this resolution will fine tune some of the recent changes to the pay plan due to the restructuring of the Sports Tourism Department. The resolution changes are budget neutral. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0710 Signage Placement Across from Tanger Outlets' Entrance from AL 59

City Engineer Chad Christian reported to the Council that this proposal from the Burton Group requests a sign in the right of way. The Burton Group requests this sign due to their negotiations with owners to allow for a connection to Park Avenue. City Administrator Mike Thompson reported to the Council that normally this would not be allowed but with the Burton Group investing hundreds of thousands for the right of way that they will then be giving to the City. Council President Wayne Trawick reported to the Council that he would like to see an agreement for the City to have a percentage of use time on the signage once it is installed. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0717 Resolution authorizing amendment to the Pay Classification Plan and transfer of funds for lateral position transfers between Economic Development, the Fire Department, and Engineering.

Human Resources Director Sandra Pate reported to the Council that this resolution allows for transfer of staff due to support staff that would no longer be necessary due to Economic Development Director Jeff Rouzie's retirement. There was no discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Koniar wished everyone a "Merry Christmas".

Visitor's Comments

There were no comments to report.

Adjournment

Hearing no further comments, the Work Session adjourned at 5:14 p.m.