

Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Mayor and Commission
Tuesday, August 6, 2019
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia met this date in regular monthly session. Present: Mayor Girtz; Commissioners Davenport, Parker, Wright, Denson, NeSmith, Edwards, Herod, Thornton, and Hamby. Absent: Commissioner Link. Commissioner Hamby came in at 6:03 p.m. and Commissioner Davenport came in at 6:04 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Denson, to approve minutes of meetings of Tuesday, July 2 and Thursday, July 18, 2019. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Commissioners Davenport and Hamby were absent.

Written communications

Entered into the record was a report completed by the Office of Operational Analysis entitled *Operational Audit of the Clarke County Sheriff's Office FY14-FY18*.

Mayor Girtz introduced newly hired Assistant Manager Josh Edwards who made brief comments.

Recognition

Mayor Girtz recognized Pilgrim's Pride employees for their outstanding service to the community in the Reclaim our River project, as well as Athens-Clarke County employees from Leisure Services and the Sustainability Office who worked on this project.

This summer they had to idle operations while they renovated their processing plant on Barber Street. Instead of temporarily furloughing their employees, Pilgrim's chose to continue to "take care of their family" and pay personnel to work on community projects. With the goal of giving to the community, one of the projects Pilgrim's chose to collaborate with Athens-Clarke County on the Reclaim our River project.

The following employees accepted the award.

Seandre' Lee
Jarl O'Barr
Keith Rudowske
Ashley Hall
Paige Rachut

Consent agenda. Items under this section were discussed at prior public meetings and were presented for consideration as a single item. Only one vote was taken.

Citizen input

There was no citizen input.

A motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Herod, to consent to action on the following 10 items. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

1. APPROVE: a) Award a contract to purchase three Mack Trucks Granite 64FR tandem axle dump trucks and associated equipment from Nextran Truck Centers for \$395,922 in total as per agenda report dated June 26, 2019;
 - b) Declare the three tandem dump trucks being replaced (Fleet numbers 28-32-520, 28-32-562, and 28-32-594) as surplus and authorize disposal consistent with Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County policies after replacement; and

- c) Authorize Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

2. APPROVE: A connection to the sanitary sewer system by means of a private pump station and force main to provide wastewater service to property located at 664 Hancock Industrial Way as per agenda report dated June 26, 2019.

3. APPROVE as per agenda report dated June 28, 2019:
 - a) Award of dental insurance contract to Delta Dental with a first year annual employee paid premium of \$985,000 based on enrollment of 1,200 employees and 330 retirees;
 - b) Award of vision insurance contract to Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield with a first year annual employee paid premium of \$136,000 based on enrollment of 1,050 employees and 200 retirees; and
 - c) Authorize Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

4. APPROVE: Athens Downtown Development Authority (ADDA) proposed list of events for the FY20 Community Events Program (CEP) as per Attachment #1 of agenda report dated June 25, 2019.

5. APPROVE: Recommendation to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to provide services in return for the community's active and meaningful participation in the Georgia Classic Main Street Program as per agenda report dated July 8, 2019.

6. APPROVE: Application for, and if awarded, acceptance of a FY2019 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program grant for the Athens-Clarke County Police Department (ACCPD) in the amount of \$750,000 with a \$150,000 program match as per agenda report dated June 21, 2019; and authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

7. APPROVE: Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to complete all related application documents to apply for and, if awarded, accept the \$25,000,000 Better Utilizing Investments Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program funds that are anticipated to be available by US Department of Transportation (USDOT) using the USDOT application shown in Attachment #1 of agenda report dated June 25, 2019.

8. APPROVE:
 - a) The proposed project concept for Airport Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Matching Funds (TSPLOST 2018 Project #01) Sub-Project #2 – Relocation of Runway 9 Localizer, as described in Facts & Issues #4 of agenda report revised July 23, 2019;
 - b) Authorize staff to advance the proposed Project Concept for Sub-Project #2 – Relocation of Runway 9 Localizer for TSPLOST 2018 Project #01, to the Bid and Award Phase in accordance with the approved Project Concept;
 - c) Approve the work authorization with Holt Consulting Company in the amount of \$251,300 for design services related to the relocation of the localizer through bidding;
 - d) Declare that Sub-Project #2 – Relocation of Runway 9 Localizer is not appropriate for public art elements to be included as part of this TSPLOST 2011 Sub-Project; and,
 - e) Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

9. APPROVE: A lease agreement with Hancock Community Development Corporation (HCDC) for the use of the property located at 300 Henderson Extension as per Attachment #1 of agenda report dated July 16, 2019, and authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all necessary documents.

10. APPROVE: Pass out with no action as recommended by the Legislative Review Committee report dated July 11, 2019: Review of the Code Section 3-5-9 Control of vegetation.

Old business - Discussion

Citizen input

The following citizen input was received.

1. Nat Kuykendall – supported Cook’s Trail improvements.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Parker to:

- a) Approve preliminary construction plans for Carriage Lane Culvert Replacement project as per Attachment #1 of agenda report dated June 26, 2019);
- b) Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute any necessary utility relocation agreements and all other project related documents;
- c) Authorize staff to acquire the necessary right-of-way and easements, and prepare final construction plans; and
- d) Authorize staff to merge the Carriage Lane Culvert Replacement project with an already approved sidewalk gap project on Barnett Shoals Road (Attachment #2) and enter into the bid phase for both projects.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Herod, to adopt the following two resolutions with reference to the SPLOST 2020 Program. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Denson, seconded by Commissioner Nesmith to:

- a) Approve a five-year construction contract with Gillig LLC to construct 30, 35 and 40 foot heavy duty transit buses with Hybrid-Electric, Electric, CNG, or Low-Sulfur Diesel propulsion systems as per agenda report revised July 23, 2019;
- b) Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to negotiate contract and execute all related documents; and
- c) Approve a minimum purchase of four buses during the contract period, as funds become available annually in FY20-FY24.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Davenport, with regard to to Parks Facilities Improvements (SPLOST 2011 Project #16) - Sub-Projects #21-22 project concepts as per agenda report revised July 23, 2019:

- a) Approve the closing of Sub-Projects #13 and #17 of the Parks Facilities Improvements Project (SPLOST 2011 Project #16 as described in Facts & Issues #3 thru #5);
- b) Approve the proposed project concepts for Sub-Projects #21 of the Parks Facilities Improvements Project (SPLOST 2011 Project #16), Bear Hollow Perimeter Fencing, as described in Facts & Issues #6;
- c) Approve the proposed project concepts for Sub-Projects #22 of the Parks Facilities Improvements Project (SPLOST 2011 Project #16), Cook's Trail Boardwalk & Bridges, as described in Facts & Issues #8 thru #10;
- d) Authorize staff to advance both Sub-Projects #21 through #22 to the construction phase with the use of in-house staff, on-call construction services contractors, or state contractors in accordance with the approved Project Concept; and
- e) Declare that these Sub-Projects #21 through #22 of the Parks Facilities Improvements Project (SPLOST 2011 Project #16) are not appropriate for public art elements to be included as part of Project Concepts.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hamby, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to:

- a) Approve the award of a contract to ITR of Georgia, Inc. in the amount of \$316,160 for the purchase and installation of a replacement parking access and revenue control system for the College Avenue and Washington Street parking decks as per agenda report dated July 24, 2019; and
- b) Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all necessary documents.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commisisoner Wright, seconded by Commissioner NeSmith, to adopt a resolution refrence Sister City of Cortona, Italy.

Commissioner Herod offered an amendment to the third paragraph by changing "her" to "Cortona". The amendment was accepted and the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CORTONA, ITALY, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE CORTONA 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND REUNION ON AUGUST 10, 2019.

WHEREAS, the University of Georgia operates studies abroad programs at Cortona, Italy this year marks the 50th consecutive year of operation of this internationally recognized program in the Visual Arts, Humanities, Agriculture, Business, and Science; and

WHEREAS, the University of Georgia Summer Studies Abroad Program in Cortona, Italy, is sponsored by the Lamar Dodd School of Art in conjunction with Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Environment + Design, the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, the Terry College of Business, the College of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences, providing the unique and increasingly popular opportunity afforded to students and faculty by this special educational experience; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 1978, the City of Athens instituted a sister city relationship with Cortona describing Cortona as a small, quiet, walled town with an Etruscan origin. It is situated at a comfortably cool and invigorating 2,200 feet elevation, surrounded by beautiful olive groves, vineyards, and rich valley farm lands. The town itself is a veritable museum, revealing itself through many fine examples of Etruscan, Roman, Romanesque, Medieval, and Renaissance Art and Architecture; and

WHEREAS, there now exists a strong and effective cultural bond between Athens, Georgia, and Cortona, Italy. Cortona citizens and city officials have been generous, gracious hosts and strong supporters of this positive cultural exchange and long-term friendship; and

WHEREAS, the UGA Cortona programs, in which thousands of Georgia students have been warmly received in Cortona, has even more strengthened the bond between our two cities; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, June 8, 2019 Jere W. Morehead, University of Georgia President, and Christopher P. Robinson, Director of the UGA Cortona International Center, were honored to visit Cortona 50th Anniversary Celebration & Reunion 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, expresses appreciation to our sister city for their exceptional hospitality and friendship and we graciously extend an invitation to The Honorable Luciano Meoni, Mayor of Cortona, to visit Athens-Clarke County and the University of Georgia campus.

New business – Consider under suspension of Rules

A motion was made by Commissioner Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Denson, to suspend Rules of Commission for consideration of one item of new business. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Citizen input on new business

The following citizen input was received on Riverbend Parkway.

1. Steve Kozlosky – supported

A motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Denson, to accept request from Commissioner Edwards for creation of a new Urban Services District to expand solid waste collection to the single-family portion of Riverbend Parkway, and adopt the following resolution.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Davenport to HOLD this item. The motion died for lack of a second.

The original motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioners Wright, Denson, NeSmith, Edwards, Herod, and Hamby voting YES; and Commissioners Davenport, Parker, and Thornton voting NO. 6 YES; 3 NO. The following resolution was declared adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION OF COMMISSIONER RUSSELL EDWARDS TO CREATE A NEW URBAN SERVICES DISTRICT TO EXPAND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION TO THE SINGLE-FAMILY PORTION OF RIVERBEND PARKWAY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Charter of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia (the "Charter"), in Section 7-301 creates a General Services Area, an Urban Services Area, and provides for special service areas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted by Sections 7-302, 7-303, and 7-304 of the Charter, the Unified Government has established Policy and/or Procedure Statement Number COM-001, (“COM-001”), which sets forth the general rules, procedures, regulations, requirements, and specification for creating and/or modifying service areas in compliance with Section 7-302 of the Charter of the Unified Government; and

WHEREAS, Subsection 1. of Section B. of Article I. of COM-001 provides that the Mayor and Commission may initiate consideration of expansion and/or creation of services areas; and

WHEREAS, Section B. of Article I of COM-001 provides that applications for the expansion and/or creation of service areas may be received between January 1 and August 1 of any calendar year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Subsection 1. of Section B. of Article I of COM-001, on July 29, 2019, Commissioner Russell Edwards submitted an application requesting that the Mayor and Commission of the Unified Government create a new Urban Services District to expand Solid Waste collection to the single-family portion of Riverbend Parkway, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference (the “Application”); and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Edwards’ Application includes the following attachments: Policy and/or Procedure Statement COM001; a plat of the portion of Riverbend Parkway covered by the Application; and a citizen survey that showed 68% of respondents within the proposed area support Commissioner Edwards’ action; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Subsection 1. of Section B. of Article I of COM-001, Mayor Kelly Girtz has forwarded the Application to the Clerk of Commission and requested that it be placed on the Commission’s agenda for consideration by the Mayor and Commission; and

WHEREAS, Section C. of Article I of COM-001 provides that whenever the Mayor and Commission receive an application for an area to be included in an existing services area or to create a new service area, it shall, after investigation, determine whether such application complies with the requirements of COM-001; and

WHEREAS, Section C. of Article I of COM-001 further provides that if it is determined that the application does comply with COM-001, then, the Commission shall proceed to act on the application in accordance with the charter provisions relating to service areas which require the Commission to hold a public hearing prior to adoption of an ordinance creating or modifying a service area; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commission have investigated Commissioner Edwards’ Application and determined that it is valid and complies with the requirements of COM-001; and

WHEREAS, Section C. of Article I of COM-001 provides that new service areas must be enacted by ordinance at least six (6) months prior to the beginning of a fiscal year and services shall be provided on an effective date set forth in the ordinance creating the new or expanded service area;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES, as follows:

Section 1: Having investigated Commissioner Edwards’ Application and determined that it is valid and complies with the requirements of COM-001, the Mayor and Commission hereby accept Commissioner Edwards’ Application to create a new Urban Services District to expand Solid Waste collection to the single-family portion of Riverbend Parkway.

Section 2: Pursuant to Section D. of Article I of COM-001, the County Manager shall have a report developed setting forth plans for providing the requested services.

Section 3: Pursuant to Section E. of Article I of COM-001 and following the completion of the County Manager’s report, the Mayor shall schedule a public hearing on Commissioner Edwards’ Application, (not less than fifteen (15) nor more than one-hundred twenty (120) days from the date of approval of this Resolution), for the purposes of determining whether creating a new service area as proposed by Commissioner Edwards’ Application would be in the best interests of the residents and/or property owners of the area, and in the best interests of all the residents of Athens-Clarke County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor and Commission hereby declare that the foregoing preamble and whereas provisions set forth hereinabove and the Exhibit(s) attached hereto constitute, and shall be considered to be, substantive provisions of this Resolution and are hereby incorporated by reference into this provision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in the event scrivener’s errors shall be discovered in this Resolution or in the Exhibits hereto after the adoption hereof, the Mayor and Commission hereby authorize and directs that each such scrivener’s error shall be corrected in all multiple counterparts of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor and Commission grant the Mayor, the County Manger, and the County Attorney the authority to take any and all further actions necessary to carry out the intents and purposes of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that except as specifically provided herein, any and all ordinances or resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with this Resolution shall be and the same hereby are repealed, and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its approval by the Mayor or upon its adoption into law without such approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to reconsider action on the Cortona resolution by replacing "sister city" with "twin city". The motion was withdrawn.

Public hearing and deliberation on recommendations from the Athens-Clarke County Planning Commission

A public hearing was held on request of Brett Nave/Studio BNA Architects for Mathis Apartments, Inc. for rezoning from C-O (Commercial-Office) to RM-2 (PD) (Mixed Density Residential, Planned Development) on 3.242 acres known as 1510-1550 South Lumpkin Street. Proposed use is multi-family dwellings, retail and restaurant Type II

Citizen input

The following citizen input was received.

1. David Lunde – opposed.
2. Mike Earl – supported.

A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Davenport, to adopt the following ordinance (#19-08-60) which was presented by title only. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA WITH RESPECT TO REZONING TWO PARCELS OF LAND COMPRISING APPROXIMATELY 3.242 ACRES IN TOTAL LOCATED AT 1510-1550 SOUTH LUMPKIN STREET FROM C-O (COMMERCIAL-OFFICE) TO RM-2 (PD) (MIXED DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. The map constituting the component part of the Zoning Ordinance of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, by virtue of and in compliance with Section 9-3-3 and Section 9-3-6 thereof, is hereby amended by changing the zoning of two parcels of land located at 1510-1550 South Lumpkin Street, Athens, Georgia from C-O (Commercial-Office) to RM-2 (PD) (Mixed Density Residential, Planned Development), as shown on Attachment A hereto. Said affected parcels of land are more fully described in that certain document entitled "Site Plan," dated May 31, 2019, prepared by Edward Lane, registered engineer, designated in the lower right-hand corner as Sheet No. C0.0, and being on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department, 120 West Dougherty Street, Athens, Georgia.

The two parcels comprising the subject planned development are also known as Tax Parcel Nos. 173A1 G001 (1550 South Lumpkin Street) and 173A1 G002 (1510 South Lumpkin Street) on the Athens-Clarke County tax maps, being on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department, 120 West Dougherty Street, Athens, Georgia, and together comprise approximately 3.242 acres. The date of this amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Athens-Clarke County as shown by Attachment A shall be noted on said Official Zoning Map in the office of the Clerk of

Commission at 301 College Avenue, Athens, Georgia, and duly noted in the minutes of the Commission meeting.

SECTION 2. The binding master site plan associated with this ordinance and incorporated herein by reference consists of seventeen sheets in total, with most sheets being numbered and titled in the lower right-hand corner. The respective number, title, and date of each sheet, or alternatively, a description of each sheet is below.

Sheet No.:	Title:	Date:
A0.00	Cover	May 31, 2019
A1.00	Architectural Overall Plan	May 31, 2019
A1.10	Floor Plans – Bldg A Lvl 1	May 31, 2019
A1.20	Floor Plans – Bldg A Lvl 02 & 03	May 31, 2019
A1.30	Floor Plans – Bldg B Lvl 01	May 31, 2019
A1.40	Floor Plans – Bldg B Lvl 02 & 03	May 31, 2019
A2.00	Elevations – Existing Typical	May 31, 2019
A2.10	Elevations – Bldg A	May 31, 2019
A2.20	Elevations – Bldg B	May 31, 2019
A3.00	Building Sections	May 31, 2019
C0.0	Site Plan	May 31, 2019
C1.0	Tree Management Plan	May 31, 2019
N/A	Density (quantity of people in a given area)	May 31, 2019
N/A	Density (comparative analysis)	May 31, 2019
N/A	Traffic (timeline of annual data)	May 31, 2019
N/A	Site Conditions + Parking (parking requirements, traffic flow, street setbacks)	May 31, 2019
N/A	Landscape (existing + new tree canopy diagram)	May 31, 2019

The cover page of this binding master site plan is stamped “Binding 7-11-19,” and the entire document is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department, 120 West Dougherty Street, Athens, Georgia.

The binding written report associated with this ordinance and incorporated by reference herein consists of twenty-three pages in total (inclusive of an appendix and attached exhibits), is entitled “Master PD Submittal,” originally dated May 31, 2019, and stamped “Binding 7-11-19.” This binding written report includes an Appendix to Report Submittal, which is dated July 9, 2019, and has two exhibits attached thereto. Said binding report is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department, 120 West Dougherty Street, Athens, Georgia.

SECTION 3. The conditions of zoning associated with this ordinance are as follows:

1. The applicant shall provide a second means of access from Rutherford Street for emergency vehicles.
2. The applicant shall design the proposed driveway on Lumpkin Street to restrict left turn egress movements.
3. Where no obstructions to growth exist, the applicant shall plant large canopy trees, as defined in the official Athens-Clarke County Tree Species List, which is described in Section 8-7-11 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia.
4. The applicant shall ensure that the open space in the planned development shall be suitable for passive and/or active recreation, as those terms are used in Section 9-8-7 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia.

5. The applicant shall cause any bedrooms in the currently-existing apartments that are to be converted to offices or dens to have casement openings with a minimum of six feet in width.
6. The applicant shall amend its plans to show a future right-of-way to be dedicated to the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County for Lumpkin Street and Rutherford Street

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

A public hearing was held on Atlanta Highway and Lexington Road corridor studies.

Planning Commission recommendation: Adopt w/comments

Citizen input

There was no citizen input.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hamby, seconded by Commissioner Davenport, to approve the Atlanta Highway Lexington Road Connector Athens Corridor Plans dated July 9, 2019.

Commissioner Wright offered an amendment to change “approve” to “accept”.

The amendment was accepted and the motion as amended passed by unanimous vote.

Citizen input on items other than those listed on this agenda

The following citizen input was received.

1. Dennis Holmes – he is sincere.
2. Steve Cramer – concerned about litter.
3. Diane Dunston, East Athens Development Corporation – expressed appreciation for revised lease agreement.
4. Sam Raffell – concerned about EMS service.
5. Bob Gadd – concerned about EMS service.

FROM MAYOR GIRTZ:

1. Recommended the appointment of Richard Martin to the Hearings Board for a term expiring 6-30-23. A motion was made by Commissioner Denson, seconded by Commissioner Hamby, to approve said recommendation. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
2. Announced Commissioner Denson has agreed to serve on the Deferred Compensation Board.
3. Announced proclamations will be issued recognizing participation in the Adopt a Highway Program.

Adopting Organization

Location

Divas Who Win Freedom

Hawthorne Avenue from Broad Street to Prince Avenue

Phi Kappa Psi

Carriage Lane, Carriage Court and Barnett Shoals Road between Carriage Lane and Research Road

4. Announced the following appointments to the Upper Oconee Water Basin Authority.

Commissioner Andy Herod – Mayor’s alternate
 Harry Sims - proportional vote representative
 Glenn Coleman - proportional vote representative alternate

5. Stated he is collaborating with National Memorial for Peace and Justice. More information will be forthcoming.

FROM MANAGER WILLIAMS:

1. Received for information was a report of contract awards in excess of \$10,000 for June 2019.

FROM COMMISSIONER DAVENPORT:

1. Welcomed aboard Assistant Manager Josh Edwards and Attorney Judd Drake.
2. Requested review of SPLOST process.
3. Stated Winterville Mayor Dodd Farrell will participate in a benefit performance at the Fox Theatre on September 17.
4. Thanked Commissioner NeSmith for his insight on short term rentals.
5. Requested a work session regarding threat levels with Information Technology.

FROM COMMISSIONER WRIGHT:

1. Thanked SPLOST Program Administrator Keith Sanders, his staff and Manager Williams and his staff for great work on the SPLOST 2020 Program.
2. Thanked Chief of Police Spruill for handling of the recent violence in Clarke Gardens.

FROM COMMISSIONER DENSON:

1. Announced the first bus art shelter which recognizes the Morton Theatre was completed today.
2. Requested manager provide details on recent purchase of riot control gear.
3. Expressed appreciation to Solid Waste staff for participation in a recent District 5 town hall meeting.

FROM COMMISSIONER NESMITH:

1. Suggested short term rentals used as party houses may need to be permitted.

FROM COMMISSIONER EDWARDS:

1. Expressed appreciation to Tina Eckerd and Five Points Business Association for recently held block party which raised \$5,000 for Barrow Elementary School.
2. Expressed appreciation to Manager Williams and Transportation and Public Works staff for reviewing stormwater problems in Five Points.
3. Stated he is considering calling for a moratorium to consider historic district designation on Oakdale Avenue.

FROM COMMISSIONER HEROD:

1. Expressed appreciation to 2020 Citizens Advisory Committee, particularly his appointees: Dr. Shannon Wilder and Rob Trevena.

FROM COMMISSIONER THORNTON:

1. Expressed appreciation to Police Department for recent National Night Out program.
2. Expressed appreciation to Leisure Services and Kirena Gallagher for Grand Slam Program.

3. Stated violence, such as the recent homicide in Clarke Gardens, needs to be addressed.

FROM COMMISSIONER HAMBY:

1. Requested work session with Chief of Police Spruill to discuss crime issues.
2. Requested a time line on review of use of Kelley Diversified and parking lot in front of Hotel Indigo.
3. Requested expedited process for implementation of SPLOST 2020 projects if referendum is approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Clerk of Commission

Monday, August 19, 2019

Mayor Girtz delivered to the Clerk of Commission his veto of the following item approved by the Commission at its meeting on August 6, 2019.

Item #15: Parking deck equipment purchase

Commissioners were notified by e-mail the same day as received.

Clerk of Commission