

COUNCIL PRESENT: Bruner, Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick, Figueras
STAFF PRESENT: Padgett, Palmour, Sheppard, Jordan

The Work Session began at 11:00 AM immediately after the Called Council Meeting. Mayor Bruner called the meeting to order.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:

Police Department

Police Chief Brian Kelly reviewed the goals of the department as well as the goals for Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012. He commented on cost savings measures associated with storing records on site instead of using an offsite location. He also commented on the new records management system indicating it would reduce the amount of paper to be stored. Chief Kelly reviewed the capital improvement plan and indicated fees/charges were under review to determine if changes were necessary.

There was discussion about the in-house training officer, burglaries and domestic violence crimes.

Council Member Wangemann asked about the department's relationship with the Sheriff's Department and whether efforts were being made to reduce duplication.

Mayor Bruner asked about background checks for businesses.

Fire Department

Chief Jon Canada commented on the Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 goals. He also stated there were other projects the department addressed that were not goals for the year such as the recruitment of new firefighters.

Council Member Dunagan asked about comparisons with other firefighters noting it cost a lot to train them.

Chattahoochee Golf Course

Director of Golf Rodger Hogan reviewed the new department description as well as the Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 goals. He commented on the use of technology (e-blasts) to share information about upcoming activities.

City Manager Kip Padgett requested permission to use contingency funds to replace two mowers noting one mower was currently out of service. Both were in the Capital Improvement Plan for replacement in 2012.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ISSUES:

Resolution: Adoption of Hall County Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan

Fire Chief Jon Canada stated several people were involved in the process to get the disaster plan up to date. Approval of the proposed resolution was required to be eligible for funding.

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Resolution: Adoption of the Hall County Local Emergency Operation Plan

Fire Chief Jon Canada stated this resolution provided the document that identifies the decision makers. The exhibit provides definitions for clarity purposes. Mr. Canada commented on the process for updating the plan.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ISSUES:

Alcoholic Beverage License Application

Senior Finance Technician Tracie Morris presented a new application for consumption on the premises for beer, wine and liquor filed by Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 1175 Dawsonville Highway. The application was in order.

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Alcoholic Beverage Review Committee Report

City Marshal Debbie Jones stated the Committee had two meetings to review the existing ordinance. The group did not want to change the 50/50 food sales requirement. There was discussion about several items including but not limited to brown bagging. At the conclusion of these discussions, there were no recommended changes.

Council Member Hamrick felt the committee members should receive letters thanking them for their time.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES:

Project Resolution: Approval of Local DCA Homeless Assistance Program Applications

Housing Program Manager Chris Davis distributed an amended resolution allowing agencies to seek emergency funds. The agencies involved included Georgia Legal Services Programs, Ninth District, The Salvation Army and Action Ministries. There was no obligation to the City if the agencies didn't meet their requirements.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES ISSUES:

Project Resolution: Public Safety Building Demolition and Abatement Project Change Order Request

Civil Engineer Barclay Fouts stated the proposed resolution requested additional funds for the Public Safety Building demolition noting they had encountered some unknown issues such as the building being placed on sub-walls, oversized footings and a debris pit. The resolution requested a change order totaling \$71,074.50 which put the project over budget by \$46,000.

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Project Resolution: FY2012 Automated Meter Reading Project Award of Contract

Engineer Kevin Purcell stated the proposed resolution addressed the next water meter placement project noting the FlexNet™ Fixed Based Radio Meter Reading System was installed in several areas during Fiscal Year 2011. The resolution authorized the expenditure of \$850,000 from the Public Utilities Capital Project Fund.

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Project Resolution: FY2012 Water Meter Replacement Project Award of Contract

Engineer Kevin Purcell stated the proposed resolution authorized the contract to be awarded to Pride Utility Construction, Inc. It also authorized the expenditure of \$2,350,000 from the Public Utilities Capital Project Fund. This work would address areas defined as Cycle 4.

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CITY MANAGER'S ISSUES:

Resolution: Authorization to Waive the Sale of Alcohol for Public Consumption

City Manager Kip Padgett reviewed a resolution to allow a Cinco de Mayo event on Thursday, May 5th in the Downtown Commercial District. The resolution also allowed the alcoholic beverage ordinance to be relaxed to allow the sale of alcohol for public consumption in permitted areas.

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1936 Tornado Plaque Dedication

Council was reminded of a plaque dedication scheduled for April 6th in the downtown square.

COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Wangemann

Shared information regarding an upcoming community cleanup event.

Mayor Bruner

Commented on a recent Bridge Tournament.

Council Member Figueras

Distributed a written report to Council and complimented the Citizens Government Academy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Manager Kip Padgett requested an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and personnel.

Motion to close the Work Session at 12:37 PM to enter an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and personnel matters.

Motion made by Council Member Hamrick

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

Council Members voting in favor of the motion were Bruner, Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick and Figueras.

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Public Utilities Director Kelly Randall entered the executive session at 12:37 PM and existed at 12:54 PM.

Motion to close the Executive Session at 1:17 PM to continue the Work Session.

Motion made by Council Member Hamrick

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

Council Members voting in favor of the motion were Bruner, Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick and Figueras.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Figueras distributed Vision2030 information.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:19 PM

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