

Council Work Session
September 20, 2016

Meeting called to order by Mayor Harley at 5:00pm.

Invocation given by Councilman Andrews.

Pledge of Allegiance led by April Bragg – Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce.

Welcome Extended to all by Mayor Harley recognized April Bragg and Aura Lee Durham – Warner Robins-Chamber of Commerce.

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Cameron W. Andrews, Councilman Randall Wright, Councilman J. Micheal Evans, Councilman Edward D. Armijo and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings.

Public Comments

Safety Concerns in Eagle Springs/ City of Centerville- Richard Beladino (President Eagle Springs Homeowner’s Association), 301 Montview Way: Mr. Beladino thanked the Mayor, Council, City Attorney Tydings and City Clerk Bedingfield for allowing him the opportunity to speak tonight. Mr. Beladino referenced statements made at prior meeting (September 6, 2016) re: safety concerns in city and Eagle Springs. In addition, comments made about different races and religious preference. Statement attached and made part of official minutes.

Geraldine Parker, 129 Ridgebend, addressed Mr. Beladino comments and stated that her statement last week was not necessarily about Eagle Springs. She is more concerned re: loitering in neighborhoods and police response. Mentioned “Arabs” coming in the neighborhood, just stating what had been told to her from Councilman Armijo. Mrs. Parker stated that Councilman Armijo had participated in a police ride along with the Centerville Police Department. Mrs. Parker stated that she expected a response from Councilman Wright and Mayor Harley.

Mayor Harley responded to Mrs. Parker and stated that the incident she mentioned was not accurate. This is an incident that occurred approximately 6 years ago.

Councilman Armijo stated that there is a law re: loitering. This is up to the Centerville Police Department to do the right thing. It is their responsibility. Point taken and need to make sure that police personnel will enforce the law.

Old Business

None

New Business

Center Park at Centerville Concept Design Presentation and Adoption: Mayor Harley recognized representatives from Clark Patterson Lee - Rebecca Keefer and Joe Powell, here tonight seeking adoption of park concept plan “A”. Document can be distributed to legislators,

outlines entire process; can be shared and will be presented October 27, 2016-Hometown Connection. Motion made by Councilman Andrews to adopt concept design “A”; seconded by Councilman Wright. Councilman Evans thanked everyone who has been involved with project staff and council members. This is the beginning of a journey. Motion carried.

Point of Information Emergency Phone Police Department: Councilman Wright reported there has been a need for this and Chief Rodgers had received a quote. Chief Rodgers stated this is an emergency phone, once the phone is picked up it dials 911. Councilman Wright reported this is strictly after hours and on weekends. This is not manned 24 hours a day, there will be signs posted per Chief Rodgers. The funds are in the budget. Councilman Evans asked what this quote entails: installation and equipment. Chief Rodgers confirmed “yes”. This serves as a point of information. No motion or action taken.

Transportation Enhancement (TE) Agreement: Director of Operations Brumfield reported that this Agreement had been previously approved, however, GDOT needs an updated agreement. TE Grant funds the building of sidewalks in the City. Seeking approval for Mayor Harley to sign agreement and begin project. Motion made by Councilman Wright to authorize Mayor Harley as signatory and execute agreement; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Update Fire Department-MDA-Colony Bank Account: Chief Jones request approval tonight to update signature cards for the MDA account at Colony Bank. Will be adding Councilman J. Micheal Evans and Councilman Edward Armijo. Chief Jones informed the Mayor and Council that City Clerk Bedingfield has a list of individuals to remove from the account that are no longer associated with the city. Motion made by Councilman Evans to update signature card add Councilman J. Micheal Evans, Councilman Edward Armijo and remove prior officials/ employee. (Edward Tucker, Jonathan Nichols, Sidney Andrews); seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Department Bi-Weekly Reports: Councilman Armijo recommended going back to prior practice when City Administrator was here on staff, providing department head report to Mayor and Council. Mr. Armijo would like to have all Department heads begin process again. Reports will be due on the Tuesday’s that coincide with council meetings (1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month).

Agreement to Purchase Property- 304 Houston Lake Boulevard: Mayor Harley reported the sales price is \$150,000.00. Each party will pay their prorated share of County property taxes with seller’s portion of City taxes being written off and remainder of City taxes not due because the City is exempt. Entertain motion to approve purchase on the terms outlined in the purchase and sale agreement and to authorize Councilman Wright to attend the closing on Friday and sign all documents, including the wire transfer documents to complete the transaction. Motion made by Councilman Wright authorizing Councilman Wright to attend closing on Friday and sign agreement, funding source W & S Unrestricted Fund Balance- Enterprise Fund; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Comments from Council

Mayor Harley reported that he had attended several events for MIA and 9/11 events and spoke of time in his life during his military service; very emotional and heart felt. Thanked the Police, Fire and all military (soldiers) for their service.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo informed everyone that this Friday (September 23) is the Mayor's birthday and wished him a "Happy Birthday".

Executive Session - Personnel Matters & Future Acquisition of Real Estate: Mayor Harley entertained motion to go into executive session at 5:36pm. Motion made by Councilman Wright; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council reconvened at 6:59pm. Motion made by Councilman Wright to close executive session and reconvene meeting; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Affidavit & Resolution: City Attorney Tydings read resolution. Motion made by Councilman Wright to adopt resolution as written; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried. Affidavit executed by Mayor Harley and notarized by City Clerk Bedingfield. Resolution & Affidavit attached and made part of official minutes.

Adoption Job Description – Director of Marketing and Economic Development: Mayor Harley entertained motion to adopt job description as written. Motion made by Councilman Evans; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Conditional Offer of Employment – Director of Marketing and Economic Development: Mayor Harley entertains motion to create conditional offer of employment. Motion made by Councilman Wright; seconded by Councilman Evans. This will be a salaried non-exempt position; \$45,000 salary plus benefits and position is subject to personnel manual. City Attorney & City Clerk will work together to construct conditional offer. Motion carried.

Councilman Armijo reported that he had an announcement to make, Police Chief – Ronald Rodgers has resigned from his position effective immediately. No motion or action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date