

Council Work Session

April 16, 2019

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

Invocation given by Councilman Andrews.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Director of Marketing Hogan.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley.

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

Rules of Decorum: Mayor Harley went over Rules of Decorum.

Public Comments

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Home Based Business License-Weekend Lock Smithing (owner: Matthew Bernard, 800 Gunn Rd, Apt 823): Councilman Andrews made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Home Based Business License-Lending Hand Maintenance Solutions (owner: Joshua McIrath, 403 Tumbleweed Circle): Councilman Andrews made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

Approval Property Purchase and Parking Lot Use Agreement First Baptist Church: Councilman Andrews made motion to approve contract for purchase of real property and parking lot use agreement; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Proclamation Manufacturer's Appreciation Week: Mayor Harley recognized Director of Marketing Kate Hogan. Mrs. Hogan read proclamation– Angie Gheesling, Executive Director, Houston County Development Authority also present at meeting. Councilman Evans stated he was curious to know unemployment rate in Houston County. Mrs. Gheesling stated currently less than 4% in this area. Councilman Evans pleased that manufacturing jobs are coming back, great to see that these companies are providing jobs, and being very prosperous. Mrs. Gheesling informed everyone, that the Development Authority receives inquiries re: Sunbelt building from potential businesses looking to move to the area. Also, reported that the state keeps a database of all vacant buildings in the area, which gets a lot of exposure. Councilman Evans reported since the closing of Golden Corral he had spoken with (2) displaced employees who recently found employment, the closing of the business did effect about (40) people. Mayor Harley informed everyone that Mrs. Hogan has been working with Robins Regional Chamber to assist with finding potential employment for those individuals. Mayor Harley, personally thanked

Mrs. Gheesling for continually keeping things going and efforts in preparing Mrs. Hogan to come and work with the City of Centerville.

Proclamation National Child Abuse Prevention Month: Mayor Harley read proclamation.

City Pest Control Services – Termination of Current Service Provider Agreements and Approval of New Service Provider Agreement: Councilman Wright referred to Director of Operations Brumfield. Mr. Brumfield stated he is seeking approval tonight to terminate contract with Terminix and to authorize Mayor Harley to sign new contract with National. Contracts reviewed by City Attorney Tydings. Motion made by Councilman Wright to terminate contract with current service provider (Terminix) and authorize Mayor Harley to sign letter and approve new service provider (National Exterminating); seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Presentation Center Park Focus Groups: Councilman Wright recognized Mrs. Alicia Hartley. Total of (6) focus sessions done with 50 participants. Most common themes were -opportunity (widening opportunities for events, vendors) and recreation. A copy of the presentation is attached and made part of official minutes.

Proclamation Georgia City's Week: Mayor Harley recognized Councilman Wright to read proclamation. Mrs. Hogan, Director of Marketing informed all that Alicia has some fun events planned during "Georgia Cities Week".

M&R Marketing New Logo and Tagline Presentation: Councilman Wright stated we have been discussing this logo for a couple of weeks and this is the formal presentation. Director of Marketing Kate Hogan recognized M& R Marketing- Tracie Davis-Senior Account Manager and Nick Rios-Co-Founder/ Creative Director. Mr. Rios reported they had looked at several options for logo. Felt like this one has a welcoming feeling font, conveying the idea of growth and forward thinking, leaf is green, color that in our community represents growth, and blue represents trustworthiness. Mrs. Hogan stated the marketing department is excited, this is a brand to build, hones in on everything that Mayor and Council have been working toward. Councilman Wright stated he likes it a lot and likes the tag line #Live in the Center, it's really great. Councilman Evans stated he has looked at the logo and really likes the softness of the wording, very inviting. Councilman Armijo stated he wanted to let the citizens know we as a Mayor and Council have been involved all the way. This has been discussed for some time, looking at the end product- comfortable and warm community in which to visit and to live.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Andrews, expressed thanks to Governing Authority for trusting Councilman Wright and himself for the communication piece with First Baptist Church. It has been a long time coming. Thank you for the opportunity.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, no comment.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, stated he wanted to piggy back Councilman Andrews comments. The First Baptist Church property purchase and parking lot agreement took a lot of time and effort, stress was high and low. However, all parties persevered and this will allow us to move ahead with plans for the citizens.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, agreed with comments. Reported that Centerville cleanup day was a success. Wanting to publicly thank Boy Scout Troop 400, former Councilman Randall Wright

and Cheryl (spouse) for their hard work that day at the recycling center. Randall and Cheryl cooked food and helped citizens at the recycling center with their items. It was a great effort by community and city. Thanked everyone for coming out and helping out. Informed everyone that he had received a call from a customer re: Water and Sewer billing office. The ladies went out of their way re: non-profit business to help with billing issues. Appreciate their hard work and providing great customer service and efforts. Also, thanked Kate Hogan, Director of Marketing and Alicia Hartley, they are doing a great job for the community with events. Encouraged everyone to come out to event.

Mayor Harley, informed everyone that the Houston County Commission would be awarding the contract for the Church Street widening project at their meeting tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date