

Council Work Session
October 18, 2022

Mayor Harley called meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Invocation given by Councilman Armijo.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Bird.
Welcome Extended to all by Mayor Harley.

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr., Councilman Justin Wright, Councilman J. Micheal Evans, and Councilman Edward Armijo. Absent City Attorney Rebecca Tydings, out of town GMEBS board meeting.

Public Comments

None

Adoption of Minutes: Blanket motion made by Council Bird to adopt minutes as written; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

- September 6, 2022
- September 20, 2022 Council Work Session

Old Business

None

New Business

2022 Firefighter of the Year presentation: Chief Jones recognized Travis Buchanan as firefighter of the year. Chief Jones stated he is a great asset to the department and presented him with the plaque.

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program-LIHWAP: Councilman Bird recognized Director of Operations Brumfield. Mr. Brumfield reminded everyone of prior presentation by Mrs. Hood at previous council meeting. City Attorney Tydings has reviewed document; no issues. Motion made by Councilman Bird to approved agreement authorizing Mayor Harley as signatory; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Home Based Business- High Class Fashion Boutique, LLC, (Joe High, 213 Grove Ct): Councilman Wright stated he has reviewed application, online seller, using home address, filed appropriate paperwork. Councilman Wright made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Bird. Motion carried.

Resolution- 2nd Budget Amendment FY 2022: Councilman Wright recognized City Accountant

Harrison. Mrs. Harrison provided copy of the resolution along with schedule with department and account numbers and summary with amendment. Required by official code to amend. Reallocate a portion of Police Department's budget and move to the following departments: Animal Control and Legislative. Seeking for approval. Motion made by Councilman Wright to approve as written; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried. See Resolution 2022-10.

Point of Information- Police Department -Purchase of Equipment- Bullet Proof Vest: Councilman Armijo recognized Chief Duncan. Chief Duncan reported that he will be purchasing 10 vests. Councilman Armijo thanked Chief for keeping an eye on the budget and working Mrs. Harrison. No motion or action taken. Point of information.

Approval Police Department-Transfer of Donated Funds into Machinery and Equipment Line Item: Councilman Armijo recognized Chief Duncan. Received donation from Flint Energies last year, funds were not able to be utilized. Asking to transfer funds into machinery and equipment to purchase equipment: Tasers, badges, light bar and cage. Motion made by Councilman Armijo to approve; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Councilman Armijo stated he was happy that we have the man power that we have and thanked Chief Duncan for his leadership. Councilman Evans commended Chief Duncan for having the manpower and not sacrificing his standards when hiring officers.

Mutual Aid Agreements - Request for Approval and the Mayor's Signature: Councilman Evans recognized Chief Jones. Chief Jones stated that he is seeking approval for the agreements and authorizing Mayor and City Clerk to sign documents. City Attorney has reviewed; no issues. Motion made by Councilman Evans to approve; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

Point of Information – Proceed with Purchase- Fire Department Vehicle: Councilman Evans recognized Chief Jones. Chief Jones informed everyone tonight will be moving forward with purchasing a new command vehicle. This is a budgeted item; funds will be from SPLOST which was allocated for this vehicle. Received 2 quotes, going with low bid Riverside Ford; arrive Feb-March 2023. No motion or action taken; point of information.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Bird, reminded everyone of Fall Festival, October 29-Center Park.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, reminder to get out and vote, new congressional district, be informed.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, no comments.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, mentioned several events coming; 9 am Veterans Day, Lighted Christmas Parade. Commended the Police Department-officers conducted a traffic stop, seized drugs and cash. Chief Duncan has been working hard to staff officers, new hires are in transition. Good information on what we are doing as a city. Fire Department was out at the Fair, also working with elementary schools, very community oriented. Proud of them for what they do.

Mayor Harley, stated he had a visit from a young man a few weeks ago. He had written a book, and gave a signed a copy of the book to me. The name of the book is “I am a super hero” by Tah’ Chon Hill. Will become a great citizen one day.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting at 5:25pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Edward Armijo

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date