Council Work Session

December 20, 2022

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

Invocation given by Mayor Harley.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Officer Kenneth Wilson.

Welcome Extended to all by Mayor Harley.

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr., Councilman Justin Wright, and Councilman J. Micheal Evans. Absent Councilman Edward Armijo. City Attorney Rebecca Tydings absent – out sick.

Public Comments

None

Old Business

Ratification of GMEBS LIFE and HEALTH PROGRAM DECLARATION and APPLICATION – Definition of Eligible Retiree: Councilman Wright informed everyone that tonight’s council packets includes a copy of the document that was approved on November 1, 2022. GMA staff reviewed the documents and discovered that section C was incomplete. Seeking approval tonight to ratify adding "must meet the rule of 80 and coverage terminates at age 65 upon Medicare eligibility.” Motion made by Councilman Wright to adopt changes as it relates to section C pg. 2 and adopt and ratify as now written; seconded by Councilman Bird. Motion carried.

New Business

Councilman Wright made motion to add item to agenda: Discussion Approval Floating Holiday as item 5; seconded by Councilman Bird. Motion carried.

Public Meeting-Sanitary Sewer Trunk Main- Bay Gall Project: Councilman Bird and Director of Operations Brumfield stated that the purpose of the public meeting is to comply with the law regarding advertisement and holding of the public hearing. Informed everyone that Rick Saunders (Saunders Engineering) is here and one citizen is in attendance as well.

Mayor Harley closed regular council meeting at 5:07pm. Mayor recognized Rick Saunders. Mr. Saunders provided a preliminary map connecting northern piece with existing southern piece of Bay Gall and provide for future development, lift station at Jane Drive.

John Crutchfield 1122 Dunbar Rd, concerned citizen how this would affect him, however this will not be of concern for him as stated by Director Brumfield.

Closed public hearing and reconvened regular council meeting at 5:10pm.

Resolutions – Appointments/New Terms for Planning and Zoning and Zoning Board of Appeals Members:  Director of Operations Brumfield stated the members will not change – that this is simply a reappointment with new terms. Motion to approve Councilman Evans; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried. See Resolution 2022-12 and 2022-13. See below appointments.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Margaret Szomy 3-year term expires 06/01/2025

Steve Bertram 3-year term expires 06/01/2024

Gary Davey 3-year term expires 06/01/2026

Lee Garrett 3-year term expires 06/01/2026

Randall Wright 3-year term expires 06/01/2024

Planning and Zoning Commission

Ronnie Babbitt 4-year term expires 07/22/2027

Michelle Grembowski 4-year term expires 07/22/2027

Michael Cohen 4-year term expires 07/22/2026

Steve Honrath 4-year term expires 07/22/2026

Randall Wright 4-year term expires 07/22/2025

Replacement of Totaled Vehicle Police Department: Chief Duncan is requesting approval to replace a totaled vehicle. Earlier this year, the City’s insurance company made decision to declare the vehicle a total loss. The cost to replace the vehicle is a little more than $10,000.00 more than the insurance check. Chief Duncan informed Mayor and Council that he has $30,000 in his budget that he can use to cover the additional funds needed to purchase the replacement vehicle.

Motion to approve by Councilman Wright; seconded by Councilman Evans. Councilman Evans inquired about the 3 vehicles listed. Chief Duncan reminded all that the other 2 vehicles were approved at prior meeting. The vehicles are ready and having equipment installed, approximately 2 weeks out. Mayor called for the vote. Motion carried.

Discussion Approval Floating Holiday: Mayor stated that the Council has the option to designate two floating holidays during each calendar year. Tonight the Mayor is making the recommendation to designate Friday, December 30, 2022 as a city holiday, using one of the floating holidays. Motion made by Councilman Wright to designate December 30, 2022 as floating holiday; seconded by Councilman Bird. Motion carried.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Bird, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, excellent year in the city, thanked everyone for what they do.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, spend time with your family and friends. Make memories with those that you love.

Mayor Harley, it has been a good year, thank the citizens for making the City and everyone as successful as we are. Employees have done a great job all year long. Wish everyone Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy New year.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting at 5:21 pm.

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Mayor John R. Harley

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Attest By City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

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