

CITY OF FORT VALLEY
JUNE 14, 2018
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fort Valley held a Regular Council Meeting on Thursday, June 14, 2018, at 6:30p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Barbara Williams presided.

Council members in attendance: Juanita Bryant, Jimmy Barnes, Alonzo Allen, Marvin Crafter, LeMario Brown and Carla Gowen.

City Attorney, William Jerles, Jr. was present.

City Administrator Karin D. Vinson was present and served as recorder.

Public Safety Director Chief Spurgeon was present.

Public Works Director Ben Carpenter was present.

- **Call to Order-** 6:30 p.m.
- **Invocation-** Elder Gerald Howard, The Greater Cathedral of Praise Ministries
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Approval of Agenda**
 1. Motion to Approve the Agenda for June 14, 2018
 - i. Motioned- Brown
 - ii. Seconded- Gowen
 1. All in Favor- Unanimous
 2. Motion Carries.
- **Approval of Minutes**
 1. Motion to Approve the Minutes for the following dates:
 - i. 5/1/18- Public Works Committee Meeting
 - ii. 5/7/18- Administration Committee Meeting
 - iii. 5/7/18- Public Safety Committee Meeting
 - iv. 5/9/18- Economic Development Committee Meeting
 - v. 5/14/18- Finance Committee Meeting
 - vi. 5/15/18- Work Session Meeting
 - vii. 5/19/18- Regular Council Meeting
 - viii. 5/15/18, 5/15/18, and 5/17/18- Executive Sessions
 1. Motioned- Allen
 2. Seconded- Brown
 - a. All in Favor- Unanimous

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b. Motion Carries.

- **Announcements**

1. Peach Festival was great.
2. The Board of Education has appointed Dr. Lynol Brown as Superintendent.
3. School is already out
4. The Mayor and Council will not meet in July
5. Glad to have Jesse Walker in the audience

- **Special Recognitions**

1. Recognition of the Employee of the Month
 1. Public Safety- Major Anthony Brown
 2. Public Works- Walter Johnson and Plezy Nelson

- **Request to Address Mayor & Council**

1. Yvonne Walker- Discussion of Destination Tourism Project
 1. Motion by Crafter to enter into a memorandum of understanding regarding a partnership with Ms. Walker to support her project.
 2. Question: Brown asked if there should be a committee put together to do this. Barnes asked what is MS. Walker asking for exactly. Williams stated that the council need to decide whether or not they wanted Ms. Walker to write grants for the City or not.
 3. Crafter withdrew his motion.
 4. Motion by Allen to table the discussion until more information is presented
 - i. Seconded by Barnes
 1. All in Favor-Unanimous
2. Williams asked that 5,6,7, and 8 be deferred to the end after the Executive Session.
 1. Motion by Brown to defer 5, 6, 7, and 8 to the end after the Executive Session
 2. Seconded by Gowen
 - i. All in Favor- Unanimous

New Business

- Motion to adopt resolution to execute amendment to power sales contract
 1. Motion- Gowen
 2. Seconded-Allen
 3. Opposed- Crafter
 4. All in Favor- Gowen, Allen, Barnes, Brown, Bryant, and Williams
 5. Motion Carries

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- Motion to adopt resolution to surplus parcel F09E 054
 1. Motion-Allen
 2. Seconded- Brown
 3. All in Favor-Unanimous
 - Motion to adopt resolution to execute MEAG Bonding Authority Documents
 1. Motion- Brown
 2. Seconded- Barnes
 3. All in Favor- Unanimous
 - Motion to adopt resolution to approve Public Defender and Solicitor positions in Municipal Court
 1. Motion- Bryant
 2. Seconded-Gowen
 3. All in Favor- Unanimous

 - Motion to approve resolution to approve planning of housing revitalization plan without the dollar amount that is stated
 1. Motion- Crafter
 2. Seconded- Brown
 3. All in Favor- Unanimous
 - Motion to appoint Juanita Bryant to the Downtown Development Authority
 1. Motion- Brown
 2. Seconded- None
 3. Motion dies for lack of a second
 4. Motion to appoint Carla Gowen to the Downtown Development Authority
 - Motion- Crafter
 - Seconded- Barnes
 - Abstained- Brown and Bryant
 - In Favor-Barnes, Allen, Gowen, Marvin, and Williams
 - Motion Carries
 - Motion to approve resolution to waive alcohol permit fee for the renters of the Austin Theater
 1. Motion- Crafter
 2. Seconded- None
 3. Motion dies for lack of a second
- Motion to enter executive session to discuss potential litigation.
1. Motioned- Brown
 2. Seconded- Gowen
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Motion to exit Executive Session.

1. Motioned- Bryant
2. Seconded- Gowen
 - ii. All in Favor
 1. Motion Carries.

- Motion to approve resolution to appoint Jimmy Barnes as the MEAG Election Delegate and Juanita Bryant as the alternate delegate
 1. Motion- Crater
 2. Seconded-Brown
 3. All in Favor- Crafter, Gowen, Brown, and Bryant
 4. Opposed- Allen and Williams
 5. Abstained- Barnes
 6. Motion Carries
- Motion to adopt resolution to freeze hiring and spending
 1. Motion- Bryant
 2. Seconded- Crafter
 3. All in Favor- Barnes, Bryant, Crafter, and Brown
 4. Opposers- Allen, Williams, and Gowen
 5. Motion Carries

Reports from Departments

- *None*

Meeting Adjourned- 8:59 p.m.

1. Motioned- Bryant
2. Seconded- Barnes
 - a. All in Favor
 - i. Motion Carries.

Karin D. Vinson, City Administrator