



**CITY OF FORT VALLEY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20th, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING
204 WEST CHURCH STREET
FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA 31030**

Mayor Barbara Williams presided.

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

City Administrator, Raphel Maddox was present.

City Attorney, Lashonda Patrick was present

Public Safety Director, Chief Lawrence Spurgeon was present.

Public Works Interim Assistant Director, Antonio Lopez was present.

City Clerk, Scakajawea Wright served as recorder.

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- 4:00 P.M.
INVOCATION- Pastor Timothy Deas, The Greater Cathedral of Praise Ministries
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda with any necessary changes.
 - i. Motioned- Allen
 - ii. Seconded- Barnes
 - iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 1. Motion Carries.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes represented for the month of July.
 - i. Motioned- Allen
 - ii. Seconded- Barnes
 - iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 1. Public Safety Committee Meeting- July 2nd, 2020

2. Public Works Committee- July 6th, 2020
3. Finance Committee Meeting- July 9th, 2020
4. Work Session- June 16th, 2020
5. Regular Council Meeting- June 18th, 2020
6. Surplus Property Sealed Bids Minutes - July 21st, 2020

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. There will be a Food Drive Sponsored by the City of Fort Valley and The Food Bank from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Thank you to the City Workers for helping with the food drive.
- b. Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Census parade. The neighborhoods have not been identified. We will meet at the City Hall at 5:30 p.m. Anyone who wants to join the parade can join.
- c. Councilman Crafter would like for food boxes to be given out to the homebound.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to accept the Resolution of the City of Fort Valley to authorize the execution of the Coronavirus Relief Fund.
 - a. Motioned- Gowen
 - b. Seconded- Brown
 - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - i. Motion Carries.
2. Motion to pass Award Acceptance for the Utility Extension to serve Truck Stop on GA Highway.
 - a. Motioned- Bryant
 - b. Seconded- Gowen
 - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - i. Motion Carries.
3. Motion to approve the Contract for Professional Land Surveying Services.
 - a. Motioned- Brown
 - b. Seconded- Allen
 - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - i. Motion Carries.
4. Motion to table the Resolutions to Accept Surplus Property Bidding until the next meeting.
 - a. Motioned- Gowen
 - b. Seconded- Crafter
 - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - i. Motion Carried.

5. Excessive Calls Ordinance- First Reading by Carla Gowen
 - a. Many suggested changes were made to the fines. Councilwoman Gowen volunteered to email everyone the changes after the meeting. They will further discuss this in the Public Safety Committee Meeting next month.
6. Hookah License Update
 - a. Add this license to the existing Alcohol License. Now she would just have to apply. They can go back and add the specific language under the Alcohol Ordinance. No one opposed this addition.
7. Motion to amend the budget and give the Downtown Development Authority \$4,000 a month beginning with August payment contingent upon having the funds available.
 - a. Motioned- Allen
 - b. Seconded- Gowen
 - c. All In Favor- Barnes, Gowen, Mayor, & Allen
 - d. Opposed- Bryant, Crafter, Brown
 - i. Motion Carries.
8. Motion to approve the Judge Contract.
 - a. Motioned- Brown
 - b. Seconded- Gowen
 - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - i. Motion Carries.
9. Motion to pay the bill for the COVID Signs.
 - a. Motioned- Bryant
 - b. Seconded- Brown

An in-depth discussion went forth on who is responsible for paying for the signs and who the signs benefitted.

 - c. All In Favor- Bryant & Brown
 - d. Opposed- Gowen, Allen, Barnes, & Mayor
 - i. Motion Denied.
10. Motion purchase 500 trash carts for the Public Works Department.
 - a. Motioned- Bryant
 - b. Seconded- Brown
 - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - i. Motion Carries.
11. Motion to enter Executive Session for Personnel Matters.
 - a. Motioned- Brown
 - b. Seconded- Allen
 - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - i. Motion Carries.

12. Motion to exit Executive Session.
 - a. Motioned- Brown
 - b. Seconded- Allen
 - c. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - a. Motion Carries.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Finance Committee- Jimmy Barnes

Administration- Alonzo Allen

Economic Development Committee- Marvin Crafter

Public Safety Committee- Carla Gowen

Motion to Adjourn


Scakajawea Wright, City Clerk