

CITY OF FORT VALLEY
MAY 16TH, 2019
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fort Valley held a Regular Council Meeting on Thursday, May 16th, 2019, at 6:30p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Barbara Williams presided.

Council Members In Attendance: Alonzo Allen, Jimmy Barnes, LeMario Brown, Juanita Bryant, Marvin Crafter, Carla Gowen.

City Attorney, Hayden Hooks was present.

City Administrator, Carter Crawford was present.

Public Safety Director, Chief Lawrence Spurgeon was present.

Public Works Director, Director Benjamin Carpenter was present

Administrative Assistant Scakajawea Wright, served as recorder.

I. Call to Order- 6:28 p.m.

II. Invocation- Minister Shirley Schofield, Liberty Praise Ministries

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes

- i. Public Safety Committee Meeting- April 4, 2019
- ii. Mayor's Briefing- April 15, 2019
- iii. Public Works Committee Meeting- April 16, 2019
 - i. Sealed Bid- Parcel Number F04B 006
- iv. Finance Committee Meeting- April 16, 2019
- v. Called Meeting/Work Session Meeting- April 16, 2019
- vi. Economic Development- April 17, 2019
- vii. Regular Work Session Meeting- April 18, 2019
- viii. Mayor's Briefing- April 22, 2019
- ix. Called Meeting- April 24, 2019
- x. Mayor's Briefing- April 29, 2019

V. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

1. Motioned- Bryant
2. Seconded- Gowen
3. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - i. Motion Carries.

Motion to Approve a Consent Agenda for the month of April meeting minutes.

1. Motioned- Bryant

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2. Seconded- Gowen
3. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - i. Motion Carries.

VI. Announcements

- Food Distribution went well. Mayor paid tribute to Min Jay Jones (Blue Bird's Chaplin), Public Works Dept., Public Safety Dept., Councilpersons Alonzo Allen & Juanita Bryant, Raphael Maddox (City Administrator), and many citizens for helping with the food distribution of the Community Food Bank.
- Peach County High School Graduation will be held at the Anderson Stadium Friday at 8:00 p.m.
- Fort Valley State University graduated 248 students last Saturday.
- The citizens are enjoying First Friday Nights at the bandstand. It was announced the month of June First Friday event will take place June 17th for Father's Day because of the Peach Festival festivities taking place that weekend.

VII. Special Recognition

Employee of the Month

- i. Public Works Department- No Show
- ii. Public Safety Department- No Show

VIII. New Business

1. Service Delivery Strategy

Motion to adopt the Service Delivery Strategy Resolution for 2.5.

- i. Motioned- Brown
- ii. Seconded- Barnes
- iii. All In Favor- Allen, Barnes, Brown, Gowen, Bryant, Mayor
- iv. Abstention- Crafter
 1. Motion Carries.

2. Resolutions for the 2020 Census

Janet Jones Lee gave a presentation on the Census. She shared, the census affects numbers and power. \$675 billion go out because of the census. It is used to count the people and the money is distributed accordingly.

The census information is confidential. It can't be released for 75 years. She stated, they are sworn in and can't divulge information that's given to them. Mrs. Lee discussed people not wanting to participate out of fear of their information being given out. She recommended getting millennials to participate.

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A Complete Count Committee has been formed to get more people involved and to explain to them what the census entails. Someone will come down to train the committee.

Motion to adopt the Resolution to create a Complete Count Committee.

- i. Motioned- Brown
- ii. Seconded- Allen
- iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - 1. Motion Carries.

3. **Meeting Policies for Adoption- Robert's Rule of Order**

Tonight, was the second reading for Robert's Rules of Order. Mayor did the reading of the document. A discussion regarding the things read from the document occurred.

Councilwoman Bryant would like to add a second point of contact in the case of the Mayor's inability to be available. They agreed to include the Mayor Pro-Tem as a second contact person.

Councilman Brown asked Mayor Williams to investigate Section III & number 7 on the policy to make sure it does not violate Constitutional Rights. He don't think the person should be barred from two meetings.

Councilman Crafter wanted to discuss two things. The first things is he doesn't think elected officials should be ordered by one individual to leave a meeting. He believes the council taking disciplinary actions should be applied to elected officials and there should be a majority vote.

Mayor stated, the presiding officer has charge of the meeting and all need to respect that. Crafter response was, him being out of ordered would be a matter of opinion. He also stated, certain conversations may need more than five minutes, be believes it's a judgement.

City Administrator explained, if the Mayor or presiding officer over the meeting is asked for more time, they can either grant or deny the request.

Councilman Crafter wants to add this wording in the reading.

Mayor shared it will come before them for an adoption in June and the changes will be made to the document.

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Chief shared more knowledge on the word order. He stated the word order is a legal requirement. When you use the word order it is not a suggestion.

Mayor announced the policy will come back before them in June for adoption.

Councilman Crafter shared the City Administrator is working on a Capital Improvement Plan. He would like the Elected Body to sit down and come up with a strategic plan of what they plan on doing for the next four years. From the strategic plan, he would like to put together an agenda based on its priority of needs. From the agenda, he would like to come up with the Capital Improvement Plan.

City Administrator shared it is also the job of the Regional Commissions to help develop the long and short term goals.

Chief stated Mr. Maddox had spoken with him and Ben about it. They advised him they had done it before with the help of the Regional Commissions. They have stuff already documented. The only thing they had to do was give it to him so he could move forward.

xi. Motion to adopt the Resolution to change the Point of Contact- MEAG to Raphael Maddox (New City Administrator).

i. Motioned- Bryant

ii. Seconded- Allen

Councilman Brown had a question about number 7 on resolution. He would like to amend the motion and add Councilman Barnes as the primary representative and Councilwoman Bryant as the alternate representative.

Motion to amend the motion and not only add Mr. Maddox as the point of contact, but to also add Councilman Barnes as the first representative and Councilwoman Bryant as the alternate.

i. Motioned- Brown

ii. Seconded- Crafter

iii. All In Favor- Unanimous

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Motion to approve the original motion replacing Karin Vinson as the Point of Contact with Raphel Maddox.

- i. Motioned- Crafter
- ii. Seconded- Allen
- iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - a. Motion Carries.

Motion to adopt the Resolution for the following Surplus Properties:

Unit # 15 2007 Crown Victoria vin# 2FAFP71W47X116398
Unit # 16 2007 Crown Victoria vin# 2FAFP71W97X101296
Unit # 20 2007 Crown Victoria vin# 2FAFP71WO7X116351
Unit # 29 2007 Crown Victoria vin# 2FAFP71W17X117928
Unit # 39 2008 Crown Victoria vin# 2FAFP71VX8X128497
Unit #34 1985 Chevy Step Van vin# 1GCJP3M273315147

- i. Motioned- Brown
- ii. Seconded- Gowen
- iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - a. Motion Carries.

Motion to authorize Chief Spurgeon to purchase two patrol cars.

- i. Motioned- Brown
- ii. Seconded- Gowen

City Administrator advised changing patrol cars to patrol vehicles.

Motion to amend the Resolution to change patrol cars to patrol vehicles.

- i. Motioned- Brown
- ii. Seconded- Gowen
- iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - a. Motion Carries.

Councilwoman Bryant wants the resolution to be changed to read as follows:

A Resolution to lift the hiring freeze to hire an administrator.

Motion to lift the hiring freeze to hire an administrator for the Public Safety Department.

- i. Motioned- Bryant
- ii. Seconded- Gowen
- iii. All In Favor- Unanimous

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- a. Motion Carries.

Sealed Bids

Director Carpenter shared the sealed bid process. Parcel number S04B006 as surplus property. They received two bids. The higher bid was for \$25,500. It is the recommendation of the Public Works Department to accept this bid.

The second sealed bid was for the directional boring of a highway 96 signal light project. Georgia Department of Transportation contacted them and asked them to bore under our roadbeds. The bid for this was \$10, 922. He recommends the council to accept this as well.

Mayor shared the update of her investigation. She spoke with Craig Nims, the general Manager at the Utilities Department, and he said they didn't have anything to do with the area.

Motion to accept the sealed bid for parcel number S04B006 in the amount of \$25,000.

- i. Motioned- Barnes
- ii. Seconded- Gowen
- iii. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - a. Motion Carries.

Motion to approve the acceptance of the sealed bid for directional boring in the amount \$10, 922.

- i. Motioned- Allen
- ii. Seconded- Brown
- iii. All In Favor- Mayor, Allen, Barnes, Brown, Bryant, Gowen
- iv. Abstained- Crafter
 - a. Motion Carries.

Economic Development Committee- Alonzo Allen

Public Works Committee- Jimmy Barnes

City Marshall Report and Public Safety Report- LeMario Brown

The Administration Committee- Marvin Crafter

Personnel Committee- Carla Gowen -no report

Finance Committee- Juanita Bryant

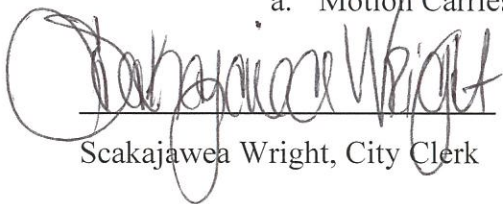
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Announcements

- Public Safety Week is this week.
- Memorial Day Celebration will be held Friday morning at 10 a.m. at the Festival park.
- Rodeo during Public Works Week
- Captain Lundy's Retirement will be held May 31st at the Austin Theatre
- Peach Festival June 7-8, 2019
- Councilman Brown reported the re-installment of a community garden for Senior Citizens.

Motion to adjourn- 7:35 P.M.

1. Motioned- Bryant
2. Seconded- Barnes
3. All In Favor- Unanimous
 - a. Motion Carries


Scakajawea Wright, City Clerk