



**CITY OF SUMMERVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2019
5 PM**

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Harvey called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Harry Harvey gave roll call. Council Members David Ford, Earl H. Parris, Joe Money, Jr. were present. Also present were City Manager Janice Galloway and City Attorney Albert Palmour. Council Member Zachary Martin was absent.

INVOCATION: Mayor Harry Harvey gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Joe Money, Jr. led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA: Mayor Harvey asked if any changes are needed to the meeting agenda. With no changes requested, Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Harvey welcomed everyone to the Special Called Council Meeting. Mayor Harvey stated the Regular Council Meeting would be held Monday, February 11, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. and invited everyone to attend. Mayor Harvey explained the Streetscape project is scheduled to begin soon. Mayor Harvey also noted basketball season is currently underway at the recreation department. Mayor Harvey invited the public to visit City Hall anytime. Council Member David Ford explained that on February 2 there would be an event at the Depot.

JANICE GALLOWAY: Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Janice Galloway if she has anything she wishes to report. Janice explained the Fire Department and Red Cross would be meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, a meeting with the Tree Board is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, and a meeting of the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) is scheduled for Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Room. Janice reported the operating balance is currently \$2,074,082.06. Council Member Earl H. Parris asked if the IDA meeting was an open meeting. City Attorney Albert Palmour stated "Yes".

NEW BUSINESS

FYE 2018 YEAR-END BUDGET ORDINANCE: Mayor Harvey stated the first item of discussion is the second reading and adoption of the FYE 2018 Year-End Budget Ordinance. Mayor Harvey explained this would close out year-end for 2018. Mayor Harvey asked for questions or concerns from the Council or the Public concerning the Year-End Budget Ordinance. No questions or concerns were presented. Mayor Harvey read the FYE 2018 Year-End Budget Ordinance reviewing the amendments to revenues and expenditures for the General Fund, Confiscated Drug Fund, SPLOST Fund, Hotel-Motel Tax, and the total revenue transfer of \$2,139,275 is needed to finalize the budget. Mayor Harvey asked for questions or concerns from the Council and Public.

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FYE 2018 YEAR-END BUDGET ORDINANCE CONT: Council Member Earl H. Parris stated it would be nice to have the Year-End Budget Amendment for FYE done before the next year. Council Member Earl H. Parris asked Finance Director Carla Rutledge if it would be possible to have the amended fiscal year intact prior to discussing the mid-year budget. Carla stated, "Yes, she thinks so". Council Member Parris asked Carla if it was late due to waiting on the auditor's evaluation. Carla explained the auditors were still working on the numbers in December. Council Member Parris asked Carla if it would be possible to change the time in which the audit is performed. Carla explained City Manager Janice Galloway had already spoken with the auditor's and requested them to begin the annual audit sooner. Council Member Parris asked how long it normally takes to complete the audit. Carla stated a month or so, but Chrysan was waiting on some post-retirement numbers to be able to finalize the audit. Mayor Harvey stated if no other questions or concerns then he would like a motion to approve the FYE 2018 Year-End Ordinance. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the FYE 2018 Year-End Ordinance. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. A copy of the FYE 2018 Year-End Budget Ordinance becomes part of these minutes.

FIRST READING FY 2018-2019 MID-YEAR BUDGET ORDINANCE: Mayor Harvey explained there have been budget meetings held concerning the need for amendments to the Mid-Year Budget. Mayor Harvey explained he wanted to look at final mid-year figures before having the first reading. Mayor Harvey stated he would like to have a Public Hearing for any questions or concerns about the presented Mid-Year Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING: No questions or concerns from the Council or Visitors concerning the first reading of the Mid-Year Budget.

Mayor Harvey read the FY 2018-2019 Mid-Year Budget Ordinance summarizing expenditures and revenues for the General Fund, Confiscated Drug Fund, Hotel-Motel Tax, Water & Sewer Fund, Gas Fund, and SPLOST with total revenues and expenditures of \$16,983,947.75 and a net surplus of zero. Mayor Harvey stated the second reading and adoption would be held at the next regular meeting on February 11, 2019.

SPLOST RESOLUTION: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is the consideration of the 2020-2025 SPLOST. Mayor Harvey noted Council had been provided information concerning SPLOST. Mayor Harvey explained the current SPLOST program will terminate in 2019, and an Election for the 2020-2025 SPLOST will be held on March 19, 2019. Mayor Harvey stated the city has benefited from the current SPLOST program with several projects. Mayor Harvey reviewed the breakdown of proposed amounts each city would receive and the projects the SPLOST funds could be used for. Mayor Harvey stated the projected amount the City of Summerville would receive is \$550,000, but Mayor Harvey noted this amount is dependent on the amount of tax collected. Mayor Harvey stated at this time he does not have a SPLOST Resolution from Chattooga County, but he is asking Council to authorize him to sign the SPLOST Resolution when it is available based on the numbers provided for the 2020-2025 SPLOST. Mayor Harvey asked for questions or concerns from the Council. Council Member Earl H. Parris asked if the decision had been made to not proceed with the TSPLOST. Mayor Harvey stated, "Yes, the plan is not to do a TSPLOST at this."

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SPLOST RESOLUTION CONTINUED: Mayor Harvey stated the SPLOST funds could be used for vehicle purchase, a supplement to grants, recreational facilities, sidewalks, and several other projects. Council Member Earl H. Parris asked if the city had plans to advertise concerning the SPLOST. Mayor Harvey explained the City of Summerville could not advocate for or against SPLOST, but individuals or groups could advertise. City Attorney Albert Palmour stated the Resolution that is passed by the city would be the only indication the city supports SPLOST. Council Member Joe Money, Jr asked if you could advertise the past projects that SPLOST has paid for. City Attorney Albert Palmour advised the Mayor and Council against any advertisement in the paper concerning the past SPLOST projects. Mayor Harvey asked the Council to authorize him to sign the SPLOST Resolution with the percentages and projects set forth as outlined by the information presented. Council Member Earl H. Parris made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2020-2025 SPLOST Resolution. Council member David Ford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Council Member Joe Money, Jr. stated he has emailed the Council regarding an animal Ordinance. Council Member Money stated he would like Council to review and discuss it at the regular Council Meeting in February.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Harvey asked for public comments. Jason Espy with *The Summerville News* explained a luncheon would be held at the Civic Center on February 2, the cost is \$2.00 for the meal, and the proceeds go to the AC Carter Alumni Scholarship in conjunction with Black History Month. Jason also stated the Chattooga County Historical Society is having a special meeting at the Depot on Sunday, February 10 at two o'clock on Black History Month. Mayor Harvey encouraged everyone to go out to support these programs.

ADJOURN: Mayor Harvey stated a motion to adjourn is needed if there is no other business. Council Member David Ford made a motion to adjourn; Council Member Joe Money, Jr. seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

HARRY HARVEY-MAYOR

Attest:

ANGIE WHITE-CITY CLERK

