



CITY OF SUMMERVILLE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AUGUST 26, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd "Buddy" Windle, Joe Money, Jr., and Zachary Martin were present. Also present were City Manager Janice Galloway and City Attorney Albert Palmour was present. Council Member Earl H. Parris was absent

INVOCATION: Mayor Harry Harvey gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Zachary Martin led the pledge of allegiance.

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

WELCOME: Mayor Harvey welcomed everyone to the Special Called Meeting. Mayor Harvey requested visitors introduce themselves, and extended an invitation to speak at this time. Mayor Harvey explained visitors would be offered an opportunity to speak again if they wish to do so. Mayor Harvey encouraged everyone to attend upcoming events and reported the Streetscape project is complete.

CITY MANAGER: City Manager Janice Galloway stated the operating account has a balance of \$1,990,463.77, and the restricted fund balance is \$805,403.80.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

BIKE RIDE ACROSS GEORGIA (BRAG): Mayor Harvey stated the first item of business is to consider approving the Annual Bike Ride Across Georgia (BRAG) to camp in Dowdy Park and serve alcohol to members on Friday, September 27, 2019, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Mayor Harvey asked Susan Locklear to provide more information on this item. Susan explained BRAG is expecting to have approximately 400 riders this year and would arrive around noon Susan stated this is a great event for the city. Susan explained transportation is provided to the riders to local restaurants. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve BRAG to camp and serve alcohol to members on Friday, September 27, 2019, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Zachary Martin and carried unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FEE ORDINANCE: Mayor Harvey explained a Public Hearing is needed for the Technology Fee Ordinance. Mayor Harvey asked City Attorney Albert Palmour to provide more information concerning the Ordinance. City Attorney Palmour explained an Ordinance has been prepared based on recommendations of Council at a previous meeting to charge a \$15.00 fee on violations issued by the police department.

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FEE ORDINANCE CONT: City Attorney Palmour explained the need for the Ordinance is due to computer hacking in municipal courts, state courts, and clerk offices in Georgia and these services will be provided by an outside group. City Attorney Palmour explained to pay for the services of the outside group the \$15.00 fee will be added to violations. City Attorney Palmour stated in the case of multiple violations only one fee will be charged, and the technology funds will be used only for technological needs of the city, City Attorney Palmour reviewed the approved items the fee could be used for. City Attorney Palmour stated the technology fee could not be added to any fine in which Georgia Law prohibits any additional fees, such as safety belt violations, and failure to properly restrain a child passenger in an automobile. City Attorney Palmour stated the purpose of the fee is to offset the cost to the city, maintain records, and comply with the law, and to enter into a contract with the company the technology fee ordinance needs to be passed and adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FEE ORDINANCE: Mayor Harvey stated at this time the Public Hearing is open concerning the Information Technology Fee Ordinance. Mayor Harvey asked if council or visitors had any questions, concerns or comments regarding the Ordinance. No questions or concerns were addressed.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: Mayor Harvey stated at this time the Public Hearing is closed.

FIRST READING –INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FEE ORDINANCE: Mayor Harvey read the Information Technology Fee Ordinance. Mayor Harvey stated the second reading and adoption will take place at the regular council meeting in September, and will be effective at the time of adoption. A copy of the Ordinance is attached.

BRIDGE-ARC WALKING TRAIL: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is the discussion and approval of bridge design for the ARC walking trail. Mayor Harvey stated the designs was presented to Council for review. Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Janice Galloway to provide more information on this item. Janice explained Pioneer Bridges from Fort Payne, Alabama had the lowest price, and the engineers are satisfied with the design. Janice stated the cost for the bridge is \$37,816. Mayor Harvey noted the funding for the bridge would be paid from the ARC Grant. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the proposed bridge design from Pioneer Bridges. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION & PRESENTATION-TINY HOUSE COMMUNITY: Mayor Harvey asked Ed Watters to provide his presentation regarding a tiny house community in the area of State St. Mr. Watters provided a brief history covering his landscaping and construction business. Mr. Watters discussed the tiny house community that he owns in the Cloudland, Ga area and the types of homes available. Mr. Watters stated he would like to purchase the land near State Street and create a tiny house community. Mr. Watters reviewed the tentative plans he has for the community and thinks it would be beneficial to the area and the city and county. Mayor Harvey asked the Council for any questions or concerns.

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DISCUSSION & PRESENTATION-TINY HOUSE COMMUNITY CONT: City Attorney Albert Palmour asked Mr. Watters what he would like from the city. Mr. Watters explained the city/county line runs through the middle of the property, and he would like to ask the city to de-annex the portion in the city to the county. City Attorney Palmour asked Mr. Watters if he had applied de-annex the property. Mr. Watters stated, "No". Mayor Harvey asked if the roads would be paved and if it would be a gated community. Mr. Watters stated, "Yes".

ARCH FARRAR: Mr. Farrar introduced himself stating he owned property adjacent to the area Mr. Watters is wanting to develop into a tiny house community. Mr. Farrar asked Mr. Watters if the tiny homes were HUD-approved. Mr. Watters explained the modular home is built to Georgia Building Code Standards, and the park models are built to ANSI 119.5 standards and RV standards. Mr. Farrar stated the current proposed area shows approximately 47 lots on 28 acres. Mr. Farrar asked Mr. Watters if he was aware of the county codes for acreage requirements. Mr. Farrar pointed out that some of the property would not be available to develop due to the flood zone and the acreage that would be around the power lines. Mr. Watters stated the design of the property was a preliminary sketch, but if necessary he would make the lots bigger. Mr. Farrar asked Mr. Watters if he was familiar and complying with the county mobile home ordinances. City Attorney Albert Palmour interjected stating he understands that Mr. Farrar is opposed to the deannexation of the property. Mr. Farrar stated if Mr. Watters is not complying with the county codes now, he will not in this development either. Mr. Farrar pointed out other codes that Mr. Watters would not be able to abide by if he develops the property. Mr. Farrar asked the council not to de-annex the property or allow the development of the property inside the city.

WILL MAPLES: Mr. Maples introduced himself stating he owns the property adjoining the property Mr. Watters is asking to develop. Mr. Maples stated he is opposed to a trailer park and will support any effort to keep it out of the area.

Mayor Harvey explained he wanted input from the community and council regarding the proposed tiny house community. Mayor Harvey stated no action will be taken at this time.

City Attorney Albert Palmour stated he would be happy to provide Mr. Watters with the information for de-annexation if he decides to move forward.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Harvey offered the opportunity for additional comments. No further questions or comments from visitors.

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd "Buddy" Windle made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Zachary Martin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

HARRY HARVEY – MAYOR

ANGIE WHITE – CITY CLERK

Attest:

