



**CITY OF SUMMERVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 3, 2021
5 PM**

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

ROLL CALL: Mayor Harry Harvey gave roll call. Council Members David Ford, Dana W. Mosley, Kristy L. Dennis, Joe Money, Jr., and Zachary Martin were present. Also present were City Attorney Albert Palmour. City Manager Janice Galloway was absent.

INVOCATION: Mayor Harvey gave the invocation.

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

Mayor Harvey thanked visitors for wearing masks and requested visitors to remove their masks when speaking.

AGENDA: Mayor Harvey asked Council to review the meeting agenda. With no changes requested, Council Member Kristy L. Dennis made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. seconded the motion, which unanimously.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Harvey welcomed guests to the special called meeting. Mayor Harvey requested visitors to sign in listing their name, address, and the reason for attending. Mayor Harvey offered guests the opportunity to speak and requested comments be limited to three to five minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Harvey made the following announcements:

- May and June events and activities are listed on the city's website.
- The regular council meeting will be held on Monday, May 10, 2021.
- There will be a question and answer session beginning at 4:30 p.m. before the regular council meeting.
- The FY 2021-2022 budget should be ready for review by the end of the week
- A budget meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

GEORGIA FIRE & RESCUE SUPPLY: Mayor Harvey stated the first item of business is to consider payment to Georgia Fire & Rescue Supply in the amount of \$6,432.90 to be paid from the Tillotson Grant for a master stream device, fire hose, and piston intake valve for the Summerville Fire Department. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve payment of \$6,432.90 to Georgia Fire & Rescue Supply. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dana W. Mosley and carried unanimously.

DOUGHBOY STATUE: Mayor Harvey stated the second item of business is to approve relocating the Doughboy Statute from the Chattooga County Memorial Home to the Veteran's Memorial Park, located in Dowdy Park. Mayor Harvey asked for discussion from Council.

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DOUGHBOY STATUE CONT: Mr. Herb Skelton explained a mover has been secured to move the statute, and it will probably be the following week, depending on the weather. Mayor Harvey asked if there will be a Memorial Day program. Mr. Skelton explained he is coordinating with Main Street, Odell Anderson, VFW, and Barbara Massey Reece to have a program on May 29, 2021. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve relocating the Doughboy Statute from the Chattooga County Memorial Home to the Veteran's Memorial Park in Dowdy Park. Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

INDICATION OF ROUNDABOUT SUPPORT: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to consider authorizing the City Manager to sign the Indication of Roundabout Support between the City of Summerville and the Georgia Department of Transportation. Mayor Harvey explained a proposal with the roundabouts has been submitted to the city. It is a three-year plan that is scheduled to begin in October 2024. Mayor Harvey explained this Resolution shows the city's support and the city will help with the Local Government Lighting Project. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to authorize the City Manager to sign the Indication of Support between the City of Summerville and the Georgia Department of Transportation. Council Member David Ford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER AND IT ADMINISTRATOR/PURCHASING AGENT TO APPLY FOR BROADBAND READY COMMUNITY DESIGNATION: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to authorize the City Manager and IT Administrator/Purchasing Agent to apply for Broadband Ready Community Designation through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Mayor Harvey explained a lot of counties and cities are considering broadband due to its importance in communities. Mayor Harvey explained funds will be available for broadband, but one of the requirements will be having a broadband-ready community designation. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked how much funding is available. IT Administrator Trey Goble explained the first round of funding would go to communities that are considered unserved. The City of Summerville city limits is considered served, but customers in some areas of Chattooga County would be considered unserved. Trey noted that it would not be a huge amount as far as immediate funding, but it would be good to have this designation as parameters change. Mayor Harvey suggested reviewing the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) website for more information concerning the American Rescue Plan Act. Council Member David Ford made a motion to authorize the City Manager and IT Administrator/Purchasing Agent to apply for Broadband Ready Community Designation through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kristy L. Dennis and carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO MOVE \$186,479.62 FROM THE OPERATING ACCOUNT TO THE RESTRICTED FUND: Mayor Harvey explained the next item of business is to consider authorizing the City Manager to move \$186,479.62 from the operating account to the restricted fund account to bring the balance to \$1,000,000. Mayor Harvey noted this will give us a cushion for upcoming projects. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to authorize the City Manager to transfer \$186,479.62 from the operating account to the restricted fund account. Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – OPEN: Mayor Harvey explained an Executive Session is needed to discuss litigation and land acquisition. Council Member Dana W. Mosley motioned to close the special called meeting and enter into Executive Session. Council Member Kristy L. Dennis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The special called meeting was closed at 5:55 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION – CLOSED: Mayor Harvey closed the Executive Session and opened the special called meeting at 6:20 p.m. Mayor Harvey announced no action was taken during the Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments, questions, or concerns were addressed by attendees.

Council Member Joe Money asked if there is a target date for reopening city hall. Mayor Harvey responded, stating, I don't know what the target date is. Ms. Galloway is not here, but things are looking better. Council Member Kristy L. Dennis asked what the percentage is for COVID cases in Chattooga County. Mayor Harvey stated, "There have been 17 to 18 new cases and three deaths in the last week. It is beginning to reduce, but we still have cases."

Mayor Harvey requested Council to review the ballot for GMA district one officers, make their selection, and return to him, and he will provide a single ballot. Mayor Harvey encouraged everyone to visit the GMA website for information.

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, Council Member Dana W. Mosley made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Kristy L. Dennis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

HARRY HARVEY – MAYOR

Attest:

ANGIE WHITE – CITY CLERK