**CITY OF HAHIRA**

**OCTOBER 5, 2021**

**WORK SESSION**

**6:00 P.M.**

**COURTHOUSE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session at the Hahira Courthouse with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Terry Benjamin, Tony Rosatti and Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield Present. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Administrative Assistant Victoria Powell, PWD Bandon Rice, MSD Jennifer Price, Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett and Assistant Fire Chief David Thompson. City Clerk Lisa Mashburn and Councilman Kenneth Davis were not present.

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

1. **AUGUST 24, 2021 MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING #1-12 NOON**
2. **AUGUST 24, 2021 MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING #2-6 P.M.**
3. **AUGUST 31, 2021 WORK SESSION**
4. **SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections or questions regarding the minutes. None noted.

**PUBLIC HEARING (COUNCIL MEETING)**

1. **HA-2021-05 REZONING REQUEST BY FANCY GIRL FARMS: 511 WEST MAIN STREET (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

Matt Martin Administrator this is Rezoning request by Fancy Girl Farms represented by Mike Sumner who is requesting to rezone 3.83 acres from Single Family Residential (R-10) to Neighborhood Commercial (C-N) the subject property is located at 511 West Main Street, which is along the South side of the road between Branch and South Newsome Street. The property is currently vacant and the applicant is proposing to have the entire city block (5.05 acres) zoned to a combination of C-H and C-N for a proposed mixed used use commercial development which is being reviewed concurrently under file HA-2021-06. Staff recommendation consistantent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Standards for the Exercise of Zoning Power (SFEZP) and recommend approval to the City Council. Planning Commission reviewed it on September 27, 2021 meeting found it consistent with SFEZP and recommended approval 9-0.

1. **HA-2021-06 PLANNED DEVELOPMENT REQUEST BY FANCY GIRL FARMS: 511 WEST MAIN STREET (PLANNING AND ZONING)**

Matt Martin Planning and Zoning Administrator stated this is request for Planned Development Request by Fancy Farms. They are requesting planned development approval for a mixed use commercial development that is zoned both C-H and C-N. Property is 5.05 acres and is located at 511 West Main Street which is along the South side of Branch Street and South Newsome Street. The proposal is to development this under one Master site plant that includes farm-to-table sit down restaurant (about 5,000 sf), farmers market, seed shop and garden retail. Planted gardens with walking trails and raised planter beds as future playground. The applicant is seeking rezoning on the southerly 3.83 acres of the subject property which is currently zoned R-10 and is proposed for C-N. Staff recommendations suggested approval with 6 specific items. Planning Commission approved with same 6 conditions with vote of 9-0. There will be a 3 year time limit on construction. Councilman Benjamin asked about parking on Branch Street. Martin stated it had been eliminated, if it becomes an issue that can come back to the process at a later time.Martin stated he will not be here on Thursday night but if any questions Tracy Tolley will be present for questions.

1. **FY22 BUDGET FINAL ADOPTON (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated this is the last step in the 6 months process of the budget which he reviewed. IT was advertised in paper and available for pick up at City Hall. This last draft had no significant changes and I am here to answer any questions you may have. None noted.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: (COUNCIL MEETING)**

**8. REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or corrections. None noted.

**DISCUSSIONS:**

1. **HAHIRA SQUARE VETERAN’S MEMORIAL-$25,000 MYSTIC POOLS AND FLAGPOLE WAREHOUSE-SPLOST VIII- (CITY MANAGER)**

Hahira Square purchased 8 years ago and in the master plan there was a plan to put something in the park for Veterans Memorial. Now that the initial park phase has been completed we have appointed a Veterans Memorial Committee chaired by the Mayor. The Parrott memorial is all set with plan to construct Veterans Memorial adjacent in the center of the entrance to the park. Mystic Pools gave us a price to extend the pavers, put up the flag poles and lighting in the amount of $25,000 which is a SPLOST eligible expense. This will be considered a change order to the original Mystic Pools order if approved and will begin construction in December 2021. City Manager stated there is a question of what height flag pole you would like, 25 or 30 foot. The discussion was then discussed about the height, the Veterans committee wanted the flag poles taller. Councilman Barfield said you can’t do that. The American Flag must be the tallest. Sumner then stated that would make the American Flag 30 foot and the others 25 foot. We did discuss the placement of the flags and overall look with the Veterans Committee. They then discussed the lighting. Sumner stated there was a question from Councilman Davis about the construction time and it was stated about 3-4 months.

1. **2016 SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY SETTLEMENT (COUNCIL MEETING-CITY ATTORNEY)**

The Mayor stated that the City Attorney will be here on Thursday night to go into more detail about the proposal to all the cities. Mayor Pro Tem Barfield stated that he read this will only cover two items, Water/Sewer and Road maintenance. Barfield asked about the other items and City Manager Sumner stated that these are the only two items in dispute all the other issues have been resolved. If all City’s agree to it then it will be signed and sent to the Valdosta/Lowndes. This is a joint resolution that will need to be adopted and is from original settlement from 2008. Rob can discuss this further on Thursday night.

**DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:**

1. **POWER DMS SOFTWARE-$1,150 ANNUALLY (CHIEF DAVIS)**

Chief Davis stated we are working on State accreditation (CALEA) and this software will assist with certification from GOF. We may receive reimbursement from GIRMA that will be about 20% and will help cover the process. This is all at least a two year process and this will be required within the next 5 years for all. There is a grant available and we will see if we are eligible. This is all part of changes by the DOJ and the State of Georgia. Sumner stated this would be an annual cost that will have to approve each year.

1. **GRINDER PUMP-$2,425-AAG SERVICES-SPLOST VIII-(PWD RICE)**

PWD Rice stated we had a pump go out at Northcreek about a month ago. We had to use our spare and we need to purchase this as spare for the lift stations.

1. **WASTEWATER PERMIT RENEWAL-$2,250 LATITUDESA ENVIRONMENTAL-SPLOST VIII-(PWD RICE)**

PWD Rice stated this wastewater permit is about to expire and we need to get someone to help. I talked with Engineers (Carter and Sloope) and they stated the cost is about $2,500 and I have used this group in Nashville and I think they will do us a good job. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. None noted.

1. **BILLBOARD AGREEMENT WITH VALDSTOA-LOWNDES CONFERENCE CENTER AND TOURISM AUTHORITY-$3,600 ANNUALLY (MSD PRICE)**

MSD Price stated we had 3 billboards previously with the Valdosta Tourism Board that they paid for. We would like to have 1 billboard now at the cost of $7,200 total to split with the Valdosta Tourism Board, they can no longer pay for all the billboards due to budget cuts. The Southbound Billboard is still there until someone else rents it. Mayor Pro Tem Barfield said I think the money could be better used with direct marketing instead of billboard cost next year. Councilman Benjamin said yes and Facebook advertising is an option.

1. **BENCHES FOR HAHIRA SQUARE-$6.000 GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL-SPONSORED (MSD PRICE)**

**This is request to purchase phase II of the downtown benches. The benches are already paid for with sponsors.**

1. **BANNERS FOR DOWNTOWN-$2,400 SWAT GRAPHICS-SPLOST VIII- (MSD PRICE)**

**MSD Price said we decided to put orange colored banners downtown instead of the scarecrows.**

1. **2022 MEETING AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE (CITY MANAGER)**

**The Holiday and Meeting schedule is available. Do you have any questions or changes? None noted.**

1. **2021 CHRISTMAS PARTY-DECEMBER 6 (CITY MANAGER)**

**City Manager Sumner stated the Christmas party will be on December 6, 2021 at 6 p.m. in the Depot.**

1. **FY22 RETREAT-FEBRUARY 4 (CITY MANAGER)**

**The Annual Retreat will be on Friday, February 4 from 9-5 at the Hahira Depot.**

**SET OCTOBER MEETING AGENDA:**

-2016 Service Delivery Strategy Settlement

**SET OCTOBER CONSENT AGENDA:**

-Power DMS Software-1,150 Annually

-Grinder Pump-$2,425 AAG- Services

-Wastewater Permit Renewal

-Billboard agreement with Valdosta-Lowndes Conference Center and Tourism Authority

-Benches for Hahira Square

-Banners for Downtown

-2022 Meeting & Holiday Schedule

-2021 Employee Christmas party-December 6

-FY2022 Retreat-February 4

-Hahira Square Veterans Memorial

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.**

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