

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION

SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session on September 4, 2018 with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Kenneth Davis, Patrick Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Police Chief Terry Davis and PWD Donnie Warren. Councilman Terry Benjamin and City Clerk Lisa Mashburn were not present.

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

- A. JULY 31, 2018 WORK SESSION**
- B. AUGUST 2, 2018 MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING #1 11:30 A.M.**
- C. AUGUST 2, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING**
- D. AUGUST 9, 2018 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. HA-2018-02 REZONING REQUEST BY ORVIS MCNEAL ESTATE (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**
- B. HA-2018-03 ANNEXATION REQUEST BY ORVIS MCNEAL ESTATE (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Matt Martin Planning and Zoning Administrator stated we are here tonight to talk about zoning and annexation for the Orvis McNeal Estate which have given you a color map in your packets. This property is partially in the City limits of Hahira and Suburban area Lowndes County. Martin explained the map and the request for R-6, R-10 and R-15 per the Masterplan. The plan shows conservation space and open area all around. There was a lot of discussion at the Planning Commission meeting but no public input. I expected a lot of inquiries after the certified letters went out but we only received one call. They recommended annexation and R-10 throughout. The vote was a 6-0. The staff recommends planned development. If you start with R-10 you can go up in size but R-10 would be the minimum. We have a letter of intent by the developer and the subdivision will have a lot of nice features. You can review the video on their web site and this is comparable to Conventry Subdivision on the West side of Bemiss Road. Mayor and Council had discussion about the Subdivision. There were questions regarding what would be the next steps. If approved the developer will create the preliminary layout (water, sewer, drainage) for design and submit to Engineering. Then the Developer will get the green light and the infrastructure will be scheduled from that point. After final review the will get approval to start construction and then tie into the City of Hahira. The lift station needed would be purchased by the developer. Basically what you see now is the proposed plan. None of this can take place and move forward until Annexation and Zoning take place. There is no issue with capacity to handle water and sewer stated the City Manager. We are rezoning the 64 acres and the annexation at this time. We need to decide on the front end the size to that the developer

will know what they can do. Mr. Martin stated that he will be here on Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. for more discussion and questions.

C. FY18 BUDGET PRELIMINARY ADOPTION (COUNCIL MEETING-CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that he would like for you to consider this item along with item 12 which is the FY19 Budget Workshop II. Sumner explained the budget timeline starting back in May 2018. We have not had one comment or question from the public regarding the budget so Draft I is the same. We will move forward with the Preliminary Adoption on Thursday night, September 6, 2018 and have the formal adoption at the October meeting. A Public Hearing is required for both Preliminary adoption and Formal adoption of the budget. Sumner asked if anyone had any questions. None noted.

REVIEW OF BILLS AND BUDGET OVERAGES:

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the bills. None noted.

DISCUSSIONS:

A. LAWSON RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSURE (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that this is the end of the road, we received a copy of the official order to close the Lawson Street Crossing. Sumner gave a brief history of the Lawson Street Crossing Closure. He stated signs were posted by GDOT with a 30 day period from mid-August to mid-September notifying the public that the crossing will be closed. The West Stanfill crossing one block North has been smoothed out and dirt added to widen the shoulder, this helped with the drop off. He then asked if anyone had any questions. None noted.

B. RESOLUTION TO COMMEND MICHAEL JACOBS, SGRC (MAYOR CAIN)

Mayor Cain stated that Michael Jacobs is an SGRC employee who worked on the sidewalk project for Hwy 122 E. Michael was a great help to the City and has worked on this project for the last 6-7 years. He worked with GDOT consulting with the Engineers and all the paperwork and now it is complete. He is a big asset to the City of Hahira, we all really appreciate what he had done.

C. DISCUSSION OF PARK CLOSURE TIMES (COUNCILMAN WARREN)

Councilman Warren said it was brought to his attention that we do not have posted open and closed hours for the City parks. I think we need to set operation hours for all the parks in the City limits. I have discussed this with the Police department and talked to Valdosta Lowndes and fill that sunrise to sunset would be good times to set. None of the parks have lightening at night and I think this would prevent damage to property, littering at the parks and liability. Sumner stated that we can do a simple text amendment, set signage to post and this will be taken care of. This would all help the Police. Mayor Pro Tem Barfield asked how you would patrol. Chief Davis stated we patrol normally but his will allow us to ask the people to leave the park area after hours. The Mayor stated that he agrees, I think this will work. City Manager Sumner said this will be put on the agenda for Council meeting on Thursday night.

D. VANS FOR VETERANS REQUESTED DONATION (MAYOR CAIN)

The Mayor stated that he was approached by Jackie Cole the Legion Commander and Tim Coombs regarding the van they use for trips to the VA in Lake City. They make trips taking veterans from Valdosta to Lake City Florida for Veterans to get medical care. They first stated that had a van donated but now have to come up with \$35,000. They have about \$30,000 and they asked the City to donate for the purchase of the Van. Does anyone have any questions? Councilman Warren asked what we thought would be a good amount. The Mayor stated that we generally donate \$1,000 and that is what I was thinking. Councilman Warren stated that he feels this is the least we can do, we need to help out.

Mayor Cain asked to add Webb Street Property to the agenda on Thursday night item 6E.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:

A. GCCMA FALL CONFERENCE (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner would like to attend the GCCMA Fall Conference in Athens. IT is a time to get extra training and to network with other City Managers. The information is in your packet. Does anyone have any questions? None noted.

SET SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

-Lawson Railroad Forced Crossing Closure

SET SEPTEMBER CONSENT AGENDA:

-GCCMA Fall Conference

-Resolution to Commend Michael Jacobs, SGRC

-Vans for Veterans-\$1,000 Donation

-Real Estate Acquisition-109 South Webb Street-\$5,807.19

FY19 BUDGT WORKSHOP II (CITY MANAGER)

This item was discussed with FY19 Budget Preliminary Adoption under Public Hearing

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.

Mayor Bruce Cain

City Clerk Lisa Mashburn