



MINUTES LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

February 8, 2021 – 6:00 PM
Rosewood Center, 419 East Main Street

Present: Mayor Brian Petersen
Council Member Brad Dover
Council Member Chuck Powell
Council Member Chris Carroll
Council Member Archie Newberry
Council Member Erica Woods (arrival 6:14pm)
City Administrator Bruce Evilsizor
Administrative Assistant Krista Harding

Absent: Council Member Josh Harrison

Welcome and Call to Order (Mayor Petersen)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Petersen at 6:01 pm.

Invocation

Council Member Brad Dover provided the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Petersen mentioned that the brush truck would now be delivered in late March. The spring banners are in the final stage of being ordered and that the next set would be the summer and 4th of July banners. Mayor mentioned the search would begin soon for a new City Administrator as our current City Administrator's contract would be up in the late fall. S Peachtree St. sewer issue has escalated, and an emergency resolution needs to be taken.

Introduction of the Liberty High School Football Coach Paul Sutherland by Principal Josh Oxendine

Principal Josh Oxendine gave brief update about school and introduced the new Coach. Coach Paul Sutherland, introduced himself, expressed his excitement and how he plans to help bring life back to recreation football.

Public Session (Speakers are allowed 3 minutes)

No Speakers

Approval of Regular Session Minutes – January 11, 2021

Motion: Council Member Chris Carroll moved to approve minutes; Council Member Brad Dover seconded the motion. No Discussion. The motion passed 5-0

Appointment of Sarah Gilstrap to the Planning Commission for the 2021 – 2023 Term

Mayor Petersen gave his thanks for her willingness to serve our City.

Motion: Council Member Chuck Powell moved to approve appointment; Council Member Chris Carroll seconded the motion. Some Discussion. The motion passed 6-0

Consider Renewal of Annual Landscaping Contract

Mr. Evans from Evans Landscaping gave an update. Mayor Petersen went over the changes and expectations. Some discussion by Council and Mr. Evans. Mayor Petersen moved to add the additional location and the 26-week schedule for South Peachtree from West Front Street to the RR overpass bridge for a cost of \$5,700

Motion: Council Member Brad Dover moved to approve addition and changes to the contract; Council Member Archie Newberry seconded the motion. Some Discussion. The motion passed 6-0

Motion: Council Member Brad Dover moved to renew contract for 1 year; Council Member Erica Woods seconded the motion. No Discussion. The motion passed 6-0

Consider Hospitality Fund Budget Amendment

City Administrator Bruce Evilsizor gave overview. They will go ahead with ordering the spring banners and wait on the other seasons. Budget amendment will be made in April.

Distribution of Budget Calendar for FY 21-22

No conflicts with council.

Department Head Reports/Discussion

Police Department – Chief Adam Gilstrap presented the monthly Police report

Fire Department – report was not given (not in packet)

Public Works/Utility Department – Director Tim Moore provided the monthly Public Works and Utility report

Recreation Department – Mayor Petersen provided monthly Recreation report

Building Official – Mayor Petersen provided the monthly Building Official's report

City Administrator Report (Bruce Evilsizor)

City Administrator Bruce Evilsizor provided the monthly budget report and the administrative report. Some Discussion.

City Council Reports/Discussion

Chris Carroll – would like to revisit the community garden topic discussed in 2019, will be put on the next work session.

Brad Dover – mentions the need for adult volunteers for Love My Liberty Club.

Josh Harrison – No Report – Absent

Archie Newberry – gave a brief update and would like the record to reflect that no city funds were used to repair the bridge on his property to help with the water drainage issues.

Chuck Powell – wanted to remind council that Tony Boiter’s retirement event still needed to take place when it is safe to do so.

Erica Woods – an owner in the downtown area suggested that the City turn the Sarlin Park parking lot into a park, in July Starbucks is coming to Ingles, reminded the public to not forget about the small town business owners and to help protect small business owners.

Mayor Petersen – requested we all take a moment and reflect on where we are and where we would like to go, thanked all for what they do, and keep City Administrator Bruce Evilsizor’ s wife and family in our prayers and all the others in this world.

Motion to Enter Executive Session pertaining to:

- 1. Section 30-4-70(a)(2) – Discussion of legal matters covered by attorney-client privilege. Action will not be taken following the Executive Session**

MOTION: Council Member Brad Dover moved to enter executive session; Council Member Chuck Powell seconded the motion. No Discussion. The motion passed 6-0 at 7:35 pm. A 5 minute recess was taken before the Executive Session began.

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session

MOTION: Council Member Erica Woods moved to adjourn executive session; Council Member Archie Newberry seconded the motion. No Discussion. The motion passed 6-0 at 8:01 pm

Motion to Adjourn:

MOTION: Council Member Chuck Powell moved to adjourn; Council Member Erica Woods seconded the motion. No Discussion. The motion passed 6-0 at 8:03 pm

Notes: (1) Agenda was posted at City Hall, website, Facebook and emailed to media on February 05, 2021; and (2) a quorum was present.

Approved as Written



Brian Petersen
Mayor, City of Liberty

Attested:



Bruce Evilsizor
Administrator, City of Liberty