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CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Mayor John J. Lampl II
Mayor Pro Tem Van T. Tran
Councilwoman Dorothy Dean
Councilwoman Renee S. Knight
Councilman Khoa Vuong**

Work Session Minutes

April 14, 2020

6:30 pm

Mayor John J. Lampl II called the Work Session Meeting of the Morrow City Council to order at 6:33 pm on March 24, 2020. The meeting took place in the Board Room of the Morrow Municipal Complex located at: 1500 Morrow Rd, Morrow, and GA 30260.

ROLL CALL

Those present were **Mayor John J. Lampl II** and **Councilman Khoa Vuong**. **Mayor Pro Tem Van T. Tran**, **Councilwoman Dorothy Dean** and **Councilwoman Renee S. Knight** were present via conference call. A quorum was present.

Discussion Items

1. Review of Meeting Agenda

Consent Agenda

The City Manager explained that there were some typos that needed to be corrected. Also, in the discussion about the positions within the city, we need to include comments from Councilwoman Tran that a four-year degree should be added to the requirements.

No Councilmembers had concerns about the changes, Mayor Lampl explained that he would ask for consideration of the changes in the motion to approve the consent agenda.

Municipal Solicitor

Jerry Patrick has served as the municipal solicitor in Morrow for more than 20 years. He has proven an effective solicitor and the council considers him a good candidate. There is an issue in



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Morrow that requires a different type of service that will be addressed through arbitration, which is a situation where code enforcement related issues can be addressed with a more “hands on” approach in a way that fosters compliance through education.

Jester’s Creek Construction Administration

Phase III of Jester’s Creek will be moving to construction. Morrow needs to hire an engineer to oversee the construction to ensure the design guidelines are followed. The staff recommends Whitley Engineering because their costs are clearly defined and they are local and will have more opportunity for site visits. Councilwoman Renee Knight asked to include more specific language in the proposal for frequency of site visits.

Firefighter Caleb Martin – Discussion

Firefighter Caleb Martin was called out for National Guard service related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fire Chief Roger Swint is requesting that \$77.45 be paid to Firefighter Martin per pay period so he would not lose any money during his deployment. The Mayor and Council discussed that they would like to use their authority to extend this consideration.

Online Payment, expanded service

During this discussion, questions arose pertaining to the convenience fees. It was asked by Councilwoman Tran whether the convenience fees would be paid by the city and reimbursed by the customer or would the customer pay the vendor directly. Councilwoman Knight pointed out on Page 9 of the proposal that is clarified the payment would pass between the customer and the vendor, the city would not be involved in that part of the transaction. Additional questions arose about the term of the contract. The Finance Director, Angela Hudson, added that contracts can’t bind a Council for than a year. The City Manager recommended tabling this item until that question could be resolved. The Mayor discussed with Council that when he called for a vote to approve the agenda, he would ask that this item be deferred to a future meeting.



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Georgia Power Proposal

The City Manager explained that in absence of a maintenance agreement, the need for service to the high mast lighting around the Interstate had come to include to replacement of almost 150 bulbs. The Mayor explained that the lighting at the interstate and throughout the city was an important project. He went on to explain that the city attorney had already confirmed that the funds could be taken from the Hotel/Motel Project Development funds and would not come out of the General Funds. There were no questions from the Council.

*** 7:23pm--Paused for Regular Meeting***

2. Public Works Director Interview

- a. Perez Moody was interviewed by the Mayor and Council.

3. Sanitation Provider/Bulk/Service/Contracts - Discussion

General discussion about service, regulations, what should be kept (recycling, bulk pick-up), containers, scheduling, etc. The Mayor asked the Council to review the bids, they were sent electronically.

4. Medical Insurance - Renewal Discussions

The City Manager explained that the insurance broker had sent a potential offer from Anthem that might offer a significant cost reduction in the city's premium. Mayor Lampl encouraged everyone to review that information.

5. Social Media – DMO – SOQ – Update/Discussion

Reminder that we are looking to hire social media services and get a DMO back into place, Mayor Lampl reminded the Council of the importance of this decision. Both RFQ's are posted on the city's website.

6. COVID-19 Update/Discussion

Mayor Lampl highlighted some of the efforts to identify testing options. He reviewed the Governor's orders and what they meant to Morrow. The Morrow Mayor and Council stay vigilant to serve the community in relevant ways including, leaving City Hall open to the public with restrictions and parameters than minimize contact, consistently sanitize, offer information in three languages

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(English, Spanish, and Vietnamese). He emphasized our need to support our local businesses and he discussed the upcoming newsletter that would offer free ads (as a follow up to the small business plan voted on at an earlier meeting).

7. Jester's Creek Phase III Construction Update

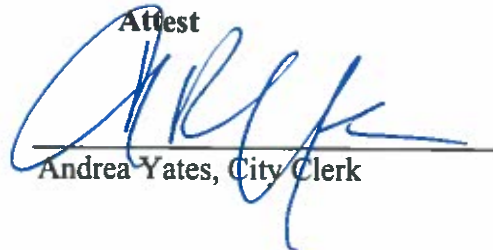
The City Manager is working to finalize the details of the bid checklist for GDOT so we could move to the Notice to Proceed and hopefully to construction this summer.

8. Aerotropolis Participation Discussion

The Mayor and Council discussed that given the current COVID-19 environment and the budget concerns it was creating, along with Morrow's new initiatives to bring economic development functions back under the city umbrella instead of branching out to collaborate with other initiatives, the Aerotropolis was not likely to be a part of the next budget.

Approved this 28th day of April 2020.

Attest


Andrea Yates, City Clerk

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John J. Lampl II, Mayor

