



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

July 13, 2021

Work Session Minutes

6:50

1. Review of Meeting Agenda

1. Minutes June 22 2021
2. Day of the Dead-30,000
3. Tea Room Proposals

Mayor Pro Tem Tran had concerns of making sure we protect the City in the event the investor is dissatisfied with the design after the City pays for it.

Mayor explained City owns the plans so we can market the restaurant to other buyers in the event the tenant decides not to move forward and there are minimum risks.

Councilwoman Dean had questions about a particular design with an upper level V.I.P lounge.

Mayor gave examples of possible structural ways the lounge could be incorporated into the design but still monitoring the cost of the project.

Mayor Pro Tem Tran discussed the City will support the investor as much as we can but recommends seeking legal advice to make sure the City is protected. She also discussed the time in which the agenda packets are available.

Mayor explained we get information to council as soon as it is delivered to us and no information is withheld but we will continue do the best we can.

4. Lake Harbin Curb and Gutter-SPLOST 2014 Expenditure

Councilwoman Knight requested following up with Finance Director on SPLOST expenditures what has been spent, allocated, and what is remaining. Councilwoman Knight also had concerns about the DMO reimbursement to the City.



5. Morrow Roofing-1,323

Mayor explained that the additional fee to Morrow Roofing is for plywood.

Councilman Khoa had concerns on if the adjuster had come out to asset the Roof.

Sylvia Redic explained adjustor has been out and she will meet back with him later in the week

Mayor Pro Tem Tran had concerns about if City did receive insurance money from the claim where would it go and did the council have to approve it.

Mayor explained funds would go in into SPLOST or the City general funds and council does not normally have to approve to receive any funds.

6. Ordinance 2021-09-Ambulance Billing

7. Resolution 2021-06 -Homestead Tax

Discussion on why this resolution was put in place to help avoid higher taxes for some citizens and confirmed the citizens will be able to vote on the tax change in the November elections

8. Resolution 2021-07 -Transfer GMA 401 and 457 to a Successor Trustee

Mayor Pro Tem Tran wanted to make sure a retirement attorney is involved in the transition from one provider to another.

Chris Pike explained any documents the Mayor has to execute in regards to the new benefit plan goes to the attorney first before the Mayor gets them.

9. Resolution 2021-08- Transfer GMEBS Defined Benefit Retirement Plan to a Successor Trustee

2. Warren- Morrow Center P & L-

Warren discussed the Morrow Center financials and how well business is going. He also discusses the HVAC and the progress of the repairs. The Welcome Center is booking close to 6 or 7 events a month verses 3 to 4 in the past and the analytics have went up 12% this month also. The show Atlanta looking at possibly using the Morrow Center for a scene on the show. Georgia Cyber Academy says Welcome Center is the site of choice in Georgia and has been booking for testing events in the future. There has been an increase in corporate business also and another job fair on August 20.

3. Marketing Agreement Morrow Center-

Discussion about how the contract will allow the manager to get an extra incentive for booking events and where those funds will be allocated from.

4. Chief Swint-Emergency Medical Services Policy-

Chief Swint discussed the reason for the policy update and updated council on the status of the new Ladder Truck.

5. Community Garden ribbon cutting-

Bao Discussed event will be Saturday July 17 from 11pm-2pm. The event will be catered with music as well as awards given out.

6. Chief Lopez de Azua-

Chief Renan de Lopez discussed what areas he recommend more cameras and the different kinds surveillance cameras available to help monitor crime. Chief also discussed the financials of purchasing new cameras and the pros and cons of different camera systems.

Councilwoman Knight had questions about where the cameras could possibly be placed in the Southlake area.

Chief Renan de Lopez explained the any Flock camera in the jurisdiction the City can request access.

Councilman Khoa had concerns about what the Chief may have in place to help with the Lake Harbin and Lee street intersection. Chief discussed the plan that he had drawn out and agreed to get a copy to Mayor and Council.



Chief Renan de Lopez explained the current Chase Policy and recommend for offers who are properly trained and certified from the Police Academy have the option to make a decision on when to pursue chase and when not to in certain situations. He also discussed the idea of a community organization to promote community awareness and involvement in the police programs and services.

7. Bao Dang-Economic Development update-

Bao discussed that the City have 22 events scheduled so far and how we have been giving back to the community. He also updated Mayor and Council on the new City app that will be available soon. He discussed the involvement with Clayton State at upcoming events and also confirmed Wind Down Wednesdays with Grits and Jelly Butter for September 22, 2021. Bao discussed the availability of the houses in the district and the upcoming tour of the Yellow House. David Lee Night Market and Brian from Luxury cars possible partnership discussion.

Chief introduced new Police Officer-Sergeant Melanie Rodriguez who is the founding member of Morrow Police Department Community Engagement Unit.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Minutes Approved this July 27, 2021.

Attest

CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA

Markeeta Lee, City Clerk

John J. Lampl II, Mayor