



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

August 10, 2021

Work Session Minutes

6:45

1. Lake Harbin sidewalk, curb, and gutter project updates-Mark Whitley
Discussed rise in material price. Discussion on best most cost efficient ways to complete this project possible doing work in phases. Council discussed the contract details of the contractor and requests a more detailed invoice with all cost and material prices listed to validate the increase.
2. Review of Meeting Agenda
 1. Minutes July 27, 2021
 2. Welcome Center-BDJ-Defer
 3. Napier House-Advanced-Defer
 4. Georgia Works-Staffing
 5. Apex-Property Insurance
 6. Dark Space-GHI proposal-Defer
 7. Intergovernmental Agreement-Clayton County
 8. Resolution 2021-11-Creating position of Deputy Police Chief-Defer
 9. Resolution 2021-12-Adding a Community Engagement Lieutenant
 10. Resolution 2021-13-Payscale change for Conference Center Manager

Discussion of what items on the Agenda that Mayor and Council would like to move forward and vote on and which item to defer until next meeting when all Council members are present.

Discussion on Resolution 2021-11-Creating a Deputy Police Chief -Renan Lopez explained the benefits of having a like minded Deputy Police Chief to help with day to day operations for the Police Department. The Deputy of Police will serve as a technical advisor for the Chief of Police and this position will free him up to allow him to take care of other matters.



Mayor explains the City should try to give Chief Lopez the resources necessary to give him the ability to manage his department effectively keeping cost in mind

Councilman Vuong had questions in regards to the salary and the benefits of the new position.

Councilwoman Dean inquired, will the person in this position have the ability to be able to apply for grants. Chief Lopez explained that will be a part of the job.

Councilwoman Tran asked how many officers do we need to service the city and if we needed any additional officers. Chief responded not at this time.

Discussion on Resolution 2021-12-Adding Community Engagement Lieutenant position- Discussed the benefits of position.

Mayor states community outreach is an important piece of the puzzle for the City.

****Recess 7:32****

Councilwoman Tran asked for a recap of the Work Session discussion and Sylvia Redic gave her a recap of what will be voted on during the Regular meeting

****Reconvene 7:41****

3. Speed Tables

Discussion on speed tables at Harbin Terrace Subdivision. Discussed what citizens want speed tables, which citizens do not, are they difficult to remove if we want to change locations, the cost and what are the best locations to place these tables. Suggestions to go possibly door to door and ask citizen for input and also speak about speed tables in the PROUD meeting with the police offers. Mayor and Council discussed two possible locations for the speed tables.

4. Morrow Center Update- Warren Thomas

From July 14 to August 10 the Morrow Center have made 24, 096.34 in sales. The August projections are 16, 300, but waiting on a couple of contracts all over 5,000. He also made council aware that there have been some event cancellations due to the increase of the delta variant. He discusses the price changes for some services due to the increase in cost of supplies. Corporate business have pick up recently also.



Councilwoman Tran asked to be excused

5. Financial Software replacement discussion-Chris Pike

Discussion of benefits of software upgrade, pricing, excellent level of customer service, subscription service, higher level of security, cloud based and it is less than City budgeted for software, which saves the City money.

Mayor questioned how often the data will be backed up. Chris explained no interruption on service if anything goes down the company offers hot back up.

6. New Sign Grants

Discussion of signs that need to be upgraded in the City. Council discussed creating a program to possibly help business upgrade their signs to help advertise for their business. Council discussed what should be advertised on the signs, sign code, the price to upgrade signs, cost share, and what business may have possible interest in the program

Discussion of fallen limbs near Southlake mall and who responsibly it to remove.

Mayor discussed items that were deferred during the regular meeting and wanted to make sure a discussion was had, so that those items will be on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Discussion of possible idea of a design for the White House in the District. Council was able to view the design during the meeting. They discussed the price of the architect for design and possible price points for the total project to be completed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Minutes Approved this August 24, 2021.

Attest

CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA



Markeeta Lee, City Clerk



John J. Lampl II, Mayor