



## 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**

**September 14, 2021**

**Work Session Minutes**

**6:30**

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1. Review of Meeting Agenda

- a. Minutes September 14, 2021
- b. Presentation-Chief Renan Lopez de Azua
- c. Public Hearing-Tax Notice

Mayor discussed millage rate will stay at 9mills and homestead exemptions tax details.

d. Waste Pro-90 day extension

Jeff Moss discussed the letter of intent received from Waste Pro to terminate the contract with the city. The city contacted Waste Pro and they agreed to give the city a 90 extension with their price increase.

e. Southeastern Tank & Tower-\$14,500

Mayor discussed the Water Authority has a company that they use and the city will use the same company for the Water Tower project and doing so will take the initial amount from 21,000 to 14,500 saving the city more money.

Councilwoman Tran request to defer minutes until the correction she requested has been updated.

Mayor explained to Councilwoman Tran we may not have the votes to support the modifications at this time but Councilwoman Tran can make a motion and put the item to the floor and see if it passes.

f. MC Painting and Decorations INC-\$98,656.00(concrete bid)

Jeff Moss discussed the bid process for the concrete floors and explained MC Painting and Decorations was the lowest bid, but based on their references and the needs of the city that is who he recommends.

They have completed jobs for the Congress Center as well as Sumter County High School with each project being close to 100,000 square feet.

Mayor asked when will process get started and the timeline of the completion.

Jeff Moss explained work will begin up to two weeks after signed contract and could take three weeks or less for completion.

Councilman Vuong asked did they explain a scope of work.

Jeff Moss explained the scope of work process that is listed in the bid.

Councilwoman Tran explained that the concrete floors item was put on the agenda in August and all the proper steps were not followed on the bid process and the council could have accidentally voted for something that was not in compliance with the State Law.

- g. Resolution 2021-17-Task Force Officer (DEA)
- h. Resolution 2021-18-Promotional Assessment Policy Amendment
- i. Resolution 2021-19-Lieutenant and Sergeant Job Description Change

Chief Lopez explained there would be an officer assigned to the Drug Enforcement Agency Unit that will work directly with Federal level investigations. The Agency would be responsible for officers gas to work, cell phone, and any overtime. This will allow the police department to participate in true drug enforcement cases. Chief Lopez explained reasons for updating the job description for the Lieutenant and the Sergeant as well as reason he recommend using a third party assessor (Georgia Associated Chiefs of Police) to complete staff assessments future to make sure it's fair and transparent for everyone.

## 2. Business Grants-Presentation

Mayor discussed the importance of small business in the community and how to provide a possible grant program to help with digital signage to help business look more appealing.

Jeff Moss showed council pictures of the signs in the city and examples up different sign options that may be available and suggested using the funds from the Care Act to help fund the grant to match dollar for dollar for business that apply.

Councilwoman Knight commented she appreciate that a question she posed helping small business and available grants is beginning to evolve and hopes to keep moving

forward. The city is moving in a great direction and Mount Zion will have a clean fresh look with upgraded signage so this will be a great program.

Councilman Vuong had questions on how does the city control the content and structure of the signs.

Councilwoman Knight suggested that the city can set guidelines and targets as a part of the application process.

### 3. Reynolds Road

Mayor discussed two private players that would like to work with the city with the gymnasium. Mayor wants to discuss the other available sections and what will be the possible cost for staging and designing those vacant areas of the building. Mayor would like to move forward with a design and engineering possible RFB.

Councilman Vuong agrees we should begin to stage out the projects also.

Councilwoman Dean had concerns in regards to the roof being inspected

Mayor explained there was a leak and it has been repaired but building still needs a professional to take a look.

Councilwoman Knight expresses it has been the vision of the city of making this property into a possible Community Center of some sort and how important the partnerships with others would be to help drive the program.

Mayor request to begin to get proposals to evaluate the cost to get the project moving.

### 4. The District

Mayor discussed the structural engineering of the White House proposals and request possibly moving forward with a design.

Councilman Vuong had questions in regards to the insurance to cover the roof on the Red House.

Mayor explained the insurance has come to view the roof at The Red House and the city is waiting to verify what damages may be covered under the insurance policy but city will follow up to confirm.

Mayor discussed RFB for the Boardwalk has been canceled due to geotechnical issues. Mayor discussed other options for the space possible Night Market concept.

Councilwoman Knight discussed having transitional space available for different marketing opportunities.

Councilwoman Tran request items that will be added to the agenda be sent to the council so that they can be properly informed. She also suggest in the future in regards to the insurance claim for the city to have an insurance adjuster to assess property before we began any repairs.

Mayor explained the city has insurance to cover the roofs against basic hail damage. The Red House Roof has already been replaced agreed to by the insurance company. Mayor expressed the main point of discussion is he would like to begin to start to put together all loose ends on projects, put them on track to move forward to completion. Mayor also would like to take the Boardwalk, Night Market, and Amphitheater concept as a concept and move forward.

#### 5. Dark Space

Mayor discussed Checkmate Proposal and The Welcome Center Proposal, and requested to take ideas that city have and get a set of designs to reach a cost to move forward on the Dark Space.

#### 6. Welcome signs

Mayor request to get estimate for current digital signs and the additional signs need to update signs at the City Hall.

Jeff Moss gave an update on the power issue with the signs and the screen.

#### 7. City Events

Discussed Dr. Stuart meet and greet event that took place on September 15, and the car show event that will be held September 18-19.

Chief Lopez discussed with the help of community partnerships the steps they are taking to make sure the car show is safe and organized

Wine down Wednesday will be the last food truck day for this year.

Mayor Lampl adjourned the Work Session at 7:28

Minutes Approved this September 28, 2021.

Attest

**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA**

  
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City Clerk

  
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John J. Lampl II, Mayor