



MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

Regular Meeting

January 25 2022

Minutes

7:30pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor John J. Lampl II
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All
MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor John J. Lampl II

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of January 11, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of January 11, 2022 Work Session Minutes

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Lampl called for a motion to approve the January 11, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and Work Session Minutes. Councilwoman Dean made the motion, seconded by Councilman Vuong. The motion passed unanimously.

2. THE HONORABLE YASMINE NEAL PRESENTED PROCLAMATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CITIZENS:

~ Lana Labay for all of her countless hours she gives volunteering in the community, helping others, and helping with city functions. She was also recognized for the services and dedication she has continued to provide for the City of Morrow and our Country.

~ Judge Jenny Nguyen for becoming the City of Morrows first woman judge of Vietnamese American decent, being recognized in Asian Times as one of the top 25 influential women in Georgia, and for all the continued help she provides in the community.

~ Ethan Pham for being appointed the first municipal associate judge in Morrow of Vietnamese American descent, the third Vietnamese American judge in Georgia, and the first immigrant Vietnamese American judge in Georgia, the third Asian American judge in Clayton County, and for all of the continued help he provides in the community.



3. AWARDS:

Chief Swint presented Captain James Fleming his 20-years of service pin for all of his hard work, dedication, and service to the City of Morrow.

4. NEW BUSINES:

1. Approval of staff recommendation to upgrade the audio and video equipment in the boardroom with an estimated cost of \$1100 for a 75" TV and mount to replace the pull down screen, \$3000 for the Logitech 4K video conferencing kit (cameras, 2 microphones, and 2 soundbars for audio), \$500 for the connection materials for connectivity, and \$1000 for the computer needed to host media and share content which will be installed behind the screen totaling estimate not to exceed \$5,600 from SPLOST : and to authorize Mayor Lampl to execute the contract and any other related documents.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Lampl called for a motion to approve staff recommendation to upgrade the audio and video equipment for the total estimated amount not to exceed \$5,600 from SPLOST; and the City of Morrow and to authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Councilwoman Tran made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Knight. The motion passed unanimously

2. Approval of amended contract with Georgia Works to increase employees pay rate from \$15.00 per hour to \$16.00 per hour: and for authorization for Mayor Lampl to execute the contract and any other related documents.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Lampl called for a motion to approve the employee increased pay rate from \$15.00 an hour to \$16.00 per hour; and the City of Morrow and to authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Councilman Vuong made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Dean. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the 2022 Budget Implementation with authorization specific to the Mayor and Council regarding salary line items contained in the FY 2022 budget with an implementation timeline occurring after budget review and approval by the City Council: and to authorize Mayor Lampl to execute the agreement and any other related documents.



MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Lampl called for a motion to approve the 2022 Budget Implementation with authorization specific to the Mayor and Council regarding salary line items contained in the FY 2022 budget with an implementation timeline occurring after budget review and approval by the City Council; and the City of Morrow and to authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Councilwoman Knight made the motion, seconded by Councilman Vuong. Councilwoman Knight, Councilwoman Dean, and Councilman Vuong voted “Yay”. Councilwoman Tran voted “Nay” due to requesting more information on the budgeted item discussed. Motion passed 3-1.

5. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Second Reading of Ordinance 2022-1- Homestead Exemption Legislation Bill

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT Ordinance 2022-01

To provide a homestead exemption increase from the current assessed value of City of Morrow ad valorem taxes for city purposes, except taxes levied by the city to pay interest on and to retire bonded indebtedness, from the current assessed amount of \$60,000.00 to \$80,000.00 assessed value of that homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemptions and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Lampl called for a motion to approve Ordinance number 2022-01-Homestead Exemption. Councilwoman Knight made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Dean. The motion passed unanimously

2. First reading of Ordinance 2022-2- Mixed Use Zoning Moratorium

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA IMPOSING A ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY (120) DAY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS, LICENSES OR INSPECTIONS RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OR CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE MIXED USE (MU) DISTRICT; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE



FOR AN ADOPTION DATE AND EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE A PENALTY;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

No Action Required

6. GENERAL COMMENTS:

Lana Labay

Jenny Nguyen

Ethan Pham

Nancy Hargis

Mayor Pro Tem Knight

Councilwoman Tran

Councilman Khoa

Councilwoman Dean

Mayor Lampl

Councilwoman Tran was excused from the remainder of the meeting due to personal matters and did not attend the Executive Session nor votes thereafter.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Executive Session was convened at 8:02 pm. Discussion concerning personnel matters.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Lampl called for a motion to approve Item 1. Councilwoman Knight made the motion, Seconded by Councilman Dean. Motion passed unanimously

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Lampl called for a motion to approve Item 2. Councilwoman Dean made the motion, Seconded by Councilman Vuong. Motion passed unanimously

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Lampl called for a motion to approve Item 3. Councilman Vuong made the motion. Seconded by Councilwoman Dean. Motion passed unanimously

~Executive Session adjourned at 9:09 pm.



~Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:10 pm.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

NOTICE: City Council Work Sessions and Council Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers. The meeting is open to the public, and any interested party is encouraged to attend. Work Session starts at 6:30pm and operates until the regular council meeting begins at 7:30pm. Council will CONTINUE THE WORK SESSION AFTER the regular council meeting and it will last as long as required to conduct the business of the city.

Mayor Lampl adjourned the January 25, 2021, Meeting at 9:12pm.

Approved this 8th day of February 2022.

Attest

City of Morrow, GA



Markeeta Lee, City Clerk



John J. Lampl II, Mayor