

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION**

November 4, 2009
5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: Ed Rieker, Mayor
Sandra Varian, Mayor Pro tem
Michael Payne, Commissioner
Lyda Steadman, Commissioner
Terry Giager, Commissioner-Elect
Gene Lee, Commissioner-Elect

Members Absent: David Milliron, Commissioner

Staff Present: Clai Brown, City Manager
Ken Turner, Director of Finance
Karen Holmes, Administrative Assistant

Item No. 1 Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Mayor Rieker

Item No. 2 Adoption of Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda as presented was made by Mayor Pro tem Varian, seconded by Commissioner Steadman; passed (4-0).

Item No. 3 2010 Preliminary Budget Review

Board reviewed the 2010 budget.

Mayor Rieker asked City Manager Brown to have a balanced 2010 budget for the December Work Session.

Mayor Rieker noted that there will be a budget amendment for 2009 that will include all the items discussed tonight i.e. the police car, entrance signs and Public Works truck. The board will do the 2009 budget amendment in February 2010.

Mayor Rieker noted that the Regular Board of Mayor and Commissioners Meeting will be held on January 11th for the installation of the new commissioners to swear them in, there will be a Regular Work Session on January 20th and Special Called Meeting on January 25th.

The board thanked City Manager Brown and Finance Director Turner for doing a great job on the 2010 budget.

Item No. 4 Public Comment

Roger Holmes, 46 Dartmouth Avenue stated the police car is much more important than the entrance signs. Mr. Holmes asked why administrative services were going up.

City Manager Brown stated that the reason it went up is because the City went to online payments for citations and that is increasing. The City pays a 4% fee every time that is used and the City is up to 60-80 citations a month being paid online. City Manager Brown stated eventually in 1 ½ to 2 years they are projecting 60% of all fines will be paid online.

Mayor Rieker stated is that costing the City 4%.

City Manager Brown stated if an individual elects to pay online there is an additional 4% fee that they have to pay, 3 ½ percent goes to Ticket Fast Pay and the City gets a ½ of percent.

Mayor Rieker stated that this is balanced by revenue.

Mr. Holmes stated the entire \$10,356 is balanced by revenue?

City Manager Brown stated no the other is an administrative fee from the Georgia Municipal Association which is \$605.00 which the City has to pay monthly.

Mr. Holmes noted that the repairs/maintenance-buildings (City Hall, Public Works) are grossly inadequate. Is that enough? What about the air conditioners that will need to be replaced next year when it gets hot. Mr. Holmes stated that he feels the repairs/maintenance needs to be upgraded to reality due to the size and age of the buildings.

City Manager Brown stated that they went through and replaced all the rotted wood around and put new paint on City Hall and the Clock Tower last year. City Manager Brown stated that the City is going to end up under budget on this line item this year and he really does not see much. City Manager Brown stated the only thing he would see could be an air conditioner which they originally had in the original budget for \$3800 for an air conditioner.

Mr. Holmes asked about the interest on the CD's and why the City is getting only a little over 1% interest.

City Manager Brown stated that the City is being conservative. The City just opened up an account based off the board's approval just last week which makes 2 ½ percent and the City put the maximum amount allowed by FDIC, \$250,000 into the account. City Manager Brown noted that there are a couple of things hanging out there such as buying the Marta property and he does not want to tie the money up should we need to jump on the Marta property in four to eight weeks. City Manager Brown stated that the \$250,000 they moved over was a money market account not a CD.

Item No. 5

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. was made by Mayor Pro tem Varian, seconded by Commissioner Steadman; passed (4-0).