

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
MAY 13TH, 2020
5:30 P.M.
VIA ZOOM**

MINUTES

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor
Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner
Lionel Laratte, Commissioner
Dee Merriam, Commissioner

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager
Paul Hanebuth, Asst. City Manager
Shannon Powell, Asst. City Manager
Rebecca Long, Communications Manager
Gina Hill, City Clerk
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda
Commissioner Shortell moved to adopt. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Firm Selection to Conduct Stormwater Priority Plan**
The city received four responses after issuing a request for proposals (RFP) to conduct the Stormwater Priority Plan, also known as the Stormwater Master Plan. City staff will recommend the firm they feel is the best fit for this project.

Item #4 **Update on Search for New Public Works Facility**
City staff is working with Oakhurst Realty to find a new facility. Staff has provided them with a list of needs.

Item #5 **City Hall Update**
Renovations of city hall are underway and staff is currently working from home or at desks set up in the courtroom.

Item #6 **Town Green Design Update**
Roughly 250 people responded to the Town Green survey. Assistant City Manager Powell remarked this is one of the best park designs she has seen. Stormwater infrastructure is still something to be considered. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has mentioned publicly they may be able to fund

a stormwater solution. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the city and design team is about to be activated again after a pause due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Eric Bishop, designer of the Town Green, spoke about the design.

Item #7

US 278 Complete Street Project Update

The city has received approval from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the concept report and environmental clearance. The historical and architectural requirements still need to be cleared. Afterwards, construction documents and right-of-way acquisition can move forward. That could take six months to a year. Construction is anticipated to begin at the end of 2021.

Item #8

Discussion of July 4th and Labor Day Race Events

City staff was ready to begin re-opening some outdoor facilities although there remains a moratorium on special events. Staff recommends canceling the July 4th events and waiting until June before deciding on the Labor Day Race. Issues ranged from protection of personnel, people being uncomfortable attending, conflict over masks, losing deposit money, and uncertainty about Covid-19 spikes.

Item #9

Public Comment

Those commenting included Sharon Saliba, Candace Jones and Liz Goodstein.

Item #10

Adjournment


Commissioner Merriam moved to adjourn. Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF AUGUST 2020



Jonathan Elmote, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gina Hill, City Clerk