



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

JULY 9th, 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 Laratte moved to adopt. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Presentation from Fabric Developers on Proposed Phase One Interim Solutions**

Jerry Miller of Fabric Developers will present an interim solution to the Phase 1 commercial area of the Town Green project. We will also begin a discussion of potential stormwater solutions and required rights-of-way acquisitions for the project.

City Manager Patrick Bryant pointed out that the conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the city and Fabric Developers had been suspended between March and June when the BOMC approved the design for the town green. In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, Fabric cannot currently finance the commercial portion of the four acres. Jerry Miller started his presentation by giving an overview of the future green space. He said in order to start construction drawings for the park, they need to know that the city is ready for right-of-way acquisition for the Washington/Parry Streets connection due to grading issues. Mr. Miller outlined a proposal for the area bordering College Avenue. It would include restrooms, food trucks, etc. The cost estimate is \$600 thousand but he thought it could be less if everything was

completed at one time. It would take about six weeks to generate construction drawings. There would be a pause about halfway through to evaluate. Construction could go out to bid by the end of the year and that early January would be a good time to do that. Construction would take about a year. Conceivably, he added, by the end of 2021 the project could be complete. Mr. Bryant said staff recommends moving forward with right-of-way acquisition and there are funds to do that. Members of the BOMC asked Mr. Miller questions. Mr. Bryant said that the plan was for the DDA to pay for stormwater solutions and he outlined who would pay for what in regards to this project. The group talked about stormwater and grading. Commissioner Merriam wanted to hear more about programming of that interim area and Mr. Miller responded that a goal is to be flexible. There was some interruptions in the audio. Mayor Elmore said he's disappointed that the pandemic disrupted the original plans but feels this is a good alternative. Mr. Miller explained the cost for design of this temporary plan has been included in previous estimates and he also talked about the bid process.

Item #4 Public Comment

John Mizell spoke about the previous meeting regarding face masks. He is in support. He also read from Atlanta's guidelines. Mr. Bryant recapped that if the BOMC approves, city staff will move forward with right-of-way acquisition for the Washington/Parry Streets connector. Each members of the Board agreed. Mayor Elmore thanked Jerry Miller for his time.

Item #5 Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adjourn. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF AUGUST 2020


Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:


Gina Hill, City Clerk