



MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING (Request for Variances- Cobb Walk Lot 13 & Lot 14)

January 14, 2020, 6:15 PM

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING January 14, 2020 6:30 PM

PUBLIC HEARING:

Call to Order: Mayor David L. Jordan opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 PM.

Attendance: Mayor David L. Jordan, Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Turman, Larry Bowen, Kenneth Roach, Lee Strickland, Matt Fields, Wayne Braswell, City Attorney Andrea Grant, City Manager Ed Andrews and City Clerk Sharleen Ayers.

A: Set Back Variance Request: R3 Group, LLC requested a variance to the 40-foot setback on Lot 13 & Lot 14 in Cobb Walk. The request was for a 30 Foot setback to prevent wash out regarding a driveway and garage area. The water flow and topography maps showed a need to move the build area forward to prevent future issues to the building foundation. An invitation was issued to the Public to hear any comments or questions. Developer Peter Devaney was available for any questions.

Invitation of Public Comment: Planning and Zoning Commission member Paul Crawford was on hand to answer to questions. The Commission supported the variance and agreed, from what they were presented with, that the variance was needed and should be approved. The subdivision covenant allowed for a 30-foot setback so the variance would not be in violation of that agreement. No other Public Comments were made.

Response by Council: Questions were asked about the need for the variance, which Mr. Devaney answered regarding water flow, runoff, topography, and foundation integrity. A question was asked if the variance was only going to be needed for these two lots. Mr. Devaney answered that the plan was to build all the lot homes, but they would request variances as needed by Lot.

Close Public Hearing: Keith Turman made a motion to close public hearing; Matt Fields seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Public hearing closed at 6:30 PM.

REGULAR MEETING:

Call to Order: The Jan 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor David L. Jordan at 6:31 PM.

Attendance: Mayor David L. Jordan, Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Turman, Larry Bowen, Kenneth Roach, Lee Strickland, Matt Fields, Wayne Braswell, City Attorney Andrea Grant, City Manager Ed Andrews and City Clerk Sharleen Ayers.

Approval of All Outstanding Minutes: Keith Turman made a motion to approve the Dec 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and the Dec 20, 2019 Called Meeting Minutes; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda: Addition to Item B – Variance Request. Add a sub item B-1 to address the second variance request from Hart that was listed in the Public Notice Ad.

Approval of Agenda: Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve agenda; Matt Fields seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Main Street Update – Michael Crump: DDA Planning session is scheduled for February 5, 2020. A Calendar of Events will be published after that meeting. An office space is under contract downtown for a new lease. Keith Turman asked about the possibility of a tree lighting ceremony next Christmas at the Wellness Park. Michael responded that would be part of the planning session discussion in February.

Old Business:

New Business:

- A. **Public Comment: Bridgette Swilling-Ferguson:** Ms. Swilling-Ferguson addressed council regarding some Pit bull dogs that have been roaming Daniel Street and causing concern about the safety of the elderly residence on the street and the children who are at a nearby bus pickup. These are dogs that have been causing issues for a while. Code Enforcement officer Ryan Parks had picked up one of the dogs in October. The dog was reclaimed by its owner at the Animal Shelter. She has been observed roaming again, and it appears she has recently had puppies. Mr. Parks informed council that as of this morning, the dog had been observed out of its fence and was followed back to its enclosure where a hole was found that allowed the dog to roam. He was also able to discover who owned the property, although he was unable to find the owner of the dogs. The property owner is not the dog owner. Other dogs had been found in the enclosure and due to their condition shall be impounded on Wednesday. Mayor Jordan commented that our ordinance does not allow for dogs to roam the streets and requires a collar and rabies tag for any dog within the city limits.

- B. Recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission: Cobb Walk Lot 13 & Lot 14 variance: Ed Andrews:** The commission recommended granting the variance request for setbacks on Franklin Co Parcels 068A 024 013 and 068A 024 14. Matt Fields made a motion to approve the variance request of set back change from 40-feet to 30-feet for Cobb Walk Lots 13 & 14. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
1. **Variance Request by Roger Hart:** The Jan 8 Planning & Zoning Commission tabled the variance request by Roger Hart for being pre-mature. They will revisit the issue at the March 3 meeting. A Motion was made by Wayne Braswell to table the Public Hearing and Council decision on the variance request until the March 10th Regular Council Meeting
- C. Consent Agenda for 2020 Appointments: Mayor Jordan:** A consent agenda was provided for all 2020 Appointments. A motion was made by Keith Turman to approve the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Wayne Braswell. Motion passed 6-0.
- D. Water Department Purchase of Streaming Monitor for Water Plant and Lift Station Pump Replacement: Ed Andrews and Water Supervisor Jammie Cawthon:** The Water Department is requesting approval to purchase a Streaming Monitor for the Water Plant to replace an almost 30-year-old monitor currently being used. The purchase price is 10,290.00 A request was also made to purchase a Lift Station Pump. This is part of the city-wide Lift Station upgrade project that is now 75% complete. The Pump quote from GWI is \$12,090. The purchases have already been included in the current budget. Larry Bowen made a motion to purchase the equipment at the prices on the quotes. Matt Fields seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
- E. 5 Year Renewal of Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement: Ed Andrews:** Mr. Andrews presented council with a renewal of a Statewide Mutual Aid an Assistance Agreement requested by GEMA. Mayor Jordan is to be listed as the Chief Executive Officer, City Manager Ed Andrews, Police Chief Donnie Boleman, and Fire Chief Ryan Parks are to be listed as Authorized Representatives, and Finance Director/City Clerk Sharleen Ayers is to be listed as Designated Fiscal Officer. Keith Turman made a motion to authorize the signing of the renewal. Lee Strickland seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
- F. Staff Compensation Plan Update for DOL Overtime Rule: Ed Andrews:** The Staff Compensation Plan has been updated to accommodate the new DOL Overtime Rule for Exempt employees. The adjustment to the plan required the city to increase the initial pay rate for 5 salaried positions. The only current salaried employee who is not already exceeding the salaried minimum is the DDA Director. His pay will be adjusted retroactive to January 1 to meet these Federal Guidelines. A motion was made to accept the new Staff Compensation Plan by Wayne Braswell. The motion was seconded by Keith Turman. Motion passed 6-0.

G. Software Agreement with BS&A: Ed Andrews: The council was asked to authorize the Mayor to sign the software agreement once negotiations with BS&A regarding questions from the City Attorney as to some wording in the contract. Keith Turman made a motion to authorize Mayor Jordan to sign the contract. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Other Business – City Manager Update:

- a. Gas Committee Meeting needs to be scheduled.
- b. Water Tank maintenance and upkeep has been completed; the Logo Painting has been completed.
- c. Street Committee Meeting needs to be scheduled.
- d. A Council Retreat is in the planning stages. A meeting has been set up with Heather Feldman of GMRC to facilitate the meeting. A survey will be sent out to council asking what issues should be addressed.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Wayne Braswell to enter an Executive Session to discuss Real Estate. Matt Fields seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Executive Session entered at 7:03 PM. A motion was made by Larry Bowen to reopen the Regular Meeting. Motion was seconded by Matt Fields. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting re-opened at 7:44 PM.

Adjourn: Wayne Braswell made a motion to adjourn; Larry Bowen seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Mayor David L. Jordan

Sharleen Ayers, City Clerk

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