

CITY COMMISSION
CITY HALL
QUINCY, FLORIDA

REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10, 2018
6:00 P.M.

The Quincy City Commission met in regular session Tuesday, July 10, 2018, with Mayor-Commissioner Angela G. Sapp presiding and the following present:

Commissioner Daniel McMillan
Commissioner Ronte R. Harris
Commissioner Gerald A. Gay, III
Commissioner Keith A. Dowdell

Also Present:

Interim City Manager Jack L. McLean Jr.
City Attorney Scott Shirley
City Clerk Sylvia Hicks
Building and Planning Director Bernard Piawah
Police Chief Glenn Sapp
Finance Director Ted Beason
Fire Chief Curtis Bridges
Human Resources Director Maria Francis
Public Works Director Reginald Bell
Utilities Director Robin Ryals
Interim Parks and Recreation Director DeCody Fagg
Community Redevelopment Agency Manager Regina Davis
Administrative Assistant to the City Manager Vancheria Perkins
Main Street Executive Director Alex Sink
Dewberry Engineering Matt Chester
Sergeant At Arms Lieutenant. Eugene Monroe

Also Present Former Mayor-Commissioner Derrick D. Elias

Call to Order

Mayor Sapp called the meeting to order, followed by invocation by Pastor Derrick Jackson of Mt. Carmel Primitive Baptist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Gay exited the meeting.

Commissioner McMillan made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried four to zero.

Special Presentations by Mayor or Commission

Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting

June 26, 2018 Minutes Regular Meeting

Commissioner Gay re-entered the meeting.

Commissioner Dowdell made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2018 regular meeting with corrections if necessary. Correction page 5 (Mr. Bell), page 7 (should not), Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried five to zero

Proclamations

Public Hearings as scheduled or agendaed

Public Opportunity to speak on Commission propositions – (Pursuant to Sec. 286.0114. Fla. Stat. and subject to the limitations of Sec. 286.0114(3) (a). Fla. Stat.)

Resolutions

Resolution No. 1375-2018 Constitutional Amendment – Campaign Spending Limits

Mr. John Dimino of 3126 Brocton Way, Tallahassee, Florida and Mr. Rick Soskis of 2070 Small Pond Road, Havana, Florida came before the Commission to address the issue of supporting a constitutional amended on campaign spending limits.

Commissioner Dowdell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1375-2018 Constitutional Amendment. Commissioner McMillan seconded the motion. The motion carried four to one with Mayor Sapp casting the nay vote.

Reports by Boards and Committees

Reports, Requests, and Communications By the City Manager

Dangerous Building Abatement 819 W. Clark Street

Mr. Piawah, Building and Planning Director told the Commission that this structure had been before the Commission in February of 2017 and at that time there was no funding in the budget for demolition. Therefore, City Staff did not proceed with the dangerous building abatement process. Mr. Piawah stated that the structure had been deemed dangerous to public health and safety by the Building Official. He stated that the building could not be brought into compliance through repairs and that it is a clear danger to health, morals, safety and welfare of the people of Quincy.

Commissioner Dowdell asked what are we going to do with the commercial buildings that are abandoned. Mr. Piawah stated that if they are deemed a danger to the public the Building Official will advise us of that then we will have the structure demolished.

Mayor Sapp asked how would we recoup our \$3,686.00. Mr. Piawah stated the City would place a lien on the property and send them an invoice.

Commissioner Gay made a motion to authorize staff to proceed with the unsafe building abatement initiative and demolish the building at 819 W. Clark Street, Quincy, Florida. Commissioner McMillan seconded the motion. The motion carried five to zero.

Code Enforcement Report

Mayor Sapp commented that it seems that some of the properties are repeat offenders and asked that more stringent penalties are given to the property owners. She stated it seem as they are not taking us serious. Attorney Shirley stated that we could have the notice to the property owners with layered fines.

Interlocal Fire and Rescue Service Agreement with Gadsden County

Fire Chief Curtis Bridges reported to the Commission that the Interlocal Fire and Rescue Service Agreement between the City of Quincy and Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners will expire on September 30, 2018. He also stated that in this agreement the County would like the City to extend the agreement for three (3) more years. Chief Bridges stated that under this agreement, the Quincy Fire Department has provided automatic aide to the unincorporated areas around Quincy as well as Gretna, St. John/Robertsville, Wetumpka, Midway and Interstate 10 from mile marker 173 to mile marker 193. He stated the County as offered an increase in the agreement of 2%, added a new clause which makes the County Manager the final arbiter with all disputes.

Commissioner McMillan stated that he **doesn't** think that a 2% increase is a good deal since we spend 60% of our time in the County, and suggested approximately 60%of the budget is funded by the county. He also stated that this is a horrible deal.

Commissioner Gay stated that he would like for the County to fund two full time Firefighter positions as well as the 2% increase.

Commissioner Harris stated that he agrees with Commissioners Gay and McMillan as to the County funding two positions and the increase be reflective of the time spent the County.

Commissioner Dowdell asked what automatic aid is. Chief Bridges stated that the Fire Department respond automatically. Commissioner Dowdell stated that the County needs to pay their fair share. He suggested a workshop.

The Commission scheduled a workshop to discuss the Interlocal Fire and Rescue Service Agreement for Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 5:00pm.

Mrs. Freida Bass-Preito of 329 East King Street came before the Commission and stated that every person in Quincy has to pay \$61.00 extra dollars to compensate for the Firefighters time spent in County. She stated her concern is that if a fire occur here in Quincy and the Firefighters were called out in the unincorporated areas will there be someone here to come to their aid.

Purchase of Rebuilt Transformers from Florida Transformer

Robin Ryals Utilities Director came before the Commission to request that the City purchase rebuilt transformers to address the growing needs of Trulieve.

Commissioner Gay made a motion to approve that the Commission ratifies the purchase of rebuilt transformers from Florida Transformer (3) 333 KVA transformers for amounts not to exceed \$17,895.00. Commissioner McMillan seconded the motion. The motion carried five to zero.

May Financial Reports

- P-Card Statements
- P-Card Allocation
- Arrearage Report – Mayor Sapp stated that she had noticed a considerable drop in the report. Mr. Beason stated that the deferred payment cycle had ended. Commissioner Harris stated he noticed some of the residential accounts are extremely high and asked the reason why. Mr. Beason stated that those individuals had prior obligations to the City and we have worked with them. Commissioner Harris asked if there was some type of assistance for these individuals. Mr. Beason replied yes.
- Cash Requirements Report – Commissioner Dowdell asked about Motorola and Garber Chevrolet. Mr. Beason stated the Motorola is the console for the Police Department and Gaber is for the vehicles. Commissioner Dowdell stated he noticed that we are behind with OMI. Mr. Beason stated they bill a month ahead.
- Financial Report

Other Items Requested to Be Agendaed by Commission Member(s), the City Manager and Other City Officials

Comments

City Manager

Interim City Manager, Jack McLean requested a special meeting to discuss the renovations at the RD Edwards Building on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 4:30pm. Mayor Sapp, and Commissioners Gay and Dowdell would not be available. The meeting was scheduled immediately following the workshop on the same day.

Robin Ryals, Utilities Director stated that the lights are being installed on Pat Thomas Parkway beginning at Elm Street going south. He stated they will install 81 LED lights.

Commissioner Dowdell asked about all the outages the City is experiencing. Mr. Ryals stated it is the squirrels causing the outages.

Maria Francis, Human Resources Director invited the Commission to a banquet honoring the 2018 Summer Youth Program Employees, Thursday, July 19, 2019 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm. at the Career Source Capital Region located at 1140 W. Clark Street. Ms. Francis stated that program has been a success.

Interim Parks and Recreation Director, DeCody Fagg reported that on August 11, 2018 Willie Simmons FAMU football coach will use our facilities the locker room and Corry Field. He stated that Coach Simmons will also have meet and greet at James A. Shanks Middle School.

Mr. Fagg stated he will also have a concession to raise funds for the cheerleaders.

Mr. Fagg announced that he is hosting his 5th annual football camp July 21, 2018 from 10:00 am. until 2:30 pm. at Corry Field.

City Clerk – None

City Attorney – None

Commission Members

Commissioner Dowdell

- Commissioner Dowdell concern is that the buildings that are not up to code and the owners are out of town and charging high rent, we need to do something about that. He also stated that is why our downtown is looking the way it is **and can't get any business downtown.**

Commissioner Gay

- Recognized Mr. Beason for an outstanding Audit, and commended him on a job well done.

Commissioner Harris

- Commended the City Manager and Staff for the luncheon and stated that he would like to see them do more for the employees.
- He had an opportunity to tour the RD Edwards Building and his hat goes off to Mr. Bell, his employees and Chief Sapp they saved the City a lots of money.
- He too was concerned with the buildings that are not up to code and ask the Manager for some options regarding assistance to bring the building up to code.
- Commissioner Harris stated at the RD Edwards the flooring is a possible safety hazard and safety comes first. Commissioner Gay reminded the Commission that we received a grant from the Historic Preservation and we may have to consult with them first.

Commissioner McMillan

- The holding pond and King and Pittman Street needs some attention.
- Ask when are we going to begin our budget workshops. Mr. Beason stated at the next meeting we will have a preliminary schedule.
- King and Adams Street intersection the pole is broken and the wires need to be place on the pole that was installed several months ago.
- Asked what is the process for applying for a grant and if he was going to bring this up at the meeting. Mr. McLean stated normally we would bring it back to the Commission for approval. Commissioner McMillan stated we must be transparent.
- Commissioner McMillan asked the Commission if they were planning to advertise for the City Manager's position and that Mr. McLean is welcome to apply.

City Manager McLean stated he had provided reports to the Commission. Commissioner McMillan stated this is tax payer's money and requested an analysis of the cost. Commissioner Gay stated he had not received anything he is in the dark. The Manager stated he sent it via text. Commissioner Dowdell commented that now the role is reversed. He stated that he had requested payroll report and is yet to receive it. He stated some employees had received raises and bonuses and used the smart-grid funds on other things beside smart-grid.

Comments from the Audience

Freida Bass-Preito of 329 East King Street came before the Commission and stated she had made a record request for the following items: key log, nor a way to tell when a person has logged on to our system, how many people has been hired with just a PA form, that has no salary rate. Concern that the City lost several years of email and asked why don't we have backup.

Commissioner Harris stated that he enjoys the meetings and most of all he likes hearing from the citizens. He stated sometimes it sounds like a bunch of rhetoric. He asked the Manager if we have had a breach. The Manager we have not had a security breach. City Manager stated he is working on a master key system for all our facilities.

Mayor Sapp

Take a moment to reflect on the life of Dr. Lester A. Black who passed away on June 20th. Dr. Black was a:

- ✓ long-time educator, retiring as Principal of Greensboro Elementary
- ✓ entrepreneur –providing rental homes and homes for sale to countless citizens and jobs through the upkeep and maintenance of his properties
- ✓ he was resident of District 2 as well as his wife Barbara, their daughter Jeanetta and their grandchildren Ariel and Hunter.
- ✓ A resolution was presented to the family
- Thanked the Manager and Staff for the Employee Appreciation Day.

- District 2 Community meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Campbell-Kelly Center.
- Requested a tour of Trueieve.

Commissioner McMillan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gay seconded the motion. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Angela G. Sapp Mayor and Presiding
Officer of the City Commission and
City of Quincy, Florida

ATTEST:

Sylvia Hicks
Clerk of the City of Quincy
Clerk of the City Commission thereof