

CITY OF FORT VALLEY
City Council Meeting
November 30, 2017

The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of the City of Fort Valley was held, Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Barbara Williams presided.

Council Members in Attendance:

- Alonzo Allen
- Jimmy Barnes
- Duke Lane, Jr.
- LeMario Brown
- Juanita Bryant

City Attorney in Attendance: William Jerles

City Administrator in Attendance: Karin D. Vinson, served as recorder

Invocation- Pastor Ed McQueen, First Baptist Church, Fort Valley, GA

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Williams announced that there will be an Executive Session after Reports from Departments.

Announcements (Mayor Williams)

Approval of the Minutes- Motion by Juanita Bryant. Seconded by Duke Lane, Jr. All in Favor.

Special Recognition- Mayor Williams recognized Baja Faith Anniversary with a proclamation. They will celebrate at the Austin Theater on Sunday

Employee of the Month:

- Public Works- Grayling Cummings, Michael Taylor, and Sylvia Fowler
- Public Safety- Parrish Strickland

Special Presentation:

- Captain Bernard L. Harper, Jr. was presented with a proclamation by Mayor Williams
~~~ Mayor Williams announced that there is a vacancy on the DDA Board and if anyone is interested in serving to please submit letters of interest to City Hall. They will make an appointment in January.
- Mayor Williams was presented with a gift from Evangelist Shirley Schofield

***Requests to Address Mayor and Council***

- None

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***New Business***

1. Resolution for alcohol license for Seema Upadhyay, 912 MLK Drive
  - a. Motion to accept resolution by LeMario Brown
    - i. Seconded by Alonzo Allen
    - ii. All in Favor
2. Resolution for alcohol license for Robert Grainger Lunsford, 601 Knoxville
  - a. Motion to accept resolution by Duke Luke, Jr.
    - i. Seconded by LeMario Brown
    - ii. All in Favor
3. Resolution to surplus 202 Oak St. and 206 Oak St.
  - a. Motion to accept resolution by Alonzo Allen
    - i. Seconded by LeMario Brown
    - ii. All in Favor
4. Resolution to place speed bumps at N. First St.
  - a. Motion to accept resolution by Juanita Bryant
    - i. Seconded by LeMario Brown
    - ii. All in Favor
5. Resolution to rebuild Motor for Residential Garbage Truck
  - a. Motion to accept resolution by Jimmy Barnes
    - i. Seconded by LeMario Brown
    - ii. All in Favor
6. Resolution to purchase Scanner for large and small diesel Truck
  - a. Motion to accept resolution by Duke Lane, Jr.
    - i. Seconded by Jimmy Barnes
    - ii. All in Favor
7. Resolution to execute Agreement with P.A.C.
  - a. Motion to accept resolution by Alonzo Allen
    - i. Seconded by LeMario Brown
    - ii. All in Favor
8. Resolution for Fire Fighter Cancer Insurance
  - a. Motion to accept resolution by Juanita Bryant
    - i. Seconded by Jimmy Barnes
    - ii. All in Favor
9. Resolution to adopt Motor Vehicle Report Policy
  - a. Motion to accept resolution by Duke Lane, Jr.
    - i. Seconded by Jimmy Barnes
    - ii. All in Favor
10. Resolution to approve rezoning of 802 State University Drive

Mayor Williams explained that the hearing was held in September 2017 and they voted for the approval to be 30 days at the time pending confirmation of the hearing being advertised.

- a. Motion to accept resolution by LeMario Brown
  - i. Seconded by Alonzo Allen
  - ii. All in Favor

11. Resolution to transfer property to Peach County Board of Education

- a. Billy Jerles explained why we need to transfer to property back to PC BOE
- b. Motion to accept resolution by LeMario Brown
  - i. Seconded by Alonzo Allen
  - ii. All in Favor

Mayor Williams announced about the property swap with DDA and inquired about the status. Billy Jerles stated that he and Kathie Lambert will get together to discuss the properties.

12. Resolution to adopt resolution to abandon property located at Laconia Cir.

- a. Billy Jerles explained that we need to change the language in the resolution to reflect that the property will be abandon instead of given to Larry Harris, Jr.
- b. Motion to accept resolution with necessary changes by LeMario Brown
  - i. Seconded by Duke Lane, Jr.
  - ii. All in Favor
- c. Resolution to transfer property to Larry Harris, Jr.
  - i. Billy Jerles explained the reason why we are transferring the property back to Larry Harris, Jr. He stated the property was transferred to the City in error and we are simply correcting the error.
  - ii. Motion to accept resolution by LeMario Brown
  - iii. Seconded by Juanita Bryant
  - iv. All in Favor

13. Resolution to deny owner of Fazes, Kelvin Davis' alcohol license

- a. Chief Spurgeon explained his reasons for wanting to deny Mr. Davis' renewal of alcohol license. He stated that we have a chief's review every year. He also stated that in regard to the nexus we have for this particular situation is Code 10-10, which list that failure to pass review is a reason to not renew a person's license. His reasons included detailing of the following:
  - i. September 2016- Obstruction of officer call at the club.
  - ii. April 2016- Aggravated Assault- person involved in a shooting when club was closing
  - iii. October 2016- people were existing the club and a male stated that he was going to his car to get a gun. Officers had to get involved as a result of the threat.
  - iv. September 2016- Aggravated Assault. Shots fired called at the club. A person was shot in the shoulder and event was filmed on FaceBook.

- v. 2016- Property damage incident. A vehicle at the club was shot up and a foot chase of the suspect occurred.
  - vi. August 2016- Property damage and shooting incident at the club
  - vii. July 2016- fight occurred at the club
  - viii. June 2016- Civil complaint. Kelvin Davis produced a gun because of a dispute between him and the contractor. The contractor decided not to pursue the charges because he lived in Alabama and did not want to travel back and forth.
  - ix. 2016- State Department of Revenue cited Kelvin Davis for selling alcohol that was not bonded.
  - x. 2016- Contributing to a minor incident- Minor was found in her car by police officer. Minor stated to officer that she consumed alcohol at Fazes.
  - xi. March 2017- shots fired call
  - xii. October 2017- Sgt. Escobedo was in a car chase with a person leaving the club.
- b. Chief Spurgeon reiterated that the club is an attractive nuisance to the community. Alonzo Allen asked if the club is still opened. Chief Spurgeon responded that it hasn't been open for quite a while.
- c. Motion to accept resolution to accept Chief Spurgeon recommendation and deny Kelvin Davis' renewal of his alcohol license by Alonzo Allen
- i. Seconded by Duke Lane, Jr.
  - ii. All in Favor

Mayor Williams then explained that it is the desire of Mayor and Council to be fair to all of the businesses but the citizen's safety is important.

14. Resolution to amend DDA Intergovernmental Agreement.
- a. A discussion commenced regarding explanation of the amendment.
    - i. LeMario Brown motioned to table the discussion until January. No one seconded. Juanita Bryant asked if the amendment in line with our personnel manual. Billy Jerles explained it was his thought that it was. However, if there is confusion on the issue, then it needs to be set aside for further discussion. More discussion occurred and City Administrator reiterated that if there is confusion then it needs to be discussed.
  - b. Motion to accept resolution by Duke Lane, Jr.
    - i. Seconded by Jimmy Barnes
    - ii. Those in Favor- Barbara Williams, Duke Lane, Jimmy Barnes, and Alonzo Allen. Those opposed- LeMario Brown and Juanita Bryant.
- Mayor Williams stated that DDA will have 30 days to sign the agreement.

***Reports from Departments***

**City Marshall Report and Public Safety Report-** Juanita Bryant

**Finance Committee-** LeMario Brown

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**Personnel Committee-** Duke Lane

**Public Works Committee-** Jimmy Barnes

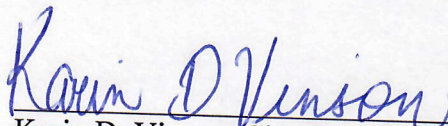
**Economic Development Committee-** Alonzo Allen

Tisa Horton announced about the Ugly Christmas Party that is being hosted at the Austin Theater.

***Executive Session***

***Adjournment-*** 8:04 p.m.

- Motion to Adjourn by Juanita Bryant
- Seconded by LeMario Brown

  
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Karin D. Vinson, City Administrator