

CITY OF FORT VALLEY  
NOVEMBER 15, 2018  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fort Valley interviewed a consultant for the City Administrator vacancy on Thursday, November 15, 2018, at 6:30p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Barbara Williams presided.

Council members in attendance: Alonzo Allen, Jimmy Barnes, LeMario Brown, Juanita Bryant, Marvin Crafter, and Carla Gowen.

Interim City Administrator Carter Crawford was present.

City Attorney Hayden Hooks was present.

Public Safety Director Chief Spurgeon was present.

Public Works Director Ben Carpenter was present.

Administrative Assistant Scakajawea Wright served as recorder.

- I. Call to Order-** 6:30 p.m.
- II. Invocation-** Minister AJ Williams, Central Union Missionary Baptist Church
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
  1. Motion to Approve the Minutes for the following dates:
    1. 10/01/18- Mayor's Briefing
    2. 10/08/18- Mayor's Briefing
    3. 10/09/18- Administration Committee
    4. 10/15/18- Mayor's Briefing
    5. 10/15/18- Public Safety Meeting
    6. 10/15/18- Finance Committee Meeting
    7. 10/16/18- Work Session Meeting
    8. 10/17/18- Economic Development Meeting
    9. 10/18/18- Regular Council Meeting
    10. 10/23/18- Consultant for Interim Interview
    11. 10/25/18- Called Meeting
    12. 10/29/18- Mayor's Briefing
      1. Motioned- Bryant
      2. Seconded- Gowen
      3. All In Favor- Mayor, Allen, Barnes, Brown, Bryant, and Gowen
      4. Crafter did not vote.

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1.Motion Carries.

**V. Approval of Agenda**

1. Motion to add a status report of the hotel project to the agenda.
  1. Motioned- Crafter
  2. Seconded- Gowen
  3. All In Favor- Unanimous

**VI. Announcements**

1. Peach County High School will be playing Friday night at 8pm in the Anderson Stadium. This is the second round of the GIAC playoffs.
2. Dancing with the Stars- Sunday, November 19 from 6 to 9pm.
  1. The funds are being raised for The Kay Center.
3. Public Works Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be November 20<sup>th</sup>.
4. The Christmas Lighting will be Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 5pm under the gazebo.
5. Sip-N-Paint at the Austin Theatre Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>
6. LeMario and Chief Spurgeon will be attending a Cyber Security Training with MEAG Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> from 9-1:30 pm.
7. MIA and POW recognition for “Rolling Thunder” will be held Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
  1. All police and fire vehicles will get stickers.
8. The annual Christmas parade will be December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5pm.
9. The Chambers Christmas party will be held at Fort valley State University’s Agriculture Tech building.
10. The Mayor’s Christmas Party will be at the Austin Theatre Thursday, December 6 from 6 -9pm.
11. Jingle Bell Rocks and slay rides will be at the Austin Theatre December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 -9pm.
12. The Annual Peach Cobbler Drop that’s hosted by the P.A.C. Committee December 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:30pm.

**VII. Special Recognitions**

1. Clinton Ford- Fire Department
2. Ronnie Daniely- Public Works
3. Sylvia Fowler- Public Works

**VIII. Hotel Update**

1. Mayor Williams stated she spoke with the developer yesterday. They may have a ground breaking by the end of the year. They have chosen to go with the Red Lion Inn because they have more flexibility with the development of the hotel. The developers have received and applied for franchise with Red Lion Inn and it has been approved

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A discussion went forth and Marvin Crafter expressed his opinion regarding the process of the hotel. He wishes to be updated and have say on what is to be done with the old hospital site. He wants future updates and for it to be brought before the Council before any other decisions are made.

**IX. New Business**

1. TEFRA moved to number 1.
  1. Motion to adopt the resolution
    - i. Motioned- Crafter
    - ii. Seconded- Allen
    - iii. All in Favor- Unanimous
      1. Motion Carries.
2. Motion to adopt the resolution and allow Chief Spurgeon to purchase the items he need for the trucks.
  1. Motioned- Bryant
  2. Seconded- Allen

A question was asked regarding the air packs.

3. All In Favor- Allen, Barnes, Brown, Bryant, Crafter, Mayor
        1. Motion Carries.
  3. Motion to adopt the resolution to pay 30 hours per week employees holiday pay.
    1. Motioned- Gowen
    2. Seconded- Allen
    3. All in favor- Unanimous

A question was raised and a decision was made to adopt the resolution and revisit it at a later date.

4. Motion to adopt the resolution and request technical assistance for the CHIP Grant Application.
          1. Motioned-Bryant
          2. Seconded- Gowen
          3. All in Favor- Mayor, Allen, Barnes, Brown, Bryant, and Gowen.
          4. Abstained- Crafter abstained because he wanted to add revitalization and beautification to the grant.
    5. Motion to have the Mayor look for grants for beautification.
      1. Motioned- Bryant

Crater stated he want a committee to do the research.

The City's Interim Mr. Crawford has experience with beautification grants. He will get the information to the committee.

***Reports from Departments***

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**Finance Committee-** Carter Crawford

**Personnel Committee-** Carla Gowen

**City Marshall Report and Public Safety Report-** Brown

**Public Works Committee-** Jimmy Barnes

**Economic Development Committee-** Alonzo Allen

**Meeting Adjourned- 7:57 pm**

1. Motioned-Bryant
2. Seconded- Gowen

  
Administrative Assistant Scakajawea Wright