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WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MAY 13, 2025 @ 6:00 P. M.

CITY HALL – 204 W. CHURCH ST.

Present: Mayor Jeffery Lundy, Council Juanita Bryant, Council Fred Hartesveldt, Council Sandra B. Marshall, Council Carla S. Gowen, Council Laronda F. Eason, Council Henry Howard, City Administrator Mr. Gary Lee, Chief Flores, Chief Woodard, Mr. Rosco Miller,

Zoom Attendees:

 Recorder, Diane Brown, City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER-6:00 P.M.
2. INVOCATION-Council Eason
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion Council Eason

Second Council Howard

All in favor motion carried

1. MINUTES REVIEW **–** April 2025
* Committee Meeting
* Work Session Meeting
* City Council Meeting
1. ANNOUNCEMENTS-Mayor and Council
2. PERSON WISHING TO ADDRESS-Mayor and Council

MEETING DECORUM-Police Chief Flores

* Ms. Tisa Horton-FVDDA Board Vacancies

Number of vacancies 3.

Received 6 applications

1 applicant for remaining board member term will serve two yr term

1 core board members applicants will serve

Billy Parker-Expire July 2026

Andrew Felton

Applicants must submit applications, filled out/ along with resume and bio.

Mr. Felton was serving

* MS. Juanita Bryant-Personal

Discussion about Police report, stated crime was down, Officers are leaving the department.

Hostile work environment, crime is high in the city

Asked Chief Flores for number of Officer on shift day and night.

Officers are not leaving due to pay; they are leaving FVPD and making less. Council Bryant has talked with 10 who have left the department. Council Bryant does not want any employees to work in a hostile environment.

Chief Flores-Complaints, Whistle Blower

Council Marshall-waved the paper stating she has 19 on the list that has left.

Mayor Lundy stated we will not discuss personnel issues in a public forum.

Council Bryant it’s not the money, why are they leaving; Chief Flores say the ones he spoke with says it’s the money.

Mayor stated instead of listening to all that’s said we as councilmembers should direct them through the proper channels for complaints.

Council Bryant has asked for the exit interview and not received any.

Concerns about officer’s safety, having fewer officers puts the remaining officer’s life in jeopardy. The public is interested in knowing what we are doing about police protection.

1. REVIEW OF CURRENT CITY OF FORT VALLEY ORDINANCE

REQUEST FOR ADDITION TO ORDINANCE

* Sec. 14-10. Impounding dogs.
* Sec. 14-51. Definitions; exemption.
* Sec. 14-54. Possession requirements.
1. RESOLUTIONS
2. Resolution to appoint Mr. Alton Howard on the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Roscoe Miller currently has 2 board members; Mr. Howard makes 3, needs 2 more for a total of 5 members.

1. Resolution to appoint Mr. Carson Brooks Jr. to the Planning and Zoning Board

Mr. Carson Brooks will be the 6th member making the board fully staffed.

1. Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of a Replacement Engine for the Stormwater Vactor Truck.

Mr. Lopez says it is best to replace the engine, Lemley’s engine quote $46,130.56

Lemley’s Co. has been used in past to replace transmission in a truck.

Still waiting for quotes for a Street Sweeper Truck.

1. A Resolution to Fund Construction of “Welcome to Fort Valley Signs.”

Mr. Lopez has asked for $50,000 for 2 signs, he will get solicit bids to construct different components of the signs, such bids for electrical, etc.

Asking to allocate $50,000 for the two signs, he will get bids for different components of the construction of the signs.

Motion to enter executive session.

Motion-Council Eason

Second-Council Bryant

All in favor motion carried.

Purpose: Personnel

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION-6:46 P.M.
2. Motion to return to regular meeting session

Motion- Council Eason

Second Council-Gowen

All in favor motion carried

RETURN TO THE REGULAR MEETING SESSION: 7:19 P.M.

Mayor Lundy stated the executive session was to discuss personnel no actions taken.

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion-Council Eason

Second-Council Hartesveldt

All in favor motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-7:20 P.M.