

## REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – MAY 24, 2021

The May 24, 2021 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street by Mayor Howard Thrower, III. Present were Jerry Cox, Sr., Demario Byrden, James H. Douglas, Robert L. Gwaltney and Lannis Thornton. Staff Members present were City Manager Chris Addeleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Dana W. Barfield. Also in attendance was Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by Councilman Byrden.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved by all Council Members.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 10, 2021 - Regular Meeting:** Motion to approve minutes was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved by all Council Members.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 10, 2021 - Workshop Meeting:** Motion to approve minutes was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved by all Council Members.

### DELEGATIONS:

**Aaron Clinton Briggs, Sr. – Rethinking Natural Disaster Flood Zone Revisions on Resiliency, Joint Comprehensive Planning, and Transportation Recommendations.** Mr. Briggs who resides at 780 Smart Street SE, Cairo, addressed the council concerning the Little Tired Creek Project where certain tests were positive for hazardous water having fecal coliform present. Mr. Briggs stated that he wanted to speak about three things at the meeting. First, his land and community share Parkers Mill Creek and was implemented consistently in Little Tired Creek Project and other comprehensive planning of surrounding communities in Grady County. Secondly, previous complaints of flooding occurs and multiple rezoning requests implement the same grounds, previous public hearings suggest it is still on the rise. And lastly Mr. Briggs went on to say, land is declared a flood zone and a threat to our community as well as a threat to its economic development process. New ordinances and multiple coding restrictions and processes of different administrations have led to our specific community to the attention of various hardships and project delay due to these complex infrastructure requirements and compliances of approval codes leading us to seek guidance.

**Jeff Mills – Utilities, Holder Park, and Right of Way.** – Mr. Mills did not appear before Council.

**Silvia Salgado – City of Cairo CARES Act Funding For Mission Vision Foundation, Inc. – a Community Outreach to Fund Summer Program.** Ms. Salgado who resides at 216 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW, Cairo, addressed the council concerning Mission Vision Foundation, Inc. She explained that their ultimate mission was to strive to fill the gap in our communities by providing essential needs for at-risk children, as well as creating a support system for families in the areas of education, entrepreneurship, communication, language, literacy, personal, social, emotional, physical and creative development. Ms. Salgado went on to say that through the MVFI young people from grades K-12 are encouraged to become leaders and find their voices through education and the arts. MVFI will also inspire and empower youth, provide anti-bullying initiatives, and coordinate events to showcase their artistic talents and knowledge. Ms. Salgado stated that the goal of MVFI was to raise \$150,000 of which would provide year round (virtual and in person) education and community outreach programs. She also stated that this important work was supported largely by generous donors like the City and Ms. Salgado invited the Mayor and Council to make a contribution to Mission Vision Foundation, Inc.

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

#### OLD BUSINESS:

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Public Hearing –Proposed FY 2021-2022 Budget – Receive Citizen Input.** There was no public input.

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**Consider 2021 Alcoholic Beverage Renewal Applications.** Motion to approve the Alcoholic Beverage Renewal Applications was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved by all Council Members.

**REPORTS:**

**1. Reports from City Manager:**

- GMA District Spring Meeting, June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Alyssa has put together an ad and proposal for the Depot for leasing and there was also a Structural Engineer that went through the building and he will be writing a report on what was found.
- Southern Terrace has dried out from all the rain we have recently received and if you drive by you can see activity going on throughout the property. They also were able to get the basketball courts up and it looks really good.

**2. Reports from Mayor and Council:**

- Councilman Byrden stated that on Pine Circle SW where the water runs down from Southern Terrace the ditches need digging out again. The water is flooding the residence up to their patio. He also stated that he saw the basketball courts at Southern Terrace and they did look really good.
- Councilman Douglas asked Attorney Lehman about the Hammett property on 20<sup>th</sup> Street NE. Attorney Lehman stated that he did not see it going to court until at least September 2021.
- Mayor Thrower wanted to mention that Alyssa Blakely had done a good job marketing the depot.

**Executive Session:**

\_\_\_\_\_ To meet with its attorney to discuss a pending or potential lawsuit, settlement, claim, administrative proceeding or other judicial action brought against or by the city, or any officer or employee of the city, or in which the city or any officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)).

X\_\_\_\_\_ To discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property, or to enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)).

\_\_\_\_\_ To authorize negotiations or the entering into contracts for city purchases of personal property, such as vehicles, equipment, or supplies; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)).

\_\_\_\_\_ To discuss hiring, appointing, compensating, disciplining, or dismissing an employee; (O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2)).

\_\_\_\_\_ To discuss or deliberate on the periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee, or to interview applicants for the position of executive head of an agency; (O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2)).

\_\_\_\_\_ To discuss records that are exempt from disclosure but only if there are no reasonable means by which the agency could consider the record without disclosing the exempt portions of the record if the meeting were open; (O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(4)).

**ADJOURN:** At 6:46 pm motion was made by Councilman Cox to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved by all Council Members.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

DANA W. BARFIELD, CITY CLERK

HOWARD THROWER, III, MAYOR