

City Council of Peachtree City
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 19, 2019
6:30 p.m.

The Mayor and Council of Peachtree City met in regular session on Thursday, September 19, 2019. Mayor Vanessa Fleisch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Others attending: Terry Ernst, Mike King, Kevin Madden, and Phil Prebor.

Announcements, Awards, Special Recognition

Fleisch honored Bob Grove, a school crossing guard, as July's Employee of the Month.

Minutes

September 5, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes

King moved to approve the September 5, 2019, regular meeting minutes. Ernst seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- 1. Consider FY 2019 Budget Amendment – Change Orders, Stormwater Pipe Rehabilitation Projects**
- 2. Consider Permissions for Digital Library of Georgia to Digitize & Provide Online Public Access to Peachtree City Historical Documents**

Ernst moved to approve Consent Agenda items 1 and 2. Madden seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Agenda Items

09-19-01 Consider Bid for Tree Trim & Removal Services – Total Outdoors, LLC

Public Works Superintendent Scott Hicks recommended Council approve Total Outdoors, LLC, the lowest bidder, for tree trimming and removal for a one-year contract, followed by two optional years. He said they had checked references on Total Outdoors and found it to be a reputable company.

King moved to approve New Agenda item 09-19-01, bid for tree trimming and removal services – Total Outdoors, LLC. Prebor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

09-19-02 Consider Draw on Master Lease-Purchase Agreement – Computer & Technology Equipment

Assistant Financial Services Director Kelly Bush explained this was the third draw on the master lease agreement the City signed with Bank of America in January 2017. Every year, the budget included debt services for capital equipment. Staff then came to Council each year with a request to finance because the City paid for the equipment up front, then drew down on the master lease. The total amount was \$1,722,026.64 at an interest rate of 1.8675%. Staff recommended City Council approve Lease Schedule #3 and authorize the Mayor to sign the documents and the Mayor and Council Members to sign the City's Certificate of Incumbency.

Prebor stated that he wanted to clarify for the public what this money was used for; it included the purchase of 10 fully-equipped police cars. Bush said that was correct. Fleisch said she thought they bought the cars, then added the equipment, but Bush said it was all included in the price.

City Manager Jon Rorie remarked that they had changed the mileage requirement several years ago, which required them to update the replacement schedule to include 10 vehicles per year. He asked Police Chief Janet Moon to list the equipment required for a police vehicle.

Moon commented that the amount of equipment in a police vehicle was amazing. They had in-car cameras, body cameras, mobile radios, radars, and other equipment. The car might cost \$30,000, but once it was equipped, the cost jumped to about \$60,000. Moon noted that the officers had everything they needed to function in the field just as they would in the office.

Rorie went on to say the vehicles were downgraded at 125,000 miles, which meant they probably had about 250,000 idle miles on them. He noted that vehicles sat idling at intersections or wherever they were parked with all the computer equipment and cameras running. The policy was to downgrade these vehicles, along with some Fire Department vehicles, to the Public Works Department in order to get more mileage out of them. The City did not just get rid of them; they wore them out, Rorie stated.

Ernst moved to approve New Agenda item 09-19-02, draw on Master Lease-Purchase Agreement – computer and technology equipment in the amount of \$1,722,026.64. Prebor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

09-19-03 Consider \$500,000 Increase to Paving Contract

City Engineer Dave Borkowski said they were asking for this money to process a change order with their current paving contractor to take advantage of some favorable contract prices they had currently. They were recommending they repave the streets in Calgary Place and Muirfield subdivisions. These were identified as paving projects in 2020, but Borkowski said they wanted to take advantage of the prices they had now and get them done.

Fleisch commented that they had approved about 13 miles of paving for 2019 and asked how much this would add. Borkowski told her he did not know the exact mileage. Fleisch noted these subdivisions were mostly made up of short cul-de-sacs.

Rorie added this was a funding battle they had fought for years. It started out that about 64 miles of the City's 190-mile road network had a condition below 80, which indicated it was time to resurface. Depending on the condition, there could be a need to do a full-depth reclamation (FDR), just mill some of the road and repave, or apply sealant to make a good surface last longer.

Right now, the General Fund carried approximately \$1.8 million in the resurfacing program, with the remainder coming from Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) dollars. Rorie stated they had to consider cash flow when it came to rolling out these projects. When the SPLOST was approved in 2017, they did an Infrastructure Management Services (IMS) study that determined condition ratings for all the roadways to determine which should come first. The database was constantly evaluated, and the priorities shifted from year to year. This year, they were under budget in spending on total paving so far, which left a little money. They were coming to Council to ask for an increase in the paving contract based on the current paving numbers in order to get more done this year that was otherwise scheduled for next year. Rorie anticipated returning in the new fiscal year, once they completed the identification and bid for the contract, to ask for more SPLOST dollars to do more roads in 2020.

Rorie said scheduling paving wasn't as simple as saying the City would do 20 or 30 roads a year. It depended on the revenue coming from the SPLOST. They did not want to overspend, but to do it with a reasonable, methodical approach. Rorie noted that he could have approved this change order at a 10% increase, but they wanted to be open about the process. That was why the cover memo said it was 10.4%. They intended to get to as many roads as possible, while protecting the cash.

Fleisch pointed out that they also could not look at just one year of SPLOST proceeds. It was a six-year SPLOST, and there could be several bad years in that span.

Rorie agreed, saying that they had to roll out the approved SPLOST projects, even if there was a sales tax crash next year. If the SPLOST funds were inadequate, the City would have to make up the deficit by using General Fund dollars.

Also, there was no crystal ball for oil prices next year, Borkowski remarked.

Madden moved to approve New Agenda item 09-19-03, \$500,000 increase to paving contract. King seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

King moved to convene in executive session to discuss the lease, acquisition, or sale of real estate at 6:44 p.m. Ernst seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Madden moved to reconvene in regular session at 7:34 p.m. Ernst seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, King moved to adjourn the meeting. Ernst seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Martha Barksdale, Reporting Secretary



Vanessa Fleisch, Mayor