

**CITY OF TIFTON
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MAY 3, 2021
5:30 PM
TIFTON CITY HALL**

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith

Council Member Jack Folk

Council Member Johnny Terrell

Council Member M.Jay Hall

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

Jessica White, City Clerk

Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to the City's Land Development Code, Section 5.02.08: Mobile Food Units

Mr. Rob Wilmot opened the Public Hearing. He briefly reviewed the proposed amendments and zoning procedures. He mentioned the zoning change was prepared by the City so the conflict of interest was not necessary. Ms. Crystal Gaillard, Community Development Director, reviewed the proposed change, which would allow mobile food units in Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning districts. Ms. Gaillard mentioned this request was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and was approved. The public hearing opened for comment, but no one spoke.

Call to Order

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 5:40 PM.

Approval of the Agenda

Council Member Folk made the first motion for approval of the agenda. Motion seconded by Hall and unanimously approved.

Book Presentation by Dr. Joe Lewis

Dr. Joe Lewis presented Mayor Julie Smith with a signed copy of his new book, "A New Farm Language". He briefly discussed the book which is currently available for purchase.

Proclamation Declaring Foster Care Awareness Month

Mayor Julie Smith read aloud the proclamation and presented it to the CASA Staff present.

Proclamation Recognizing Municipal Clerks Week

Mayor Julie Smith read aloud the proclamation and recognized Jessica White and Jocelyn Paulk for their service.

ABAC Rural Studies Program Class Project Presentations in Partnership with URA

Dr. Eric Larson mentioned the ABAC Rural Studies Department partners with the Community Development Department to merge student academic studies with real-life studies. Dr. Larson mentioned his students worked on a seven projects for the City and the students were present to give an update on their projects. Pittman, Natalie Meeks, Brittany Carelock, Jace Pless,

Patrick Tucker, and Jordan Jones each provided Council with an overview of their project completed within the Urban Redevelopment Area. Council thanked the students for their work.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on School Zone Safety and Speed Enforcement Program

Chief Steve Hyman presented the traffic study completed by Blue Line Solutions recently at school zones using photo enforcement cameras. He mentioned the results of the study were troubling and briefly reviewed the report. The traffic study was conducted at five schools and Eighth Street Middle and Northside Elementary had the highest number of violations reported. Lastly he reviewed how the enforcement program would work if implemented. Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the study is being presented to provide Council with the information and staff would only move forward at Council's direction. Council briefly reviewed and discussed.

Resolution Granting Enterprise Zone Incentives to Baxley Properties & Investments for Property Located at 333 Commerce Way

Jessica White presented the application submitted by Baxley Properties & Investments for renovation of the 7,714 square foot historic building. The owner plans to incorporate two commercial spaces in the front of the building and two 2BR/2B apartments in the rear. Ms. White mentioned, based on the application submitted, the project qualifies for an estimated incentive package valued at \$14,783.10. Council reviewed the application and building plan submitted.

Ordinance Amending the City Charter to Allow Adoption of Ordinances upon First Reading

Mr. Wilmot mentioned the ordinance was drafted for consideration by Council to update the Charter and remove the requirement that ordinances must have two readings before being adopted.

Ordinance Amending Section 2.03.03, Table of Uses, of the LDC to Allow Mobile Food Units in Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning

Ms. Crystal Gaillard reviewed the proposed change which would allow food trucks to locate in areas zoned Neighborhood Commercial (NC). Ms. Gaillard mentioned currently food trucks are only allowed in General Business (GB) and Commercial Downtown (CD). Ms. Gaillard prepared a map of areas zoned NC and also provided a list of the properties which would be affected by the change if approved. Council reviewed the information presented and briefly discussed.

City Manager Report

Mr. Pyrzenski gave an update on the 2nd Street Resurfacing Project and presented a new employee recruitment flyer for the police department. Mr. Pyrzenski also asked for Council's recommendation for reopening the restrooms at Fulwood Park and requiring masks in city buildings. Council briefly discussed, but did not recommend making any changes at this time.

Mayor & Council Comments

Council Member Jack Folk encouraged everyone to get vaccinated and discussed intersections which are overgrown and need to be maintained. He also mentioned he has received

complaints that residents are leaving their trash cans at the street and suggested educating the public on the requirement to remove cans following pickup.

Council Member M.Jay Hall encouraged everyone to get vaccinated; and congratulated Mr. Rashod Bateman on being selected by the Baltimore Ravens as a 1st round draft pick in the 2021 NFL Draft.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Mayor Julie Smith called the Special Called Meeting to order at 6:55 pm.

Ordinance Providing for Amendments to the Alcohol Beverage Ordinance

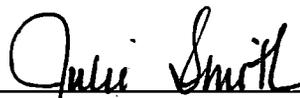
Council Member Hall made the first motion for approval of the ordinance, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

Extension of Hazardous Duty Pay Authorized by Resolution 2020-58

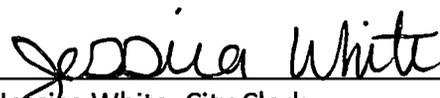
Mr. Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager, recommended extending the hazard pay until June 30, 2021, and mentioned the funding would be paid for with grant funds. After discussion, Council Member Terrell made the first motion to extend the Hazard Pay until June 30, 2021. Motion seconded by Hall and unanimously approved.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,



Julie Smith, Mayor



Jessica White, City Clerk