

The City Council of the City of Harlem, Georgia met for their Regular meeting on Monday, March 26, 2018 at the Public Safety Building at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Roxanne T. Whitaker presiding.

Present: COUNCIL: Mayor Roxanne T. Whitaker, Mayor Pro tem John Thigpen, Councilmember Daniel Bellavance, Councilmember Jennifer Bennett and Councilmember Gregg Stokes; COUNCIL STAFF: City Manager Brett Cook, City Clerk Debra E. Moore, and City Attorney Adam Nelson.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Whitaker at 7:00 p.m.

The Invocation and Pledge were led by City Attorney Nelson.

Approve Agenda: Mayor Pro tem Thigpen made the motion to approve the Agenda as written; 2nd by Councilmember Stokes. The motion carried with Councilmembers Bellavance, Bennett, Stokes and Thigpen voting in the affirmative.

Approval of the Minutes: Mayor Pro tem Thigpen made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2018 Regular meeting with the correction on page 2947; 2nd by Councilmember Bellavance. Discussion: The correction to be made is the title of Councilmember Stokes; it is listed as Mayor Pro tem. The motion carried with Councilmembers Bellavance, Bennett, Stokes and Thigpen voting in the affirmative.

Public Comments: N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 1802 to Amend Title XV: Land Usage to create Chapter 156 Solar Land Use – 2nd Reading & Adoption: Councilmember Bennett made the motion to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 1802 amending Title XV: Land Usage to Create Chapter 156 Solar Land Use; 2nd by Mayor Pro tem Thigpen. The motion carried with Councilmembers Bellavance, Bennett, Stokes and Thigpen voting in the affirmative.

Ordinance No. 1803 to Amend Section 152.047 Conditional Uses Commercial – 2nd Reading & Adoption: Mayor Pro tem Thigpen made the motion to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 1803 to amend Section 152.047 Conditional Uses Commercial; 2nd by Councilmember Bennett. Motion carried with Councilmembers Bellavance, Bennett, Stokes and Thigpen voting in the affirmative.

Ordinance No. 1804 to Amend Chapter 152 Planning & Zoning to create Administrative Procedures for the Issuance of Minor Zoning Modifications – 2nd Reading & Adoption: Councilmember Bellavance made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 1804 to Amend Chapter 152 Planning & Zoning to create Administrative Procedures for Issuance of Minor Zoning Modifications; 2nd by Mayor Pro tem Thigpen. Motion carried with Councilmembers Bellavance, Bennett, Stokes and Thigpen voting in the affirmative.

Home Rule Charter Amendment No. 2018-HR1 to Modify Section 2.14 Pertaining to Conflicts of Interest; Holding Other Offices – 2nd Reading & Adoption: Mayor Pro tem Thigpen made the motion to

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd):

Home Rule Charter Amendment No. 2018-HR1 (cont'd): approve the 2nd Reading of Home Rule Charter Amendment No. 2018-HR1 to Modify Section 2.14 Pertaining to Conflicts of Interest; Holding Other Offices; 2nd by Councilmember Stokes. Motion carried with Councilmembers Bellavance, Bennett, Stokes and Thigpen voting in the affirmative.

Consider Awarding of Banking Services & Depository – Action: Mayor Pro tem Thigpen made the motion to stay with and award Banking Services & Depository with Queensborough National Bank & Trust; 2nd by Councilmember Stokes. Discussion: Currently bank with QNB&T. They have already increased the interest rates on the major accounts and we will realize some savings on the fees for the banking services. City Manager Cook feels it will not be necessary to have a signed contract as they have already made some changes. Motion carried with Councilmembers Bellavance, Bennett, Stokes and Thigpen voting in the affirmative.

Oliver Hardy Festival Committee Appointments – Action: Mayor Pro tem Thigpen made the motion to approve the two Standing Committee and three Ex-Officio members as nominated; 2nd by Councilmember Bellavance. Discussion: Standing Committee: Dawn Sanders and Dave Carlsen; Ex-Officio Committee: Tina Pilgrim of the Arts Council, Tripp Lonergan of Public Safety and Chuck Meadows of Public Safety. City Manager Cook reported that the Merchant's Association would like more information. He wants the advisory committee to make decisions and needs them to start meeting. Mayor Whitaker questioned if the employee that the City is hiring will head the Committee; they will. Motion carried with Councilmembers Bellavance, Bennett, Stokes and Thigpen voting in the affirmative.

Other: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolutions – Action:

- **Resolution No. 2018-3 Georgia Cities Week:** Mayor Pro tem Thigpen made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-3 recognizing April 22-28, 2018 as Georgia Cities Week; 2nd by Councilmember Stokes. Motion carried with Councilmembers Bellavance, Bennett, Stokes and Thigpen voting in the affirmative.
- **Resolution 2018-4 to Amend the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget:** Mayor Pro tem Thigpen made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-4 to amend the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget; 2nd by Councilmember Stokes. Discussion: The request is to amend the Police Department budget for the purchase of a new vehicle; estimated costs of \$30,000.00. Motion carried with Councilmembers Bellavance, Bennett, Stokes and Thigpen voting in the affirmative
- **Resolution 2018-5 to Approve the Surplus of City Equipment:** Councilmember Stokes made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-5 to Approve the Surplus of City Equipment; 2nd by Councilmember Bennett. Discussion: The equipment to be surplus is as follows:
 - 2006 Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAFP71W56X138196 149,779 miles
 - 2007 Dodge Charger VIN# 2B3KA43H57H708721 180,000 miles (approximately)
 - 2007 Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAFP71W97X125940 175,196 miles

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd):

Resolutions – Action (cont'd):

- **Resolution 2018-5 to Approve the Surplus of City Equipment (cont'd):** The motion carried with Councilmembers Bellavance, Bennett, Stokes and Thigpen voting in the affirmative.

MOD-2018-02-01 – The Modification of Zoning Conditions to the Knox Road Section of Hardy Station Development – Action: Mayor Pro tem Thigpen made the motion to approve MOD-2018-02-01 for the modification of zoning conditions to the Knox Road Section of Hardy Station Development to include the Special Condition for the drainage ditch improvement as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff; 2nd by Councilmember Bellavance. Discussion: No wetlands disturbance. The motion carried with Councilmembers Bellavance, Bennett, Stokes and Thigpen voting in the affirmative.

Consider Appointments to the Urban Redevelopment Authority – Action: Councilmember Stokes made the motion to approve the appointment of Gary Holley and Bobby Culpepper to the Urban Redevelopment Authority; 2nd by Mayor Pro tem Thigpen. Motion carried with Councilmembers Bellavance, Bennett, Stokes and Thigpen voting in the affirmative.

Consider Agreements with Municode for Recodification of Ordinances and Website Design – Action: Mayor Pro tem Thigpen made the motion to approve the agreements with Municode for the recodification of the City Ordinances and for the Website Design; 2nd by Councilmember Stokes. Motion carried with Councilmembers Bellavance, Bennett, Stokes and Thigpen voting in the affirmative.

Consider Change of Date of April Council Meetings – Action: Councilmember Bellavance made the motion to move the April Regular meeting date to the 19th of April at 7:00 p.m.; 2nd by Councilmember Bennett. Motion carried with Councilmembers Bellavance, Bennett, Stokes and Thigpen voting in the affirmative.

Other – Resolution 2018-6 Harlem City Council Support of Local Legislation: Councilmember Stokes made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-6 Harlem City Council Support of Local Legislation; 2nd by Mayor Pro tem Thigpen. Discussion: The Resolution is for the support of Local Legislation to be introduced in the General Assembly that would amend the Charter of Harlem to incorporate additional land into the municipal corporate limits. It is also for the approval and amendment of the Fiscal Year 2018 budget to provide for additional staffing in the Police Department and to amend staffing levels to 2.5 officers per 1,000 residents to accommodate future growth. The budget will be amended in the amount of \$28,000.00 for the hiring of an additional officer for the remainder of the fiscal year. Motion carried with Councilmembers Bellavance, Bennett, Stokes and Thigpen voting in the affirmative.

Reports:

- a. Council Reports:** N/A
- b. Mayor's Report:** Included information on the history presentation; new feed and seed store; and the Meet & Greet on April 28 from 9-11 at the Public Safety Building
- c. City Manager Report:** Gave an update on current projects working on.

Announcements:

April 10 Planning Commission Meeting; 6:00 p.m.; Public Safety Building
April 11 Urban Redevelopment Authority Meeting; 9:30 a.m.; City Hall
April 19 City Council Regular Meeting; 7:00 p.m.; Public Safety Building
April 22-28 Georgia Cities Week
April 26 HPC Meeting; 6:30 p.m.; Public Safety Building
April 28 Mayor & Council Meet & Greet; 9 -11 a.m.; Public Safety Building

Executive Session (if necessary): N/A

Items from Executive Session (if any): N/A

With there being nothing further before Council for discussion, Mayor Pro tem Thigpen made the motion to adjourn the meeting; 2nd by Councilmember Stokes. The motion carried with Councilmembers Bellavance, Bennett, Stokes and Thigpen voting in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Moore
City Clerk