



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 16, 2023

Council Meeting - 6:30 PM
CENTER POINT CITY HALL

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

President Collins called the meeting to order.

B. Invocation

Pastor Charles Parker, Center Point Church of Christ, led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

D. Roll Call

Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman Copeland, Councilman Williams, and President Collins were present.

E. Public Comment is limited to 4 minutes each

1. Perry Dunn expressed concerns about loose dogs roaming the neighborhoods and he is concerned someone will be injured. In 2017, his dog was attacked and he had to put her down. That was a traumatic experience for him. He is also concerned about excessive gunfire. He petitioned the council to assist in eradicating the issues.

2. Moses Whitaker expressed concerns about the city being able to recruit new businesses. Some commercial property owners charge small businesses an excessive amount of money to lease their property. For the next budget year, will you consider increasing the grant amount for the Business Incentive Grant? Also, it would be a good idea to advertise that the city has a new building inspector.

Councilwoman Moore- Do we contract with the Humane Society? Mayor Scott- Yes, we do and the contract is up for renewal. Before it is approved, he will schedule a meeting to discuss the conflict in their operating procedures and our ordinance.

President Collins- A valid point raised by Mr. Whitaker is the need to inform commercial business proprietors about the appointment of a new building inspector. Mr. Whitaker, you are welcome to attend an Economic Development Meeting to discuss your business concerns.

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F. Approval of Agenda

President Collins presented the agenda for consideration. Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the agenda was adopted unanimously.

G. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt the February 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

G.1. February 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes

H. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

H.1. Resolution No. 2023-21 Travel Advance

I. Presentation

I.1. Rochelle's Place

Mr. Whitaker stated the mayor was instrumental in making sure he had a fair chance of opening Rochelle's Place. He announced he won a grant that would advertise a 30-second commercial on Spectrum TV. He played the commercial for attendees and everyone congratulated him.

J. Discussion/Action

J.1. Serra Agreement

Mayor Scott- Serra is interested in placing a used car dealership on property they own in Center Point.

Julian Hendrix is in negotiations with Serra and their attorney, Alton Parker. The chief concerns are the amount they are requesting in abatement and that they are not going to put up a permanent structure.

President Collins expressed concerns about the Serra Agreement. Serra has multiple locations in the Birmingham area. They are permanent locations, brick

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and mortar buildings. Why are they giving us crumbs by offering to put a trailer in the city and requesting 50% tax abatement? The Council asked Attorney Hendrix to let Serra know their concerns.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion not to accept the Serra Agreement. Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

J.2. Resolution No. 2023-22 Accepting the quote for repairing multiple bridges at Reed Harvey Park

Mayor Scott stated the bridges are not safe and need to be repaired. Councilman Williams has some concerns about the bids that have been received and would like to review them personally. Additionally, he wants to obtain additional quotes from other contractors before making a decision. The item was tabled.

J.3. Resolution No. 2023-23 Adopting a Social Media Policy

K. Reports- Mayor & Committee Chairs

K.1. Economic Development/Public Safety- President D.M. Collins

The next Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2023.

K.2. Park & Recreation- Councilman Glenn Williams, Sr.

No report

K.3. Public Works- Councilwoman Tiffany Moore

No report

K.4. Education & Library- Councilwoman Sharon Jones

No report

K.5. Finance Report-Councilwoman Ebonee Copeland, Chair

No report

L. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.

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Tameeka Vann, City Clerk

Approved:

D.M. Collins, President

Date:

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