



## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, April 08, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Skip Baliles called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

#### A. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Skip Baliles

Council Member Bill DuVall

Council Member Anne Huntsinger

Council Member Melanie Long

Council Member Lisa Newberry

Council Member Branden Whitfield

Council Member Patti Wolfe

#### B. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Council Member Huntsinger to move the Executive Session to Thursday night and approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Council Member Whitfield.

Voting Yea: Council Member DuVall, Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 6-0.

### 2. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Case #AV24-017: Kensay Ceus has filed an application for an administrative variance to replace and expand a screened-in front porch at 214 Covington Street. The house is currently located within the front yard setback for R-16 and as a result is nonconforming. The variance was denied as a result of the residence being in noncompliance and the applicant filed to appeal the decision to the City Council.

Case was presented by Planning Director Robbie Schwartz.

B. Approval of Final Plat for Sharon Commons Townhome Complex

### 3. FINANCE / HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

A. FY 24 Audit Engagement with McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co.

*Consent Agenda for Thursday Night*

B. Authorization to reassign \$250,000.00 (WF) and \$250,000.00 (GF) to Retirement\*

*Consent Agenda for Thursday Night*

### 4. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Police Department Second Floor Remodel - \$110,905.40 (includes 10% Contingency) 2019 Walton County SPLOST

*Consent Agenda for Thursday Night*

### 5. PUBLIC UTILITIES / TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

A. 2024 LMIG Bid Recommendation - Garrett Paving Company, Inc \$818,559.99

***Consent Agenda for Thursday Night***

- B. Pecan Street Annual Water Tank Maintenance - \$16,285.01

***Consent Agenda for Thursday Night***

**6. PUBLIC WORKS / FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

- A. Elevator Service / Repair - \$36,294.25

***Consent Agenda for Thursday Night***

**7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

- A. Walton County IGA - West Walton Park for Independence Celebration

***Consent Agenda for Thursday Night***

- B. DDA Reactivation - Discussion  
Open posting for applicants for DDA online.
- C. Downtown Logo / Branding - Discussion
- D. Engineering for Sewer Relocation / Upgrade for Downtown - Discussion
- E. Town Green Relocation - Discussion  
City Manager to obtain RFG/RFP to explore ideas and potential cost.

**8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**9. CITY ATTORNEY'S UPDATES / REPORTS**

- A. New Chapter 4 - Alcohol Ordinance – ***Action Thursday Night***
- B. Motion to appoint, Rosenthal Wright LLC as new law firm – ***Action Thursday Night***

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Real Estate Matters – *Thursday Night***

**11. ITEMS FOR THURSDAY NIGHT**

- A. Planning Commission Appointments
- B. FY 23 Audit Presentation
- C. March Meeting Minutes
- D. March Financial Report

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comments are limited to five minutes per speaker unless additional time is given by the Mayor. Each speaker should approach the podium and state their name and address for the record. All public comments are to be directed to the Mayor and Council and not the audience. Public Comments should follow general rules of appropriate decorum.

The following individuals addressed the Mayor and Council:

- Larry Combs, 747 Jacoby Drive
- Ira Willis, Toast'd Up 263 Main Street
- Donald Camp, 4615 Hwy 78

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Council Member Whitfield to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Huntsinger. Voting Yea: Council Member DuVall, Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.