

# **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

## **October 14, 2019**

The work session and regular meeting of the Grovetown City Council were held on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Gary E. Jones, Mayor Pro-tem Eric Blair, Councilmember Sylvia Martin, Councilmember Deborah Fisher, and Councilmember Allen Transou.

Also present were Human Resources Director Elaine Matthews, Public Works Director Michael Woods, Public Safety Director Scott Wheatley, Assistant Police Chief Robert Eastman, Leisure and Recreation Services Director Janey Wheatley, Finance Director Bradley Smith, Staff Accountant Kristal Singletary, City Planner Jonathan Bush, City Attorney Chris Dube, City Administrator John Waller and City Clerk Roxanne Brown.

Council conducted a work session to review agenda items at 6:00 p.m.

1.

### **Call Meeting to Order/Announcement of Quorum**

Mayor Jones called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and acknowledged a quorum.

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### **Invocation**

The invocation was given by Councilmember Blair.

3.

### **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Mayor Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Councilmember Blair made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Transou seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

5.

### **Approval of September 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Councilmember Martin made a motion to approve the September 9, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Councilmember Blair seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

6.

### **Committee Chair Reports**

#### **Public Safety**

Councilmember Blair reported the call volume information for the Police Department and Fire Department for the month of September and deferred the remainder of the report to Chief Wheatley. He also thanked Loida Hubbard for the outstanding job she does in assisting the Public Safety staff.

#### **Utility Billing and Public Works**

Councilmember Fisher deferred the report to Director Woods.

#### **Planning and Development**

Councilmember Transou deferred his report to City Administrator Waller.

#### **Leisure and Recreation Services**

Councilmember Martin reported the employees had been busy keeping the City looking nice and deferred the remainder of the report to Director Wheatley.

#### **Administration**

Mayor Jones deferred his report to City Administrator Waller.

7.

### **Financial Statement**

Councilmember Blair made a motion to approve the financial statement. Councilmember Martin seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

8.

### **Public Announcements**

Mayor Jones announced that he and Chief Wheatley are working on parking issues on the narrow streets and warning customers with doorhangers before any action is taken. He said there are not many areas of concern, but this is necessary in the interest of public safety.

Councilmember Transou stated that when a subdivision is approved, the builders should be required to make the roads wide enough.

Councilmember Martin stated her concern over children playing in the road in subdivisions.

9.

### **Citizen Comments**

Mario Foti spoke regarding the fees of \$800 to install the meter and the \$800 to take the meter out. Suggested the wording be changed to wait until a new customer moves in to see if they want to keep it. He said the stormwater fee is reasonable but there are some seasonal residents. Suggested the minimum water bill be \$25.00.

**General Business: Old**

**10.**

**10A.**

**Recommend Adoption of Ordinance 2019-09-01A – Annexation Under the 100% Method of 14.91+/- acres (Map/Parcel 069 103) owned by Faheem Nusrat and Sarosh Shafiq – Second Reading**

Councilmember Blair made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-09-01A – Annexation Under the 100% Method of 14.91+/- acres (Map/Parcel 069 103) owned by Faheem Nusrat and Sarosh Shafiq. Councilmember Transou seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

**10B.**

**Recommend Adoption of Ordinance 2019-09-01B – Establish Zoning Designation for Annexed Property 14.91 acres currently Zoned R-1 (Columbia County Zoning) to CC6 (Neighborhood Residential, City of Grovetown Zoning) owned by Faheem Nusrat and Sarosh Shafiq – Second Reading**

Councilmember Transou made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-09-01B – Establish Zoning Designation for Annexed Property 14.91 acres currently Zoned R-1 (Columbia County Zoning) to CC6 (Neighborhood Residential, City of Grovetown Zoning) owned by Faheem Nusrat and Sarosh Shafiq. Councilmember Blair seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

**10C.**

**Recommend Adoption of Ordinance 2019-09-02 – Amend Chapter 16 of City Code to Adopt Regulations for Wireless Facilities and Antennas – Second Reading**

Councilmember Transou made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-09-02 – Amend Chapter 16 of City Code to Adopt Regulations for Wireless Facilities and Antennas. Councilmember Blair seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

**10D.**

**Recommend Adoption of Ordinance 2019-09-03 – Amend and Restate Chapter 16 of City Code to Adopt Aesthetic Standards for Public Right-of-Way Regulations – Second Reading**

Councilmember Fisher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-09-03 – Amend and Restate Chapter 16 of City Code to Adopt Aesthetic Standards for Public Right-of-Way Regulations. Councilmember Transou seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

**10E.**

**Recommend Adoption of Ordinance 2019-09-04 – Amend and Restate Chapter 5 of City Code to Adopt Revised Flood Damage Prevention Regulations – Second Reading**

Councilmember Blair made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-09-04 – Amend and Restate Chapter 5 of City Code to Adopt Revised Flood Damage Prevention Regulations. Councilmember Martin seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

**10F.**

**Recommend Adoption of Ordinance 2019-09-05 – Amended Retirement Agreement to Establish Five-Year Vesting Requirement for Current City Administrator – Second Reading**

Councilmember Martin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-09-05 – Amended Retirement Agreement to Establish Five-Year Vesting Requirement for Current City Administrator. Councilmember Blair seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

**11.**

**General Business: New**

**11A.**

**Recommend Approval of Mauldin and Jenkins, LLC to Conduct Audit of 2019 Budget**

Councilmember Blair made a motion to approve Mauldin and Jenkins, LLC to Conduct Audit of 2019 Budget. Councilmember Martin seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

**11B.**

**Recommend Approval to Hire a Second Code Enforcement Officer and Associated Duty Description for the Position**

Councilmember Blair made a motion to approve to hire a second code enforcement officer and associated duty description for the position. Councilmember Transou seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

**11C.**

**Recommend Adoption of Resolution 2019-10-01, Extension of Multifamily Residential Development Moratorium South of Robinson Avenue**

Councilmember Martin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-10-01, Extension of Multifamily Residential Development Moratorium South of Robinson Avenue. Councilmember Blair seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

**11D.**

**Recommend Acceptance of Bid and Approval of Award to Perform Work Associated with the City Traffic Signage Project to Horizon Construction & Associates Whose Bid was \$78,575**

Councilmember Blair made a motion to accept the bid and approve to award the bid to perform work associated for the city traffic signage project to Horizon Construction & Associates in the amount of 78,575 . Councilmember Transou seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

12.

**Director's Reports**

Directors briefed the Council on recent activities of their respective departments.

13.

**Adjourn**

Councilmember Blair made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Councilmember Transou seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

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Gary E. Jones, Mayor

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Eric Blair, Mayor Pro-tem

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Sylvia Martin, Councilmember

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Deborah Fisher, Councilmember

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Allen Transou, Councilmember

Attest:

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Roxanne Brown, City Clerk