

**MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, November 25, 2014  
W. Elmer George Municipal Hall  
100 South Hill Street  
9:00 A.M.

Those present: Chairperson Ryan McLemore, Commissioners Doug Hollberg, Dick Morrow, Cora Flowers, Cynthia Reid Ward, Rodney McCord, City Manager, Kenny Smith.

Those absent: Commissioner Joanne Todd

Chairman Ryan McLemore called the workshop meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Toussaint Kirk opens with a discussion of an ordinance amending the Unified Development Code of Griffin at Article 2, making sure we are in compliance with the fair housing act for persons with disabilities for local government. This is step one and later will address group homes and personal care homes.

Chief Steve Heaton discusses an amendment to the Alcohol Ordinance, which requires the installation of security cameras at those businesses licensed to sell alcohol by the package for off premises consumption. He states that the cameras can be a deterrent to those who may want to commit a crime at those businesses. Video evidence is very helpful for internal and external theft. There are forty stores in the City of Griffin that sell alcohol and of those, thirty-five stores have no camera system or, poor quality video systems. Five stores have quality video and were able to solve their reported crimes. The average cost of a system is close to \$1000.00 and that is what we are proposing in our ordinance.

Several Commissioners expressed concerns to Chief Heaton regarding telling those businesses they would have to install security cameras according to the ordinance. There was discussion on possibly offering a discount on their occupational tax in order to offset the purchase of the security system, allowing them to comply with the ordinance and not be fined.

Dr. Brant Keller discusses the DOT options for the LCI design. Option 1 is the shared bike lane and option 2 is a dedicated bike lane. Option 2 is the most reasonable of the options because it meets the criteria, according to GDOT, but there is a possibility that in the future, they can come back and make revisions. However, Dr. Brant Keller said it is very unlikely that the revisions would take place.

Dr. Brant Keller discusses the 2014 Stormwater Utility Annual Report. He stated they passed their first audit in their permit and the Second Reading for adoption of the design manual will be this evening. The Environmental Council was created and came up with several projects. He advised along with AZ Kelsey, we have several other locations for stream bank restoration. Mr. Grogan's Eternal Hope Hospice site is almost complete. The school program went well, and we had a great deal of interaction with water days.

*On motion by Commissioner Hollberg, seconded by Commissioner Morrow and unanimously passed, approval to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(4) for the purpose of discussing and acting upon the acquisition of real estate.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Kenny Smith, Secretary

Accepted:

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Ryan McLemore, Chairman