

**CITY OF GRIFFIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
ONE GRIFFIN CENTER, W. ELMER GEORGE MUNICIPAL HALL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015**

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Chairperson Doug Hollberg presided, calling the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners attending included: Cynthia Reid-Ward, Dick Morrow, Ryan McLemore, Cora Flowers and Rodney McCord. Absent was Commissioner Joanne Todd who is recovering from knee surgery. Also present were City Manager Kenny L. Smith, City Attorney Andrew Whalen, III, and Teresa Watson to record minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance.....Commissioner Morrow
Invocation.....Chairman Hollberg

Approval of Agenda

Motion/second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/Morrow to approve Agenda carried by a vote of 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS / DELEGATIONS

There were none.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Receive comments regarding a request for a variance from Section 714, Planned Commercial Development (PCD), to reduce the side yard setback requirement from fifteen (15) feet to six (6) feet for a proposed development at 1447 North Expressway, submitted by Halpern Enterprises. *Planning and Development Director Toussaint Kirk will address.*

Director Kirk advised the applicant has requested a variance to a side yard setback from fifteen to five feet nine inches. Staff recommends approval of the request. Commissioner Morrow said he assumed the Board would approve, but he hoped for nicer landscaping on this project rather than the bare minimum. A Halpern representative was present. There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Consider approval of the Minutes of the August 11, 2015 City Board of Commissioners' Regular Scheduled Meeting.

Motion/second by Commissioners Morrow/Reid-Ward to approve Consent Agenda carried 6-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Consider request for a variance from Section 714, Planned Commercial Development (PCD), to reduce the side yard setback requirement from fifteen (15) feet to six (6) feet for a proposed development at 1447 North Expressway, submitted by Halpern Enterprises. *Planning and Development Director Toussaint Kirk will address.*

Motion/second by Commissioners Morrow/McLemore to approve as presented carried 6-0.

4. Consider purchasing one 265IP30 refuse compactor from Wastequip Inc., the NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance) and State of Georgia approved vendor for purchase price of \$20,880.30 including freight, for use at the new development on Meriwether Street, the Oaks at Park Pointe, and amend the budget accordingly. *Central Services Director Phill Francis will address.*

Motion/second by Commissioners Morrow/Reid-Ward to approve the compactor purchase as presented and amend the budget accordingly carried by a vote of 6-0.

5. Consider approving purchase of five hundred (500) 95-gallon residential refuse carts from Otto Environmental Systems at a per-unit cost of \$46.00 each, totaling \$23,000.00 plus \$975.00 freight for a grand total of \$23,975.00. *Central Services Director Phill Francis to address.*

Motion/second by Commissioners McCord/Reid-Ward to approve purchase of five hundred residential refuse carts as presented carried by a vote of 6-0.

6. Consider sale of excess power by MEAG Power on behalf of the City of Griffin not to exceed 5 megawatts of Griffin's existing power portfolio. *Director Bill Bosch will address.*

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Motion/second by Commissioners Morrow/McCord to approve sale of excess power as presented carried by a vote of 6-0.

7. Consider the purchase of Real Estate Easement for sewer easement on Vaughn Blake Post 8480 Inc. Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. in the amount of \$830.00 for the Water and Wastewater Department of the Public Works and Utilities Department. *Director of Public Works and Utilities Department Brant D. Keller will address.*

Motion/second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/Morrow to approve purchase of a sewer easement for VFW Post 8480 as presented carried by a vote of 6-0.

8. Consider approval of Geo-Hydro Engineers for the testing of construction materials for projects PI 0008237 & PI 0008238 City of Griffin Intersection Improvements in the amount of \$25,500.00 for the Public Works and Utilities Department. *Director of Public Works and Utilities Brant D. Keller will address.*

Motion/second by Commissioners Morrow/Reid-Ward to approve contract with Geo-Hydro Engineers as presented carried by a vote of 6-0.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Email notification that we received the \$500,000 CDBG grant for sewer projects in north Griffin.
- GMA District 4 meeting in Milner at Tim's Lighthouse on September 17 at 6:30. Will need responses by the next Board of Commissioners' meeting on September 8.
- Citizens Government Academy will start on September 10 with 21 students.
- Labor Day holiday is coming up on September 7, but the meeting on September 8 will be held.
- Mrs. Todd's surgery went well and she is recuperating nicely.

CITY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Flowers, Reid-Ward, Morrow, McLemore – No comment.

McCord – Congratulations to Chairman Hollberg on his 25th wedding anniversary.

Hollberg – Thanked everyone for their hard work and to Halpern for all they do in the City.

ADJOURN

Motion/second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/Morrow to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenny L. Smith, City Manager/Secretary

Accepted:

Douglas S. Hollberg, Chairperson