

CITY OF HAHIRA

JUNE 4, 2024

WORK SESSION

6:00 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session on June 4, 2024 with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Mason Barfield, Klayton Luke, David Lindsey and Mayor Pro Tem Louise White. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Fire Chief David Thompson, Police Chief Stryde Jones and MSD Jennifer Price were all present.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bruce Cain

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Mayor Bruce Cain

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

A. APRIL 30, 2024 WORK SESSION/SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

B. MAY 2, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or corrections regarding the minutes. None noted.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. FY23 BUDGET AMENDMENTS (COUNCIL MEETING)

City Manager Jonathan Sumner stated that he and the Mayor met with Auditor Nick Valenti today and we have a clean opinion. He stated there were no areas for improvement. There were a few amendments and he reviewed them. I have sent a memo with them listed. Nick Valenti will be here on Thursday night to review the Audit and answer any questions you may have. City Manager stated the Auditors did a great job with time, good price and quality work. Thank you to the Admin staff, Ms. Carol, Victoria and Lisa

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the bills. None noted.

DISCUSSIONS:

A. FY23 AUDIT (COUNCIL MEETING-VALENTI, RACKLEY AND ASSOCIATES)

This will be discussed at the Thursday night Council meeting.

B. EAST PARK STREET SIDEWALK; RANDALL STREET RESURFACING-LMIG (COUNCIL MEETING/CARTER & SLOOPE)

This will be discussed at the Thursday night Council meeting.

C. WOODBRIDGE DRAINAGE REBID-ARPA FUNDS (COUNCIL MEETING-CARTER & SLOOPE)

This will be discussed at the Thursday night Council meeting.

D. SPEED BUMPS (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that the City Attorney could not be here tonight but he will be here Thursday night. He is reviewing the Valdosta Ordinance to see if we may want to use that as guidance. If we decided to have speed bumps we would need engineering study and traffic meters and this could cost a lot of money. It also stated that 70 per cent of property owners would have to approve in the area. We will just have to look at the language of the ordinance. Councilmember Luke said I think we need to talk to Chief Jones and see if we might be able to get extra patrol in those areas of concern and we should also maybe speed check devices.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:

A. PUMPER ORDER-SPLOST IX, X,XI (CHIEF THOMPSON)

Chief Thompson stated he is to request new purchase of a pumper truck. The trucks we have now are getting old. Engine 1 is 29 years old and Engine 2 is 19 years old. It is only recommended to have them in service for 15 years and out of service by 25 years. Our trucks are in good condition at this time but there is a delay in delivery after you ordered from 28-33 months. City

Manager Sumner stated that we have 3 more annual payments on the truck that we have now in the amount of \$58,000 per year. We would not start paying for the new truck until 1 year after delivery so this gives us some time. This would be paid out of SPLOST 9, 10 and 11. We are trying to be proactive. Mayor Pro Tem White stated we have three more years to pay on the truck that we have now but I feel we need to take care of the water issues before we move to buy another truck so that we can see where we stand with money. I think we should table this for now. I also think we need another fire station on the West side of town. City Manager Sumner stated we are in discussions with Senator Warnock's office and are looking at a Federal grant to help pay for the rebuild of well #1 but nothing is concrete at this time. The cost of the pumper would be \$750,000-\$900,000 and would be annual payment estimation of \$60,000-\$75,000 annually and would start in 2028. The current payment on the ladder truck is \$58,000 annually, and would be paid off in 2027. The ISO and safety should improve with this purchase. Councilman Lindsey said he agrees, he thinks we should table this for now. Councilman Luke asked what kind of savings we would see with new truck. Thompson said it depends on many factors so I could not give you numbers. Councilman Barfield said maybe we should research City our size and compare to see the ISO

ratings. Thompson stated Lowndes rating is 5 and Valdosta is 1. We are at 3.

B. BILLBOARDS-TRAILHEAD MEDIA -\$12,690 (MDS PRICE)

MSD Price stated she would like to renew the billboards on I-75 for 13-month period. City Manager Sumner stated this would come out of budget under the General fund/supply promotional. Councilman Luke asked if we have any statics information that will help in the decision. Does it bring in more revenue? Or maybe how many people pass it. MSD Price stated Valdosta pulled their support. City Manager Sumner stated that they pulled the support of the tourism board because we only have no hotels. The renewal date will be the end of June. Councilman Lindsey said we need to cut spending and not raise taxes. Citizens are struggling . MSD Price stated that tourist are important.

SET JUNE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

-FY23 AUDIT

-EAST PARK STREET SIDEWALK; RANDALL STREET RESURFACING

-WOODBRIAGE DRAINAGE RE-BID

SPEED BUMPS

NO CONSENT AGENDA.

ITEMS REMOVED

Mayor Pro Tem White made a motion to go into Executive session to discuss personnel which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Luke, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem White made a motion to exit Executive session which was seconded by Councilman Luke. Councilman Luke, Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.

Councilman Barfield made a motion to Adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Luke. Councilman Luke, Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Bruce Cain

City Clerk Lisa Mashburn