

Anniston, Alabama

May 28, 2019

The City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama, met in Special Session in the Council Chamber of the City of Anniston, Alabama, on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at approximately 8:10 o'clock a.m.

Shane Denham, Police Chief, prayed the Invocation.

Shane Denham, Police Chief, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Draper called the meeting to order. On call of the roll, the following Council Members were found to be present: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Little, Harris, and Draper, absent: none. A quorum was present and the meeting opened for the transaction of business.

Jay Johnson, City Manager, was present.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, Harris, and Draper; nays: none; abstentions: Council Member Little. The motion carried and the agenda was adopted.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve the Recommendation to Reject Bid received for Remodeling of Temporary City Hall Lease space due to cost. The motion was seconded by Council Member Reddick and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Reddick, Little, Harris, and Draper; nays: none; abstentions: Council Member Jenkins. The motion carried.

Mayor Draper made a motion to authorize the Project Architect and City Manager to make material changes to the Scope of Work for Renovation of Temporary City Hall Lease Space to reflect cost constraints and authorize Project Architect to solicit Bids for Revised Bid. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris.

Council Member Little stated that he would not vote for this because he doesn't have the confidence or trust by the way things are unfolding. They just received this information this morning and it is not right. He stated that is was disrespectful. Council Member Little stated he asked for an ethics opinion, and attorney general's opinion even before going down there and he wants it on the June 4 agenda.

Council Member Reddick stated he does not know the scope of what he is voting on with a one-page agenda.

Mayor Draper stated that ultimately it is to reduce cost and try to be as cost effective as possible.

Council Member Jenkins stated that they were not voting on a scope but to give the authority to the project architect and city manager to define those scope changes.

Jay Johnson, City Manager, stated they will take out a couple of walls, reduce height on a couple of walls, divide the project into 2 phases. He stated that the time difference will allow for more bidders and take time constraints off the job.

Council Member Little stated that as an elected body they should be given information until they say stop. He stated that he wants to be in the process. Everything is time sensitive and that is because they are not in the group collectively and doing the things they should be and keeping the public informed.

Council Member Harris stated that she sees this as a cost saving measure, and giving the city manager and the professional involved the authority to move forward instead of being bogged down. She stated that under the council manager act, the council is not to be involved in the daily operations of the city.

On call of the roll, the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Harris, and Draper; nays: Council Member Little; abstentions: Council Member Reddick. The motion carried.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve consideration of an alternative meeting site for City Council meetings in August 2019. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris.

Council Member Little stated that he wants his office located in the Multi-Modal Center to better serve his constituents.

On call of the roll, the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, Little, Harris, and Draper. The motion carried.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve acknowledging Health Care Authority approval of a 30-day time extension for consideration by City Council of nominations to the Authority. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris.

Council Member Little stated that he does not recognize the Health Care Authority one iota and the only reason he is voting is because of Council Member Jenkins. Ed Brown is his appointment and he does not plan on changing that for Ward 3.

On call of the roll, the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, Little, Harris, and Draper. The motion carried.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the sale or exchange of real properties. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, Little, Harris, and Draper. The motion carried and the council was adjourned into executive session at approximately 8:36 a.m.