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Anniston, Alabama
June 9, 2014

The City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama, met in Regular Session in the Council Chamber in the City Hall of the City of Anniston, Alabama, on Monday, June 9, 2014, at approximately 5:33 o'clock p.m.

Reverend Christopher Kevin Hartley, St. Michaels, prayed the Invocation.

Reverend Christopher Kevin Hartley, St. Michaels, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Brian Johnson, City Manager, was present.

Bruce Downey, City Attorney, was present.

Council Member Reddick made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of May 12, 2014. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none. The motion carried.

Council Member Reddick made a motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2014. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none. The motion carried.

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

George Levert addressed the Council concerning political signs on public right of ways and the need to issue citations to the offenders.

Glen Ray, 3514 Dale Hollow Road, addressed the Council and stated that the lady he had here at the meeting had a gun pulled on her by Anniston Police Officer Murphy.

Jerrica Bailey, 1512 Crane Avenue, addressed the Council about an incident where Officer Murphy pulled a gun on her in front of her home.

Mayor Stewart announced that was the time for the Board Confirmation Hearing for Dr. George Crawford, Jr. and his nomination to the Regional Medical Board.

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Mayor Stewart asked Dr. Crawford what his feelings were on expanding RMC outside the city of Anniston as far as residential beds.

Dr. Crawford stated that to secure RMC's place in the community and the future of RMC the physician community had to make patients understand that what they need is here at RMC. He stated patients want access to the care that they need.

Council Member Jenkins asked Dr. Crawford would he fight to keep beds in Anniston.

Dr. Crawford stated he would fight to keep beds in Anniston.

Council Member Selase asked Dr. Crawford why he wanted to be on the RMC board.

Dr. Crawford stated he wanted to be proactive with changes at RMC and he loved RMC and the community.

Council Member Selase asked Dr. Crawford how he would know what was going on in the clinics.

Dr. Crawford stated he already runs his own clinic and he knows the questions to ask to make sure he would know what was happening in the clinics.

Council Member Selase asked Dr. Crawford what would be the first he would change if he was on the board.

Dr. Crawford stated that changes could be made to make sure the patient was getting the care they need at their bed side.

Council Member Harris asked Dr. Crawford if attending meetings of the board would be a problem.

Dr. Crawford stated he would not have a problem attending meetings.

Mayor Stewart announced that was the time for the public hearing regarding the 2014 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council regarding the 2014 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

Harold Ray, 905 High Street, addressed the Council and stated he was concerned with the health of their children in the city and asked why they could not get grants for summer programs for the children.

Mayor Stewart asked if anyone else wished to address the Council regarding the 2014 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

No one else addressed the Council regarding the 2014 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

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Mayor Stewart declared the public hearing regarding the 2014 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program closed.

Mayor Stewart announced that was the time for the public hearing regarding a restaurant retail liquor application for Cali Dreaming Inc., d/b/a Cali's Fresh Mexican located at 1801 Quintard Avenue, declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council regarding a restaurant retail liquor application for Cali Dreaming Inc., d/b/a Cali's Fresh Mexican located at 1801 Quintard Avenue.

No one addressed the Council regarding a restaurant retail liquor application for Cali Dreaming Inc., d/b/a Cali's Fresh Mexican located at 1801 Quintard Avenue.

Mayor Stewart declared the public hearing regarding a restaurant retail liquor application for Cali Dreaming Inc., d/b/a Cali's Fresh Mexican located at 1801 Quintard Avenue closed.

Council Member Selase made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- (a) Resolution authorizing reimbursements to city officials for expenses incurred while traveling away from the City. (14-R-155)
- (b) Resolution appointing a member to the RMC Board. (14-R-156)
- (c) Resolution funding the Calhoun Cleburne County Drug and Violent Crime Task Force for fiscal year 2015 and authorizing the Mayor to sign said documents. (14-R-157)
- (d) Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application under the Farmers Market Promotion Program. (14-R-158)
- (e) Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Rebate Agreement with Creedmoor Sports, Inc. (14-R-159)
- (f) Resolution authorizing economic development incentive to Cali Dreaming Inc., d/b/a Cali's Fresh Mexican. (14-R-160)
- (g) Resolution approving the City of Anniston's participation in the State of Alabama Sales Tax Holiday as authorized by Act No. 2006-574 for the Year 2014. (14-R-161)
- (h) Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement on behalf of the Anniston-Calhoun County HOME Consortium with Habitat for Humanity of Calhoun County, Alabama. (14-R-162)
- (i) Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement with the Calhoun County 9-1-1 District to provide law enforcement telecommunication and radio dispatch services. (14-R-163)
- (j) Motion to approve a Restaurant Retail Liquor application for Cali Dreaming Inc. d/b/a Cali's Fresh Mexican located at 1801 Quintard Avenue.
- (k) Motion to approve a Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) application for Chadwick Ervin Romine d/b/a 23rd Street Grocery located at 321 W 23rd Street.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none. The motion carried.

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Council Member Jenkins introduced and read Ordinance Number 14-O-15 as follows:

(14-O-15, amending Section 34.20 of the City Code providing an alternative procedure for the repeated maintenance of noxious and overgrown grass and weeds by the City)

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 14-O-15 as introduced and read. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none. The motion carried. Unanimous consent of the Council having been granted for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 14-O-15 as introduced and read, Council Member Selase made a motion for the passage and adoption of Ordinance Number 14-O-15 as introduced and read. The motion was seconded by Council Member Reddick; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 14-O-15 was passed and adopted.

Council Member Selase introduced and read Ordinance Number 14-O-16 as follows:

(14-O-16, changing speed limits)

Council Member Selase made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 14-O-16 as introduced and read. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none. The motion carried. Unanimous consent of the Council having been granted for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 14-O-16 as introduced and read, Council Member Jenkins made a motion for the passage and adoption of Ordinance Number 14-O-16 as introduced and read. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris.

Council Member Reddick stated that usually when they change a speed limit there is traffic survey that needs to be done. He stated he did not know if they were following the process correctly.

Brian Johnson, City Manager, stated that this process is the result of the residents of this area unanimously requesting this speed limit reduction. He stated the steps they needed to take to pass this ordinance had been taken.

Council Member Selase stated that the speed change was the result of a meeting he had with about thirty of his constituents, the Public Works Director and the City Manager.

On call of the roll on Council Member Jenkins' motion for the passage and adoption of Ordinance Number 14-O-16 as introduced and read and Council Member Harris' second to said motion the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none; abstentions: Council Member Reddick. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 14-O-16 was passed and adopted.

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Council Member Selase introduced and read Resolution Number 14-R-164 as follows:

(14-R-164, to honor and recognize Benny Ray by the renaming of High Street to Benny Ray Street)

Council Member Selase made a motion for the passage and adoption of Resolution Number 14-R-164 as introduced and read. The motion was seconded by Council Member Reddick; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none. The motion carried and Resolution Number 14-R-164 was passed and adopted.

Council Member Reddick made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council to introduce and read by title Resolution Number 14-R-165. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins.

Mayor Stewart asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to the introduction and reading by title of Resolution Number 14-R-165.

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to the introduction and reading by title of Resolution Number 14-R-165.

On call of the roll on Council Member Reddick's motion for the unanimous consent of the Council to introduce and read by title Resolution Number 14-R-165 and Council Member Jenkins' second to said motion the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been granted to introduce and read by title Resolution Number 14-R-165, Council Member Reddick introduced and read by title Resolution Number 14-R-165 as follows:

(14-R-165, vacating a portion of Central Parkway lying between Patriot Way and Central Plaza)

Council Member Reddick made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Resolution Number 14-R-165 as introduced and read by title. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none. The motion carried. Unanimous consent of the Council having been granted for the immediate consideration of Resolution Number 14-R-165 as introduced and read by title, Council Member Jenkins made a motion for the passage and adoption of Resolution Number 14-R-165 as introduced and read by title. The motion was seconded by Council Member Reddick; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none. The motion carried and Resolution Number 14-R-165 was passed and adopted.

Council Member Harris introduced and read Resolution Number 14-R-166 as follows:

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(14-R-166, declaring a public nuisance)

Council Member Harris made a motion for the passage and adoption of Resolution Number 14-R-166 as introduced and read. The motion was seconded by Council Member Selase; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none. The motion carried and Resolution Number 14-R-166 was passed and adopted.

Brian Johnson, City Manager, stated that Toby Bennington had been promoted to the position of Director of Planning and Development Services.

Brian Johnson, City manager, stated that Bersheba Austin had been promoted to the position of Director of Human Resources. He stated she was the City's first African-American female department head.

Council Member Harris asked that everyone come out and support the City's Farmer's Market that would begin this coming Saturday.

Council Member Selase stated it was good to see diversity with the appointment of the new department heads. He stated on June 28 they would have a Heritage Festival concert and invited everyone to come out. He stated he was sorry for the experience Ms. Bailey had and encouraged her to speak to the City Manager and Police Chief.

Council Member Reddick stated people in this city should not have to be afraid. He challenged the Council to put up an award to find the person responsible for a recent hate crime.

Council Member Jenkins stated the Council had accomplished a lot with that night's agenda. He stated the passage of the Rocky Hollow nuisance was historic.

Mayor Stewart stated this had been a very productive meeting. He stated they were focusing on economic development, public safety and education.

There being no further business to come before the meeting at that time Council Member Selase made a motion the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Selase, Harris and Stewart; nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 o'clock p.m.