

Anniston, Alabama

August 14, 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 Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at approximately 4:05 o'clock p.m.

Jay Jenkins, Councilmember, prayed the Invocation.

Jay Jenkins, Councilmember, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Steven Folks, Interim City Manager, was present.

Bruce Downey, City Attorney, was present.

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.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of a motion to adopt the Proposed FY 20 Recommended Budget. 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 amended agenda was adopted.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding the Proposed FY 20 Recommended Budget. No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive comments regarding the Proposed FY 20 Recommended Budget.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the Proposed FY 20 Recommended Budget. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris.

Mayor Draper made a motion to amend the Proposed FY 20 Recommended Budget by taking \$15,000.00 from Public Works Engineering line item for Professional Services and adding that to 7th Judicial Circuit Major Crimes Unit. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris.

Council Member Little asked how much money did they recover and how much did they keep.

And of call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, Little, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the Draper amendment to the Proposed FY 20 Recommended Budget was approved.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to amend the Proposed FY 20 Recommended Budget by:

- Reduce council travel to \$6,000.00 for each councilmember and shifting that \$7,500.00 in savings to the Youth Council Travel/Activities to increase their budget from \$15,000.00 to \$22,500.00;
- Reduce the Professional Services line item under Public works Engineering by \$105,000.00;
- Reduce the Extra Labor line item under PARD Programs and Centers by \$5,000.00; reduce Extra Labor line item under Parks and Recreation Athletics by \$1,000 for a net savings of \$6,000.00
- Reduce the Educational Supplement Line item under Non-Department by \$80,000.00;

Which totals a net savings of \$198,500.00

- Increase the Nuisance Abatement line item under Public Works Environmental by \$20,000 ;
- Allocate \$50,000.00 to the Reconstruction of sand traps to rebuild the greens at the Golf Course
- Increase contribution to the Coosa Valley Juvenile Center line item under Outside Agencies by \$5,000.00;
- \$5,000.00 to Calhoun County to use as reimbursements for their “Snip-It Ticket” Spray Neuter Program
- Additional \$100,000.00 into Special Projects for sewer extension in Golden Springs
- \$11,000.00 for side walk extension along 14th street
- Dedicate \$25,000.00 in monies of the Downtown Development Authority towards the continued programming and design which should yield the Council with a formal plan and renderings that could be used in fundraising efforts for the Dr. Satcher Health Institute

The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris.

Council Member Little stated that he was okay with the proposal except for the education cut and that Council Member Jenkins should reconsider that. He stated that the school system is going through multiple changes, like a decrease in enrollment because of the disbursement.

Mayor Draper stated that he does like that the Board of Education would be able to fully fund the Cobb Elementary Pre-K program, from a policy perspective that would be wise for the City to specifically support that program. He stated that the City needs to invest in early education.

Council Member Little stated that they should do all they can for the youth and for the education system; and that he supports the project in Golden Springs but putting money into West Anniston & South Anniston will benefit also. He stated that he could not support the amendment, for a unanimous vote, with the cut to education.

Council Member Jenkins stated that the school system is receiving an increase in funding in excess to what their request was; and there are some fiscal responsibility issues with the school board that he feels needs to be addressed and there are complaints that remain unresolved.

Council Member Reddick stated he is conflicted with taking money away from the schools, so he will see if he can find some additional monies to put back into the education fund.

Council Member Harris thanked Council Member Jenkins for all the work that he did on the amendment; and that when the Commercial Development opens up on Golden Springs Road that will give more money to education.

And 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 and Jenkins amendment to Proposed FY 20 Recommended Budget was approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to convene into executive session to discuss legal ramifications and options relating to a controversy not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes:

Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, Little, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned into executive session at 4:49 p.m.