

Anniston, Alabama
September 3, 2019

The City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama, met in Regular Session in Room B of the Anniston City Meeting Center in the City of Anniston, Alabama, on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at approximately 5:30 o'clock p.m.

Laura Hutchinson, Pastor of First Christian Church, prayed the Invocation.

Laura Hutchinson, Pastor of First Christian Church, 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.

Steven Folks, Interim City Manager, was present.

Bruce Downey, City Attorney, was present.

Council Member Harris made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the August 14, 2019 Special Called Meeting. 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; nays: none. The motion carried and the August 14, 2019 minutes were approved.

Council Member Reddick made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the August 20, 2019 Regular Meeting. 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; nays: none. The motion carried and the August 20, 2019 minutes were approved.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the August 27, 2019 Special Called meeting. 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 August 27, 2019 minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper 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, Little, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the agenda was adopted.

Mayor Draper read the following addresses of identified nuisances Group 2019-04 Grass/Debris/Vehicles for the record: 415 West 5th St., 16 West 29th St., 305 Chestnut Ave, 424 B Street, 528 East 23rd St., 626 Glenaddie Ave, 1020 South Christine, 1403 Pine Ave, 2001 Noble St., 2027 Noble St., 2029 Noble St., 2226 Legrande Ave, 2836 Gurnee Ave

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances of Group 2019-04 Grass/Debris/Vehicles.

Roderick O'Moore, 1403 Pine Ave, addressed the council on his nuisance situation regarding his back yard and he wanted to apologize to the City and his neighbors and asked for a time extension to get things the nuisance situated.

Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances of Group 2019-04 Grass/Debris/Vehicles.

Cory Salley, Finance Director, briefly highlighted the approved amendment from the August 27, 2019 Special Called Meeting.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the Proposed FY20 Recommended City Manager's Budget. No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding the Proposed FY20 Recommended City Manager's Budget.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- (a) Resolution authorizing reimbursements to City Officials for expenses incurred while traveling away from the city (19-R-189)
- (b) Resolution over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances. Group 2019-04 Grass/Debris/Vehicles (19-R-190)

Council Member Little stated that they approves the consent agenda with the contention that Mr. O'Moore receives an extension.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Reddick 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 consent agenda was approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve a Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for MANSOUR LLC d/b/a Mini Market 3 located within the City Limits at 1001 Highway 431 N. 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.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve a Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for Quintard Shell LLC d/b/a Quintard Shell located within the City limits at 1731 Quintard Avenue. The motion was seconded by Council Member Reddick 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.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve a Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for Annie's Shell located within the City Limits at 720 Quintard Avenue. The motion was seconded by Council Member Reddick 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.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve the Proposed FY20 Recommended City Manager's Budget. The motion to was seconded by Council Member Jenkins.

Council Member Little made a motion to amend the Proposed FY20 Recommended City Manager's Budget with the following:

- Public Information Officer be a part-time position at \$25,000.00 instead of a full time position
- \$22,000.00 to hire two additional part-time individuals to work with Public Works at \$11,000.00 each to work on the gateways*
- \$3,000.00 for the Multimodal Center for an amplification system for the bus announcements*
- \$50,000.00 from Capital Improvements towards Council Member Jenkins' project*

The motion was seconded by Council Member Reddick.

Council Member Harris stated that they are not telling their story very well; and that they hear the negative but there are a lot of good things going on in this town.

Council Member Reddick asked the question would this position have any impact on our economic development and what capacity will this person recruit business?

Mayor Draper stated that Anniston has tremendous assets from the bike trails, museums, to the Freedom Riders National Monument and those things need to be pushed out to specific platforms.

Council Member Jenkins stated that Council Member Little's concerns with the gateways coming into the community are equally important and he agrees that they need a full time information component. He asked if other monies can be found or an opportunity to create that as a priority in our Public Works department and have it maintained.

Council Member Little stated that the last full time information officer got into some trouble and that social media is so vast and advanced that someone could do this stuff at home. He stated that this should be a part time position and that they need to have more service going to the people than for someone telling us a story.

Mayor Draper stated that with the caveats of cleaning up the gateways could be done in the budget without any additional council action and that Mr. Little has raised an issue that the multi-modal center needs announcements made with more amplification could be done without a line item in the budget.*

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

Council Member Little stated that he does want that change of the \$50,000.00 in capital improvements and have those funds moved over and that he is against the full-time hiring of the public information officer.

Glen Ray, 3514 Dale Hollow Road, addressed the council on the City Court. He stated that Judge Simms and Jason Odom are robbing the city and that they cannot let outsiders do wrong to the citizens of Anniston.

Richard Jackson, 2317 Noble Street, addressed the council on constructing a citizen review board because Mr. Ray comes almost every meeting bringing something that people brought to him. He asked if the council looks into the things he says.

Roderick O'Moore, 1403 Pine Ave, addressed the council on the plans for the former Cooper Home Lot and that they should look into making it an intercity bird sanctuary.

Ralph Bradford addressed the council on bringing back CDBG back to Anniston to address issues in Ward 2 and 3 that have been neglected. He stated that he sees a lot of good money wasted that could be used to help a lot of people.

Karen Freeman, 2507 Paul Street, addressed the council that she does not see anything where people are trying to work together and who is going to make sure that the IPO is accountable and make sure they are not putting more negative into the air?

Council Member Jenkins thanked the Anniston Municipal Hill Golf Association hosted a lunch today for city workers and council as appreciation for the work that has been done over the years.

Council Member Reddick stated that the First Tee Program is having a fundraiser Thursday September 5, 2019 at the Cane Creek Golf Course around 10 am. and these funds go into helping our Elementary kids learn to play golf. He stated that on Saturday September 7, 2019 at Zinn Park they will be having Something to Do Initiative, by bringing the community together and having local pastors and churches come together for a day of Prayer and family fun.

Council Member Little stated that Council Member Reddick, himself, Interim City Manager, Steven Folks, Chief Denham and the captains had a good meeting and there are some challenges that they are going to look through. He stated that they are trying to forge better communication between the community and the police. He stated that there will be a meeting Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. under the tent at the old DHR building to discuss the Dr. Satcher Institute. He stated that they are going to do some things to have the money bought back from the Anniston Housing Authority to do some major work in the community.

Council Member Harris stated she wanted to reiterate what Council Member Jenkins said about the hill and that those people work very hard and she wanted to extend sincere condolences to Reverend Eugene Leonard and his wife Rashida for the death of their little girl. She stated that on behalf of the City that she wants us to be there for him.

Mayor Draper stated that that is indeed a tragedy and their thoughts and prayers are certainly with Eugene, Rashida and their son.

There being no further business to come before the council at that time Mayor Draper made a motion the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins; and on call of the roll, the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Little, Harris and Draper nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:21 o'clock p.m.