

Anniston, Alabama

August 3, 2021

The City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama, met in Regular Session in Room B at the Anniston City Meeting Center in the City of Anniston, Alabama, on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at approximately 5:30 o'clock p.m.

Demetric Roberts, Council Member, prayed the Invocation.

Demetric Roberts, Council Member, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Vice-Mayor Ciara Smith called the meeting to order. On call of the roll, the following Council Members were found to be present: Council Members Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, and Harris; absent: Mayor Draper. A quorum was present and the meeting opened for the transaction of business.

Steven Folks, City Manager, was present.

Bruce Downey, City Attorney, was present.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to amend the minutes of the July 20, 2021 regular meeting to change the title of Jay Jenkins from Mayor to Council Member for the invocation and pledge. The motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, and Harris; nays: none. The motion carried and the amended July 20, 2021 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Council Member Roberts 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, Roberts, Smith, and Harris; nays: none. The motion carried and the agenda was adopted.

Vice-Mayor Smith introduced a recognition of the "Fast Feet Track Team" and Coach Green.

Vice-Mayor Smith opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the FY2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). No one spoke. Vice-Mayor Smith closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding the FY2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

Vice-Mayor Smith opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a certain economic development incentive for Tru-Wood Cabinetry LLC, an Alabama limited liability company. No one spoke. Vice-Mayor Smith closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding a certain economic development incentive for Tru-Wood Cabinetry LLC, an Alabama limited liability company.

Vice-Mayor Smith opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the FY2022 Proposed City Manager's Recommended Budget.

Julie Borrelli, Finance Director, presented the FY2022 proposed City Manager's Recommended Budget.

Vice-Mayor Smith closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding the FY2022 Proposed City Manager's Recommended Budget.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

(a) Resolution authorizing an agreement for Professional Services (21-R-61)

(b) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the State of Alabama Department of Transportation and the City of Anniston for maintenance of passive warning devices (21-R-62)

(c) Motion to approve a Small Cell Tower Permit Application for AT&T New Cingular Wireless

The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, and Harris; nays: none. The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.

Council Member Harris made a motion to read the resolution authorizing a Special Economic Development Incentive to Tru-Wood Cabinetry, LLC by title only. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Smith.

Vice-Mayor Smith opened a public hearing to receive public comments on reading the resolution authorizing a Special Economic Development Incentive to Tru-Wood Cabinetry, LLC by title only. No one spoke. Vice-Mayor Smith closed the public hearing to receive public comments on reading resolution authorizing a Special Economic Development Incentive to Tru-Wood Cabinetry, LLC by title only.

On call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, and Harris; nays: none. The motion carried and the resolution will be read by title only.

Vice-Mayor Smith read the resolution authorizing a Special Economic Development Incentive to Tru-Wood Cabinetry, LLC by title only.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for passage and adoption of the resolution authorizing a Special Economic Development Incentive to Tru-Wood Cabinetry, LLC. The motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, and Harris; nays: none. The motion carried and the resolution was passed and adopted (21-R-63).

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to table the resolution adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, and Harris; nays: none. The motion carried and the resolution was tabled.

Vice-Mayor Smith introduced the ordinance amending Chapter 3 Governing the License, Purchase, and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to read the ordinance amending Chapter 3 Governing the License, Purchase, and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages by title only. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris.

Vice-Mayor Smith opened a public hearing to receive public comments on reading the ordinance amending Chapter 3 Governing the License, Purchase, and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages by title only. No one spoke. Vice-Mayor Smith closed the public hearing to receive public comments on reading the ordinance amending Chapter 3 Governing the License, Purchase, and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages by title only.

Vice-Mayor Smith read the ordinance amending Chapter 3 Governing the License, Purchase and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages by title only.

Council Member Harris made a motion for passage and adoption. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, and Harris; nays: none. The motion carried and ordinance 21-O-12 was passed and adopted.

Vice-Mayor Smith introduced the ordinance adopting Chapter 34, Article VI Governing Mobile Food Units.

Council Member Harris made a motion to read the ordinance adopting Chapter 34, Article VI Governing Mobile Food Units by title only. The motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts.

Vice-Mayor Smith opened a public hearing to receive public comments on reading the ordinance adopting Chapter 34, Article VI Governing Mobile Food Units by title only. No one spoke. Vice-Mayor Smith closed the public hearing to receive public comments on reading the ordinance adopting Chapter 34, Article VI Governing Mobile Food Units by title only.

Vice-Mayor Smith read the ordinance adopting Chapter 34, Article VI Governing Mobile Food Units by title only.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for passage and adoption. The motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, and Harris; nays: none. The motion carried and ordinance 21-O-13 was passed and adopted.

David Baker, 1116 West 17th St, addressed the council on senior citizens not receiving the treatments they should. He stated that the older citizens are not able to go online and fill out the form for help. He stated that they need help.

Joyce Clark, 427 8th St., addressed the council on needing help with repairing her roof. She stated that she could not find the information on the City's website and she stated that it is unfair to citizens who do not have access to the internet.

Council Member Jenkins had no comments.

Council Member Roberts stated that Anniston has no succession plan, and the former leaders have not passed along information. He stated that everyone would rather point the finger than pick up the phone and have a conversation.

Vice-Mayor Smith stated that she is hearing a lot of misinformation that is being put out there. She stated that she cannot fix something that she is not aware of and that all it takes is a phone call.

Council Member Harris stated that she is so proud of the job that Vice-Mayor Smith has done tonight. She stated Vice-Mayor Smith handled it beautifully.

There being no further business to come before the council at that time Council Member Roberts made a motion that 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, Roberts, Smith, and Harris; nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:23 o'clock p.m.