

Anniston, Alabama

February 20, 2024

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, February 20, 2024, at approximately 5:42 o'clock p.m.

Demetric Roberts, Council Member, prayed the Invocation.

Demetric Roberts, Council Member, 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, Roberts, Smith, and Draper; absent: Council Member Harris. 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 Smith made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024 regular meeting. 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 Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the February 20, 2024 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the agenda with the removal of a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a Special Retail more than 30 days Liquor License for South Beach Volleyball at McClellan LLC d/b/a South Beach Volleyball located at 100 Symphony Way inside the corporate city limits, removal of item (f) Motion to approve a Special Retail More than 30 days Liquor License for South Beach Volleyball at McClellan LLC d/b/a South Beach Volleyball located at 100 Symphony Way inside the corporate city limits, and the addition of a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a commercial lease agreement extension with Consolidated Publishing Inc. for property located at 4305 McClellan Blvd. 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 Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the amended agenda was adopted.

Mayor Draper introduced a board confirmation hearing for Frazier Burroughs to the McClellan Development Authority.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- (a) Resolution appointing member(s) to the McClellan Development Authority (24-R-9)
- (b) Resolution declaring a reported condition to be a public nuisance (24-R-10)
- (c) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the State of Alabama acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation for Signal Timing Update and Implementation (24-R-11)
- (d) Resolution authorizing purchase of one (1) Sutphen Corporation Demo Pumper and Lease-Purchase Agreement with Leasing 2, Inc. (24-R-12)

- (e) Motion to award bid to include alternates for resurfacing of a portion of Lera Dr. & Multiple Patching locations for the City of Anniston to Alabama Grading and Excavation in the amount of \$203,572.50
- (f) Motion to suspend the rule requiring the City Council to meet the first Tuesday of March 2024 due to the Primary Election and November 2024 due to the General Election
- (g) Motion to suspend the rule requiring the City Council to meet on the third Tuesday of April 2024 due to Primary Runoff Election

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 Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.

Mayor Draper introduced the resolution authorizing expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds.

Mayor Draper made a motion for passage and adoption of the resolution authorizing expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds. 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 Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the resolution was passed and adopted. (24-R-13)

Mayor Draper made a motion to award the bid for the Chief Ladiga Trail Project to B&B Developers in the amount of \$7,267,263.39. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to table the motion to award the bid for the Chief Ladiga Trail Project to B&B Developers in the amount of \$7,267,263.39. The motion was seconded by Mayor Draper and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, and Draper; nays: none. The motion was tabled.

Mayor Draper made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a commercial lease agreement extension with Consolidated Publishing Inc. for property located at 4305 McClellan Blvd. 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 Draper; nays: none. The motion carried.

Council Member Jenkins stated that they continue to miss Council Member Harris and they excited for her improvements. He thanked staff for their hard work and everything they do. He gave the Anniston High School Girls Basketball Team a shout out for advancing to Elite 8.

Council Member Roberts stated that there is still senseless violence happening in this city. He stated that we are at a disadvantage. He stated that it is almost every other weekend where someone is getting shot or shot at in his ward. He stated that he has not be will be conducting a press conference soon. He stated that they have to figure out something and they are headed to a point of no return.

Council Member Smith had no comments.

Mayor Draper had no comments.

There being no further business to come before the council at that time Mayor Draper 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 Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:54 o'clock p.m.