

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA  
MAY 3, 2016 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on May 3, 2016, in regular session.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Council President Williams. On roll call by the City Clerk, Iva Nelson, the following council members answered present: Toles, Williams, Worthy, Echols, Billingsley, Cannon and Reed. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business. Mayor Guyton, Heath Williamson, Lee Roberts and Captain Jackson were also present.

The invocation was given by Heath Williamson.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on April 26, 2016, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of April 22-28, 2016 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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Mayor Guyton read the following proclamations proclaiming:

- (1) May 15-21, 2016, as "Public Works Week" - Presented to Brian Stovall, Public Works Director
- (2) May 1-8, 2016, as "National Music Week" - Presented to Carol Larkin

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) A resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 202 Morningview Drive in District 2, which was tabled for 30 days on March 29, was presented in writing for consideration. Upon recommendation of the Building Inspector, Councilman Billingsley moved to table the resolution an additional 30 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon and unanimously carried.

(2) President Williams announced that no action was necessary regarding 812 Reynolds Circle in District 5, as the nuisance has been abated by the owner.

(3) A resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at #2 Laurel Road in District 6, which was tabled for 30 days on March 29, was presented in writing for consideration. Upon recommendation of the Building Official, Councilman Cannon moved to table the resolution an additional 30 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

President Williams stated this was the time and place as advertised to conduct the following public hearings:

(1) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 1116 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Randy Higgins and Bobby Higgins being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in August 2015, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-198-16

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 1116 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street - District 5 - Randy Higgins; Bobby Higgins)

Councilman Billingsley moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon and unanimously adopted.

(2) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 1005/1007 Holly Street, the State of Alabama, Kim F. Parker, d/b/a The Parker Company, and Virginia Barfield being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated no improvements have been made since procedures began in August 2015, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-199-16

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 1005/1007 Holly Street - District 5 - State of Alabama; Kim F. Parker, d/b/a The Parker Company; Virginia Barfield)

Councilman Billingsley moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon and unanimously adopted.

(3) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution approving the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for REC Entertainment, LLC, operating as Tu Kanoos at 510 Broad Street. No one spoke. The following resolution was presented for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-200-16

APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

(REC Entertainment, LLC - Tu Kanoos - 510 Broad Street - Lounge Retail Liquor License, Class I)

Councilman Cannon moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Billingsley and unanimously adopted.

(4) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution annulling an alley off Adams Street, between Waring Avenue and Emanuel Avenue. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-201-16

AUTHORIZING ANNULMENT OF ALLEY IN THE  
KENTUCKY ADDITION NUMBER TWO SUBDIVISION

(Authorizing Annulment of Alley - In Kentucky Addition Number Two Subdivision running off Adams Street between Waring Avenue and Emanuel Avenue - Requested by Larry W. Baker, Peggy A. Baker, Lee Alley, Carla Holland Alley, Ella Redding, Owen G. Redding, Warren Hamilton, Awdrey Hamilton, and Christie Hicks)

Councilman Cannon moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION:

(1) The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-202-16

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENT

(Authorizing Acceptance of Easement - From Grace Heritage Foundation - 20' drainage easement lying in SW 1/4 of Section 9, Township 12 South, Range 6 East - For 6<sup>th</sup> Street Cemetery Drainage Improvements)

Councilman Cannon moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Billingsley and unanimously adopted.

(2) The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-203-16

AUTHORIZING MASTER AGREEMENT  
WITH S&ME, INC.

(Authorizing Master Agreement - S&ME, Inc. - Terms for anticipated future services, including environmental permitting, compliance monitoring and testing, environmental site analysis, lead and asbestos assessments, wetland delineation, wildlife surveys, cultural resource surveys, and other engineering services - Services will only be provided within budgeted amounts)

Councilman Cannon moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Billingsley and unanimously adopted.

(3) The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-204-16

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH  
ACADEMY SPORTS & OUTDOORS

(Authorizing Agreement - Academy Sports & Outdoors - For use of parking lot located at 601 George Wallace Drive - For high-school fishing tournament weigh-in to be held on May 6, 2016)

Councilman Cannon moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Toles and unanimously adopted.

(4) The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-205-16

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR  
JAZZ IN THE PARK

(Authorizing Agreement - Bernard Lockhart (Artist) - \$3,500.00 - For Jazz in the Park event at Amphitheatre on May 8, 2016)

Councilman Cannon moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and unanimously adopted.

(5) The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-206-16

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR  
JAZZ IN THE PARK

(Authorizing Agreement - Bernard Lockhart (Artist) - \$3,500.00 - For Jazz in the Park event at Amphitheatre on May 15, 2016)

Councilman Cannon moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and unanimously adopted.

(6) Councilman Cannon introduced the following resolution in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-207-16

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR  
JAZZ IN THE PARK

(Authorizing Agreement - Bernard Lockhart (Artist) - \$5,000.00 - For Jazz in the Park event at Amphitheatre on May 22, 2016)

Councilman Cannon moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and unanimously adopted.

## ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

The following ordinance was introduced in writing and read by President Williams:

**ORDINANCE - AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 74-91 TO ADD LICENSE CLASSIFICATION NUMBER 4550 (Special Event License/Barbarian Challenge)**

Since no action was taken in this meeting, the ordinance will be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting for consideration.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Kay Moore (Downtown Gadsden, Inc.) announced First Friday activities, the first performance of the Summer Concert Series at the Amphitheater, and Musical Mondays, which will begin in June.

Courtney Walker (Parks & Recreation Director) expressed appreciation for cards and flowers sent at the death of his father. He announced upcoming events, including Senior Fun Day, the high school fishing tournament, children's fishing rodeo, and Jazz in the Park.

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

The Mayor and President Williams joined in commending the Public Works Department and the free services provided to our citizens.

Mayor Guyton commended Parks & Recreation and Downtown Gadsden, Inc. for providing many great events, especially concerts. He noted a new person is in place for Channel 99 and is working on a listing of events. The Mayor commented on attending an elementary school event at Convention Hall.

Councilwoman Toles noted free education opportunities are available for dual enrollment through Gadsden State's career program. She said Job Corps is also available and challenged parents to pursue for their children. Councilwoman Toles also stressed the importance of music education and announced a 10-year anniversary brunch at Gadsden City High School on Thursday.

Councilman Worthy announced a District 3 meeting at 12 noon on Saturday at the Carver Community Center, to be followed by First Saturday activities. He encouraged students to apply for summer jobs at the City.

Councilman Cannon noted the pre-kindergarten (4 year old) program registration is this week.

President Williams commended Police Chief Crane's service to the City and extended best wishes at his retirement. He noted the Civil Service Board is meeting today to name an interim chief. President Williams announced a dedication ceremony this afternoon at the Southern Hill Cemetery on S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. He encouraged the public to be "hands" as well as "voices" in the community and cited examples, including the Love Your Neighbor (LYN) organization. He noted the City coordinates with Gadsden City career tech to provide summer job opportunities.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned.

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk (5-3-2016)

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FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING  
MAY 3, 2016 - 2:00 P.M.

The City Clerk received bid proposals as advertised for the following bid:

Bid No. 3309 - Air Depot Demolition Project

Base Bid

TOA, LLC	\$219,000.00
Complete Construction	\$244,240.00
Bostic Trucking & Excavating	\$270,000.00
Cross Environmental Services	\$423,935.00
Homes II Exc. Inc.	\$555,040.00

Copies of the bids will be forwarded to the City Engineer, and a recommendation will be made to the Council.

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