

COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL - GADSDEN, ALABAMA  
JANUARY 7, 2020 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met on January 7, 2020, in regular session.

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

The invocation was given by Brian Harbison.

The minutes of the last work session and council meeting held on December 31, 2019, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of December 27-January 2 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

President Toles 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 in opposition to or in favor of a resolution authorizing an economic development agreement with Los Arcos Properties. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-01-20

AUTHORIZING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT  
WITH LOS ARCOS MEXICAN RESTAURANT

(Authorizing Agreement - Los Arcos Properties - Economic Development incentives for Los Arcos Mexican Restaurant and retail development at 401 West Meighan Boulevard - Capital investment of \$2.1 million - Providing for rebate of 2% of City's 5% sales tax proceeds - Period of up to 3 years after opening date or until payment of \$125,000.00, whichever occurs first)

Councilman Reed moved to adopt the resolution as introduced, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy 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 1002 Christopher Avenue in District 5, Alba Luz Guevara Aguilar and Elsi Noemi Barroso being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, recommended a 30-day extension due to recent improvements to the property. Councilman Wilson moved to table the resolution for 30 days, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and unanimously carried.

(3) President Toles announced that no action was necessary regarding 915 Spruce Street in District 5, as the nuisance has been abated by the owner.

(4) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 3515 W. Meighan Boulevard in District 6, Robert Baker and Sandra Beck being the last known owners. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, recommended a 30-day extension due to significant recent improvements to the property. Councilman Cannon moved to table the resolution for 30 days, which motion was seconded by Councilman Reed and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Toles, Williams, Back, Wilson, Cannon, Reed

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Worthy

(5) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution ordering the abatement of nuisances on property at 1507 Tuscaloosa Avenue, James Larry McGrigth being the last known owner. Brian Harbison, Building Inspector, stated although a permit was obtained in May 2019, no improvements have been made since procedures began in April 2019, and recommended abatement. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-02-20

ORDERING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(Ordering Abatement of Nuisance - 1507 Tuscaloosa Avenue - District 7 - James Larry McGrigth)

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

(6) The floor was opened to allow anyone to speak for or in opposition to a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien on property at 1515 Malone Street, the State of Alabama, possible rights of redemption of Judge Peggins and Mabel Hardwick, subject to that certain mortgage in favor of A-1 Trane HTG & A/C Col, Inc., Bryan Perez, and Hoyt Hardwick Jr. being the last known owners. No one spoke. The following resolution was introduced in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-03-20

ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY

(Assessing Nuisance Abatement Lien for Demolition - \$3,416.40 - 1515 Malone Street - District 3 - State of Alabama; Possible rights of redemption of Judge Peggins and Mabel Hardwick, subject to that certain mortgage in favor of A-1 Trane HTG & A/C Col, Inc.; Bryan Perez; Hoyt Hardwick Jr.)

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

ORDINANCE PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING

An ordinance authorizing conveyance of certain property located at 2201-2203 Norris Avenue in District 6 was presented in writing for the first reading. Since no action was taken, the ordinance will be placed on next week's agenda for consideration.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Several council members commented on littering. Councilman Reed commended Lesa Osborn, as well as City employees, for picking up litter and noted enforcement will be discussed in next week's Public Safety Committee meeting. Councilman Worthy noted dumping problems on Abercrombie Street and encouraged the public to report offenders.

Councilman Wilson thanked his constituents who eliminated nuisances on their property.

Councilman Worthy announced the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast on January 20 at the Downtown Civic Center.

President Toles announced a District 1 meeting on January 27 at the Antioch Family Life Center.

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

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk (1-7-2020)

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FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - BID OPENING  
JANUARY 7, 2020 - 2:00 P.M.

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

Bid No. 3425 - Annual and Perennial Flowers 2020

Dixie Green	\$7,347.00	Fall 2020
	\$15,334.25	Spring 2021-1st shipment
	\$9,073.75	Spring 2021-2nd shipment

Copies of the bids will be forwarded to the Assistant Purchasing Agent, and a recommendation will be made to the Council.

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