

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - GADSDEN, ALABAMA  
APRIL 14, 2020 - 11:00 A.M.

The City Council met at 11:00 a.m. on April 14, 2020 in regular session, via teleconference.

President Toles welcomed everyone to the council's first teleconference meeting and thanked Eric Wright, Jennifer Smith, and others who helped with setup. She expressed concern for everyone affected by storms this past Sunday and thanked the many front-line workers in the current health crisis. President Toles encouraged the public to continue following recommended guidelines and advised the city's website is a good source of information.

The meeting was called to order 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. Mayor Gutyon was absent. The clerk stated a quorum was present and the meeting was open for business. Lee Roberts also participated in the meeting.

The invocation was given by Iva Nelson.

The minutes of the last council meeting held on April 7, 2020, were approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of the HTE System accounts for the week of April 3-9, 2020 were ratified by unanimous vote.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(1) The following ordinance, which was introduced for first reading at last week's meeting, was presented for consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. O-12-20

ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM CONSOLIDATED PLAN,  
2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND THE 2020 CDBG BUDGET

(Adopting Community Development Block Grant Program Documents: Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan; Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Action Plan; Fiscal Year 2020 Budget)

Councilman Reed moved to adopt the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilman Back and unanimously adopted.

(2) The following resolution, which was introduced in last week's meeting and failed to receive unanimous consent for immediate consideration, was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. R-104-20

APPOINTING MEMBERS TO GADSDEN AIRPORT AUTHORITY

(Appointing Tim McCartney to replace David Cochran and Spencer Williams to replace William Cunningham - For terms ending July 31, 2025)

Councilman Cannon moved to adopt the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilman Worthy and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Wilson

NEW BUSINESS

(1) Councilman Reed introduced the following resolution in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-105-20

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF  
THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE FY2020 CORONAVIRUS  
EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING GRANT

(Authorizing application and acceptance - U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant - Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant - \$119,167.00 - For reimbursement of COVID-19 expenses, including personal protective supplies and overtime)

President Toles received unanimous consent to immediately consider the resolution as an item of new business. Councilman Reed moved to adopt the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon and unanimously adopted.

(2) Councilman Reed introduced the following ordinance in writing for consideration:

ORDINANCE NO. O-13-20

AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

(Amending FY2020 Budget - To reflect receipt of \$119,167.00 U.S. Department of Justice Grant - FY2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding)

Councilman Reed moved to suspend the rules to immediately consider the ordinance as an item of new business. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

Councilman Reed moved to adopt the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilman Cannon and unanimously adopted.

(3) Councilwoman Toles introduced the following resolution in writing for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. R-106-20

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY  
FROM ETOWAH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

(Accepting 2007 Fs65, 72 passenger school bus, VIN #4UZAAXCS27CX74472 from Etowah County Board of Education - Valued at \$7,000.00 - To be used for surge bus to transport patients as directed by the Alabama Department of Public Health)

President Toles received unanimous consent to immediately consider the resolution as an item of new business. Councilwoman Toles moved to adopt the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and unanimously adopted.

COUNCIL REMARKS

The Council joined in thanking first responders, the Emergency Management Agency, essential employees, truck drivers who keep supply lines open, postal workers, hospital workers, and janitors, during the Coronavirus pandemic. Citizens were encouraged to continue following guidelines for social distancing and staying at home.

Councilman Reed noted storm damage on Scenic Drive and Scenic Highway and Councilman Cannon noted the Public Works Department is working to clear storm debris in the area.

President Toles expressed appreciation to City Clerk Iva Nelson and staff for their work and complimented the council for a successful teleconference meeting.

Councilman Worthy wished “Happy Birthday” to his son and extended sympathy to the Posey family.

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

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Iva Nelson, City Clerk (4-14-2020)

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