

CITY OF THOMSON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

6:00PM

Thomson-McDuffie Government Center

Present:

Benji Cranford, Mayor
Alton Belton, Councilmember
Keryl Corley, Councilmember
Elaine Johnson, Councilmember
John Smalley, Councilmember
Scott Whittle, Councilmember
Lucretia Ferguson, City Clerk
Jimmy Plunkett, City Attorney

Also Present:

Chief Dan Carrier, TPD
Erin Burdett, McDuffie Progress
11 Attendees

Not Present:

John Waller, City Administrator

At 6:00pm, Mayor Cranford called the regularly scheduled City Council meeting to order and Councilmember Belton gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

CITIZEN INPUT: Markeeta Moss brought attention to the speeders and the placement of the radar speed sign in the curve of Matthew Street. She felt it would be better utilized in the straight stretch of street.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The motion was made by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Belton to approve the agenda as written. A vote of 5-0 in favor was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Council Meeting, August 8, 2024. A motion was made by Councilmember Whittle and seconded by Councilmember Belton to approve the minutes. A vote of 5-0 in favor was taken.
- b. Called Council Meeting, August 14, 2024. A motion was made by Councilmember Corley and seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve the minutes as written. A vote of 5-0 in favor was taken.

BUSINESS:

- a. CDBG 2023 Award Recommendation: Civil Design Solutions recommends that Beam Site Prep, LLC be awarded the CDBG 2023 infrastructure project based on their having the lowest bid. A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Corley to approve the recommendation. A vote of 5-0 was taken in favor.
- b. DCA Fair Housing Marketing Plan Adoption: This is a required document from the Department of Community Affairs as to how the City will alert the general public about the opportunities provided by CDBG 2023. A motion

was made by Councilmember Corley and seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve the plan. A 5-0 vote in favor was taken.

- c. Minority/Women's Business Enterprises Outreach Procedures Adoption: This plan establishes the goal to ensure the inclusion, to the maximum extent possible, of entities owned by minorities and women in DCA's HOME program. A motion was made by Councilmember Whittle to adopt the plan and was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. A vote of 5-0 passed the motion.
- d. CSRA Regional Commission CHIP 2024-117 Contract: This contract provides for payment to the Commission for handling all aspects of the Community Home Investment Program 2024-117 for the City. A motion was made by Councilmember Whittle and seconded by Councilmember Corley to approve the contract. A vote taken, passed the motion 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council Report: Councilmembers Smalley and Whittle praised the Police force and the Streets Department for their recent actions around the City.

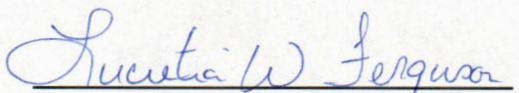
City Administrator Report: CA Waller was not in attendance.

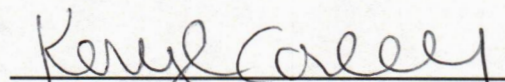
Mayor Report: Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

On recommendation of the mayor, a motion to adjourn was tendered by Councilmember Whittle and seconded by Councilmember Corley. A vote of 5-0 ended the meeting at 6:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Lucretia W. Ferguson, City Clerk


Keryl Corley, Mayor Pro-Tem for
Benjamin C. Cranford, Jr., Mayor

