

SPECIAL SESSION

APRIL 8, 2009

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, 11:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Annex with the following members present, to-wit:

Randy Daniel, Mayor
Carroll Maberry
Elaine Jenkins
Carol Barton

Pam Burton, City Administrator
Pam Watson, City Secretary
Jack Holland

others present: Glen Herriage, Gary Crecelius, John McQueary, David Hopkins, Buddy Hill, Elaine Coffman, Charlie Martin, Chris Weeks and other interested citizens;

with the following member absent: Jerry Don Vaught;

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

The invocation was given by Councilmember Jenkins.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

UPDATE REGARDING SOCCER FIELD LOCATED ON WEST COLLEGE STREET

Mayor Daniel stated that this item has been placed on the agenda to allow for a progress report to be provided on the soccer field located on West College St.

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development explained that Pedro Carillo has pulled a permit to remodel the existing building for restroom facilities. He stated that staff feels it will be more beneficial and less expensive for Mr. Carillo to construct a new small building for restroom facilities. Mr. Carillo stated that Red Dot Corp. will be providing the material and crew for a new restroom facility at this location.

Charlie Martin expressed his concerns with the noise and lights at night, expressing his feelings that there are other areas for soccer fields.

Rosa Vega stated that she is a translator for the neighborhood and is present to state their issues which include: 1) parking, due to this being a narrow street; 2) noise; 3) no restroom facilities; 4) trash; 5) people in neighborhood beginning work at 6 a.m. and needing their sleep; and 6) numerous children are in the area, concerned with traffic and feel this is very dangerous.

Maria Carillo suggested that time stipulations be placed on use of the soccer field, expressing her feelings that the children should be supervised.

After discussion, Mayor Daniel explained that the purpose for this item today is to hear updates on the restroom facilities, stating that the Police are observing traffic in this area.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

Chris Weeks, Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers

- 1) Continuing work on 18" water main.
- 2) In final stages of easement acquisitions for Texas Community Development Program Sewer Project.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Police Chief Buddy Hill explained that due to the storm last week, he is requesting the emergency purchase to replace the following damaged equipment: one (1) dispatch radio console, two (2) control station radios, three (3) radio power supplies, three (3) radio tone panels and one (1) digital dictation system, at a total cost of \$16,805. He stated that an insurance claim has been filed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maberry, seconded by Councilmember Barton to authorize the emergency purchase of equipment for the Police Department, as presented, and authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$16,805. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH ALPHA-LEE ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR JULY 4TH FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION

City Administrator Pam Burton presented a proposed contract with Alpha-Lee Enterprises, Inc. for the annual July 4th fireworks display in the amount of \$10,000. She explained that the past few years the City has participated with the Light Up Athens Committee, chaired by Peggy Gould, to fund this annual event. She explained that this is the first contract year with Alpha-Lee Enterprises, Inc. and they are requesting a 50% down payment to secure the date of July 4, 2009. She stated that Ms. Gould is requesting that the City authorize the contract and the Light Up Athens Committee will make the downpayment of \$5,000. She stated that the Light Up Athens Committee has committed to secure the additional funding, however, by authorizing the contract, the City will be responsible for any shortfall in funding. She stated that the Committee is also requesting the City contribute \$2,000 toward the display.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins, seconded by Councilmember Maberry to authorize the contract with Alpha-Lee Enterprises, Inc. and authorize the City's participation in the amount of \$2,000. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA;

- A) DISCUSS APPROVING MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2009 SPECIAL SESSION AND MARCH 23, 2009 REGULAR SESSION
- B) DISCUSS FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CHARGE FOR COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE TO BE CHARGED FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS
- C) DISCUSS FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE REZONING TRACT 38, R.A. CLARK SURVEY FROM INDUSTRIAL TO COMMERCIAL, OWNED BY GPR CORP., A TEXAS CORP (1414 EAST TYLER ST.)

These items will appear on the Consent Agenda and one motion will be required to approve all of the items.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

There was no discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF APRIL, 2009.

Randy Daniel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary