



City Council Meeting

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I. CALL TO ORDER

❖ *Mayor Belle Isle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.*

II. ROLL CALL

- Council Members
 - Mayor David Belle Isle
 - Chris Owens (Mayor Pro Tem)
 - Jason Binder
 - Jim Gilvin
 - Mike Kennedy
 - Dan Merkel (*absent*)
 - Donald Mitchell
- Staff
 - Bob Regus, City Administrator
 - Coty Thigpen, City Clerk
 - Sam Thomas, City Attorney
 - James Drinkard, Asst. City Administrator
 - Peter Sewczwicz, Director of Public Works

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition of Community Relief Efforts for Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma

B. Presentation to the American Legion Post 201

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Council Meeting Minutes (Meeting of 09/25/2017 and Special Called Meeting of 9/18/2017)

❖ *Council Member Owens offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda*

- *The motion received a second from Council Member Mitchell*
- *The motion was approved 6-0*

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

A. PH-17-27: Edward Andrews Homes/Detention Pond Wall

(NOTE: This item was tabled at the 9/18/17 Council Meeting and must be removed from the table before discussion)

Consideration of a request to change previous conditions of zoning for the purpose of changing the finishing material on a detention pond wall. The property is located on the north side of Thompson Street, just west of Park Street and is legally described as being located in Land Lot 749, 1st District, 2nd Section, Fulton County, Georgia.

NOTE: This item was not removed from the table, therefore not discussed.

VII. WORKSHOP

A. SWAT Armored Rescue Vehicle and two (2) tactical robots.

- Director of Public Safety, John Robison came forward to introduce Lt. Doug French who provided a brief overview of this proposal
- The Department of Public Safety is requesting to purchase one (1) Armored Rescue Vehicle and two (2) Tactical Robots for use by the SWAT teams of Alpharetta, Milton, and Roswell.
- In accordance with the executed Memorandum of Understanding between Alpharetta, Milton, and Roswell concerning SWAT services, costs will be apportioned based on population. As such, Alpharetta's share totals \$127,930.78 and is funded through drug seizure funds. Milton's share totals \$67,728.06. Roswell's share totals \$180,608.16. Each entity will be billed by the City at time of invoice processing (i.e. receipt of equipment).

Armored Rescue Vehicle

- Currently, the North Fulton SWAT Team has no safe way to rescue citizens or officers that are under direct gunfire. The team also has no safe way to approach buildings where crimes are ongoing. Recently, this type of rescue vehicle was used to rescue a motorist and her child from fast moving water during flooding conditions and to rescue people during 100 mph high winds during the recent hurricane.
- The recommended Armored Rescue Vehicle is manufactured by Lenco Industries and is being procured under a sole source designation as this vehicle is the only one on the market capable of XXXXXXXX.
- The purchase price for the Armored Rescue Vehicle totals \$312,108. Alpharetta will purchase the Vehicle and will hold title, registration, and fund the insurance policy. Costs are being apportioned as follows: Alpharetta (\$106,116.72); Milton (\$56,179.44); and Roswell (\$149,811.84). Funding for Alpharetta's share is coming through drug seizure funds.
- The expected operations and maintenance costs (fuel, maintenance, etc.) are \$500 annually with insurance costs estimated at \$900 per year.

Tactical Robots

- Robots make it safer for officers, suspects, and the general public because it allows the team to put the robot inside a building or area location to gain intelligence instead of sending officers in. In many cases having the intelligence allows for the resolution of incidents without having to make entry which is safer for all. Using robots is a nationally accepted standard for SWAT Teams across the country.

Avatar III Robot

- The Avatar III robot is manufactured by RoboteX Inc. and is being procured under a single source designation as this is a large tracked robot that gives the team the ability to carry on a conversation with a suspect which can lead to the team not having to make entry.
- The purchase price for the Avatar III robot totals \$48,036. Costs are being apportioned as follows: Alpharetta (\$16,332.24); Milton (\$8,646.48); and Roswell (\$23,057.28). Funding for Alpharetta's share is coming through drug seizure funds.
- The expected operations and maintenance costs is \$100 annually.

Recon Scout XL Robot

- The Recon Scout XL robot is manufactured by Recon Robotics and is being procured under a single source designation as this is a small micro-robot that is able to be deployed easily in many locations because it can be thrown into doorways, windows, etc.
- The purchase price for the Recon Scout XL robot totals \$16,123. Costs are being apportioned as follows: Alpharetta (\$5,481.82); Milton (\$2,902.14); and Roswell (\$7,739.04). Funding for Alpharetta's share is coming through drug seizure funds.
- The expected operations and maintenance costs is \$100 annually.
- This item will come back to Council for formal consideration at a later date

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IX. REPORTS

- Council Member Mitchell commented on the success of the recent "Brew Moon Festival" hosted by the Alpharetta Business Association
- Council Member Binder announced that the City of Alpharetta Recreation and Parks Department was named a finalist for a National Association of Recreation and Parks Award and while they did not win, they represented the City well.

X. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

❖ *Council Member Kennedy offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session*

- *The motion received a second from Council Member Binder*
- *The motion was approved 6-0*

Respectfully submitted,



Coty Thigpen

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