City Council Meeting SUMMARY
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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
  - 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
  - John Robison, Director of Public Safety
  - Tom Harris, Director of Finance

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Council Meeting Minutes (Meeting of 10/23/2017)

B. Financial Management Report: Month Ending September 30, 2017

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- *Council Member Gilvin offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda*
  - *The motion received a second from Council Member Mitchell*
  - *The motion was approved 6-0*

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Purchase Of Armored Rescue Vehicle And Tactical Robots

- Director of Public Safety, John Robison, came forward to present this item
- The Department of Public Safety is requesting to purchase one (1) Armored Rescue Vehicle and two (2) Tactical Robots for use by the North Fulton SWAT team composed of Officers from the cities of Alpharetta, Milton, and Roswell for a total cost of $364,181.
- 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 $123,821.54 and is funded through drug seizure funds. Milton's share totals $65,552.58. Roswell's share totals $174,806.88. Each entity will be billed by the City at time of invoice processing (i.e. receipt of equipment).

<u>Armored Rescue Vehicle</u>

- 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 vehicle was used to rescue a motorist and her child from fast moving water during flooding conditions and to rescue people during 100 mph hurricane force winds.
- The recommended Armored Rescue Vehicle is manufactured by The Armored Group LLC and is being procured through a General Services Administration contract (GSA171026A) under a single source designation, as this vehicle is the only one on the market that met all of the following requirements considered vital by the North Fulton SWAT Team:

1. Level IV armor plus .50 cal. Protection.
2. Armored protection in the gap when doors are open.
3. Hydraulic ram capable of moving up, down, left and right.
4. Side door width that accommodates entry and exit in full gear.
5. Overall width which allows for transport of officers in full gear and wider rear exit for officers in full gear.
6. Size of the vehicle must allow for use on narrow streets that are found in various subdivisions in our cities.

- This vehicle is only available for purchase through the manufacturer. The purchase price for the Armored Rescue Vehicle totals $299,995.00 and Alpharetta will purchase the vehicle, hold title/registration, and fund the insurance policy. Costs are being apportioned as follows: Alpharetta ($101,998.30); Milton ($53,999.10); and Roswell ($143,997.60). Funding for Alpharetta's share is coming through drug seizure funds.
- The expected operations and maintenance costs (fuel, maintenance, insurance, etc.) are $3,000 annually.

<u>Tactical Robots</u>

- 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 in lieu of deploying officers in said locations. 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.

<u>Avatar III Robot</u>

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- The Avatar III robot is manufactured by RoboteX and is being procured under a single source designation in accordance with the city's procurement policy. Justification for this designation is due to the robot's core functionality which aligns well with the SWAT team's needs including a large tracked base and the ability to carry on a conversation with a suspect which can lead to the team not having to make entry.
- This robot is only available through AARDVARK which is the sole distributor for RoboteX sales. The purchase price for the Avatar III robot totals $48,063. Costs are being apportioned as follows: Alpharetta ($16,341.42); Milton ($8,651.34); and Roswell ($23,070.24). Funding for Alpharetta's share is coming through drug seizure funds.
- The expected operations and maintenance costs is $250 annually.

Recon Scout XL Robot

- The Recon Scout XL robot is manufactured by Recon Robotics and is being procured through three competitive quotes in accordance with the city's procurement policy. This is a small micro-robot that can be deployed easily in many locations because it can be thrown into doorways, windows, etc.
- Quotes for this robot ranged from a low of $16,123 to a high of $17,483 (competitive quote record attached). The selected vendor for this procurement is Recon Robotics with a low-quote purchase price for the Recon Scout XL robot totaling $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 $250 annually.

Public Comment

None

- ❖ Council Member Gilvin offered a motion to authorize the acquisition of: one (1) Armored Rescue Vehicle through The Armored Group, LLC in an amount not to exceed $299,995; one (1) Avatar III robot through Aardvark in an amount not to exceed $48,063; and one (1) Recon Scout XL robot through Recon Robotics in an amount not to exceed $16,123; and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents

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

B. FY 2018 Bridge Maintenance, ITB 18-004

- Director of Public Works, Pete Sewczwicz, came forward to present this item on behalf of staff
- The award of this bid is for repair and maintenance activities at seven locations within the City of Alpharetta based upon a GDOT State Bridge Inspection Report . The inspections are performed on a biennial basis by representatives of the Georgia Department of Transportation. Additionally, the City hired AECOM to preform visual inspections as well as designing the necessary repairs and improvements. These locations and the associated tasks are as follows:

1. McGinnis Ferry Road over Big Creek

- Clean and seal all joints.
- Clean gutterlines.

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- Extend the concrete encasements at Bents #4 and #4.

2. Windward Parkway (West Bound Lanes) over Camp Creek

- Repair undermining at Bent #3.
- Clean gutterlines.

3. Webb Bridge Road over Big Creek

- Clean and seal all joints.
- Clear vegetation from underneath bridge.
- Extend the concrete encasements at Bent #3, Piles #1 and #2.

4. Windward Parkway (West Bound Lanes) over Big Creek

- Extend the concrete encasements at Bent #3, Pile #3
- Clean gutterlines.

5. Mansell Road (East Bound Lanes) over Foe Killer Creek

- Repair undermining at both abutments.
- Place rip rap around Bents #2 and #3.
- Clean and seal all joints.
- Clean gutterlines.

6. Mansell Road (West Bound Lanes) over Big Creek

- Repair undermining at both abutments.
- Clear vegetation from under bridge.

7. Kimball Bridge Road over Big Creek

- Repair undermining at Bent #1
- Clean and seal all joints.

- The Department of Public Works worked with an engineering consultant, AECOM, to prepare plans and specifications for these activities. The project advertised for competitive bids during September 2017 and October 2017. A total of eight bids were received for the project on October 12, 2017. The lowest five bids received were as follows:

  - Massana, Inc. $310,984.00
  - McCarthy Improvement Company $325,000.00
  - Proshot Concrete, Inc. $327,195.00
  - The L. C. Whitford Co. Inc. $378,887.00
  - Georgia Bridge & Concrete, LLC $410,000.00

- The apparent low bidder, Massana, Inc., is an experienced contractor and has worked on numerous projects with similar scopes of work in Georgia for several agencies including Georgia Department of Transportation and City of Canton. The contacted references stated that Massana, Inc. provided reliable work on time and within budget and would utilize their services again.

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- Staff met with Massana, Inc.to review the scope of work and the City's expectations. Massana, Inc. assured staff that they could complete the project for the bid amount and within the allocated time frame. Thus, staff determined Massana, Inc. to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

- Once a contract with Massana, Inc. has been finalized and executed, construction may begin immediately. The anticipated completion date is no more than 60 days from notice to proceed.

Public Comment

None

- ❖ *Council Member Owens offered a motion to award ITB 18-004 to Massana, Inc. for the FY 2018 Bridge Maintenance project in an amount not to exceed $310,984.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents*
  - *The motion received a second from Council Member Merkel*
  - *The motion was approved 6-0*

C. Firefighter Cancer Policy

- Director of Finance, Tom Harris, came forward to present this item
- The passage of HB 146 in 2017, known as the Firefighter Cancer Insurance bill, requires all legally organized fire departments to provide a lump sum payment to any firefighter diagnosed with certain types of cancer and up to three years of disability payments to firefighters who, because of cancer illness, cannot work as a firefighter. This new benefit requirement becomes effective on January 1, 2018. Attached is a 3 year rate guarantee quote from the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) for $20,750 (annual). Sufficient money is available in the budget. GMA is offering this fully insured program (through GIRMA), backed by The Hartford, to help cities be in compliance with the new law.
- There are two coverage components required by House Bill 146 a lump sum cancer benefit; and a long-term disability for employed firefighters. The lump sum cancer policy provides $6,250 (less severe forms of cancer) and $25,000 (severe forms of cancer) for each diagnosis up to a lifetime maximum of $50,000 per firefighter (employed and volunteer). The long-term cancer disability policy provides a monthly benefit of 60% of pre-disability firefighters earnings (max $5,000 per month per firefighter) for 36 months. For volunteer firefighters, the monthly benefit is a flat $1,500.
- It should be noted that while the City already offers long-term disability for all employees, the new law for firefighters requires certain unique benefits such as portability and volunteer firefighter coverage that we currently can't offer under our group long-term policy. The Hartford disability benefit will be reduced based on any duplicate coverage offered by the City.

Public Comment

None

- ❖ *Council Member Mitchell offered a motion to approve the resolution to become a member of GMA's Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) and authorize the mayor to execute all necessary documents to provide City of Alpharetta firefighters with statutorily required firefighter cancer coverage*
  - *The motion received a second from Council Member Gilvin*

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- *The motion was approved 6-0*

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VI. WORKSHOP

❖ *Council Member Binder joined the meeting*

A. North Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan: Draft Recommendations Report

- Senior Engineer, Eric Graves, came forward to introduce members of our consultant team from Kimley Horn who provided a brief overview of the North Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan Draft
- This is the 1st presentation of the draft before Council and will come back for further consideration at a later date

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VIII. REPORTS

- Council Member Owens recognized the great work being done by the Lionheart School and specifically recognized the "Lionheart Works" program that recently toured City Hall and City Center
- City Administrator Bob Regus provided an update that the City History Museum officially is under construction as of today
- Mr. Regus also announced that the City has finalized an agreement with city of Milton for our joint park venture
- Council Member Mitchell reminded all to vote in the City of Alpharetta Election tomorrow, Tuesday, November 7th

IX. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

❖ *Council Member Merkel offered a motion to adjourn into Executive Session*

- *The motion received a second from Council Member Kennedy*
- *The motion was approved 7-0*

Respectfully submitted,

Coty Thigpen

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