



Official City Council Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2020

Office of the City Clerk

CITY HALL 2 PARK PLAZA

6:30 PM

Official Minutes

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- *Mayor Gilvin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.*

II. ROLL CALL

• Council Members

- o Mayor Jim Gilvin
- o Mayor Pro Tem Donald F. Mitchell
- o Jason Binder
- o Ben Burnett
- o John Hipes
- o Dan Merkel
- o Karen Richard

• Staff

- o Bob Regus, City Administrator
- o Sam Thomas, City Attorney
- o James Drinkard, Asst. City Administrator
- o Erin Cobb, City Clerk
- o Peter Sewczwicz, Director of Public Works
- o Morgan Rodgers, Director of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- o Tom Harris, Director of Finance
- o Kathi Cook, Director of Community Development
- o John Robison, Director of Public Safety
- o Randy Bundy, Director of Information Technology
- o Matthew Thomas, Economic Development Manager

- **Staff Cont.**
 - o Michael Woodman, Senior Planner

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Council Meeting Minutes (Meeting of 4/20/20)

- ❖ Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell offered a motion to approve the consent agenda
 - The motion received a second from Council Member Burnett
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0)

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bridge Improvements over GA 400

- Director of Public Works, Pete Sewczwicz, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending that Mayor and Council approve Kimley Horn's proposal in the amount of \$46,000 to prepare the necessary detailed design drawings associated with the Improvements to Kimball Bridge Road Bridge, Webb Bridge Road Bridge, and Tradewinds Bridge over GA 400, and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.
- Over the last several months representatives of Kimley Horn, North Fulton Community Improvement District (NFCID), Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), and the City of Alpharetta have been working collaboratively on improvements of the Bridges over GA 400. Specifically, Kimball Bridge Road, Webb Bridge Road, and the new overpass Tradewinds. Recently Mayor and Council approved the improvements of the bridges associated with the 3-D exhibits prepared by Kimley Horn. The next step in the process is for Kimley Horn to develop detailed/engineered designs for the specific elements on the bridges for GDOT to include in the design/build/maintain proposal package for the GA 400 Express Lanes Project.
- Specific deliverables associated with this scope of work are: Conceptual level plans and elevation drawings for each bridge; Conceptual level line drawings for each bridge element (columns, walls, etc.); and Final Design standards and drawings.
- Prior to this point, Kimley Horn has been developing exhibits utilizing 3-D modeling. The modeling of the proposed bridges has been funded by the NFCID. Recently the city issued a PO to Kimley Horn to review the specific elements of the Encore Bridge and identify the specific elements into the three proposed bridges (referred to in the attached proposal as Task 1). Specific design of the elements associated for each bridge has not been accomplished. Award of this proposal in the amount of \$46,000 will enable the City to accomplish such and move forward with the next step in the design process.
- The design team and Public Works is working alongside GDOT in preparation of the RFP GDOT is going to be issuing later this summer for the design/build/maintain GA 400 Express Lanes Project. Work associated with Kimley Horn's proposal will be

accomplished to meet the June 30th deadline.

Public Comment:

- No Public Comment
- ❖ Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell offered a motion to approve Kimley Horn's proposal in an amount not to exceed \$46,000 to prepare the necessary detailed design drawings associated with the Improvements to Kimball Bridge Road Bridge, Webb Bridge Road Bridge, and Tradewinds Bridge over GA 400, and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents
 - The motion received a second from Council Member Burnett
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0)

B. Ordinance Amendment: Chapter 46, Article II of The City Code

- Director of Public Safety, John Robison, came forward to present this item.
- The proposed ordinance would amend Chapter 46, Article II of the Code of the City of Alpharetta, Georgia as it regulates temporary no parking zones. The effect of the amendment would be to provide authority for Alpharetta Police Officers to order the involuntary removal (towing) of automobiles that have been parked in temporary no parking zones that are established for special events and/or to meet other City needs.
- While the need for such involuntary removal is infrequent, there are several reasons why granting the authority to our Police Officers is important. These include:
 - o For events such as the farmers market, Taste of Alpharetta, and other street events the presence of a vehicle on the street prevents elements of the event to be setup in accordance with the planned layout. This can be especially problematic if the vehicle is located in a manner that prevents the setup of an event element that is reliant on electrical service.
 - o Once the event site is opened to the public, the vehicle cannot be moved, and the driver is stuck. This creates a conflict during the event with which our police officers must deal.
 - o If the vehicle is damaged during the event, the owner would likely seek compensation from the City. While our legal liability would likely be questionable due to the vehicle being left in a posted area, we would still incur unnecessary expense if the owner files legal action.
 - o There are also potential safety concerns.
- Staff worked with the City Attorney to draft the recommended ordinance, which provides the minimum changes necessary to provide for the necessary authority.
- City Attorney, Sam Thomas, read the ordinance aloud.

Public Comment:

- No Public Comment

- ❖ Council Member Hipes offered a motion to amend Chapter 46, Article II of the Code of the City of Alpharetta, Georgia as it regulates temporary no parking zones. The effect of the amendment would be to provide authority for Alpharetta Police Officers to order the involuntary removal (towing) of automobiles that have been parked in temporary no parking zones that are established for special events and/or to meet other City needs
 - The motion received a second from Council Member Merkel
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0)

C. Resolution Approving the Sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020

- The Director of Finance, Tom Harris, came forward to present this item.
- Staff is recommending Mayor and Council adopt a resolution approving the sale of general obligation refunding bonds, series 2020.
- City Attorney, Sam Thomas, read the resolution aloud.

Public Comment:

- No Public Comment
- ❖ Council Member Merkel offered a motion to adopt a resolution approving the sale of general obligation refunding bonds, series 2020
 - The motion received a second from Council Member Richard
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0)

VI. WORKSHOP

A. ITB 20-015, SR 9 at Marietta Street Midblock Crossing

- The Director of Public Works, Pete Sewczwicz, came forward to present this item.
- The award of this bid is for the construction of the SR 9 at Marietta Street Midblock Crossing. The project consists of the addition of a midblock crossing of SR 9 (South Main Street) at Marietta Street, and will include the construction of brick medians to offer a refuge area to pedestrians and installation of a mast arm with a HAWK beacon system. Additional work will include upgrading the existing handicap ramps and additional concrete medians and striping.
- The Department of Public Works prepared plans and specifications for the project and advertised for competitive bids on Thursday, March 12, 2020. A total of five bids were received on Thursday, April 9, 2020. The bids were as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total</u>
Chattahoochee Group, Inc.	\$191,983.87
TRISCAPES, Inc.	\$218,998.01
Summit Construction & Development, LLC	\$249,272.05

CMEC, LLC.	\$285,511.75
Surfaces Group	\$299,894.10

- The apparent low bidder, Chattahoochee Group, Inc., is an experienced contractor which has worked on several projects with similar elements in Georgia for multiple governmental agencies including Georgia DNR, City of Arcadia, and City of Marietta. The contacted references stated that Chattahoochee Group, Inc. provided reliable work on time and within budget and would use their services again.
- Once a contract with Chattahoochee Group, Inc. has been finalized and executed, construction may begin immediately. The anticipated completion date is no more than 60 calendar days from notice to proceed.
- This item was presented for informational purposes only. No action is being requested at this time.

Public Comment:

- Clifford Martin, 700 Anna Lane, Alpharetta, GA, came forward to address concerns regarding the placement of the HAWK signal.

B. Review Sign Proposals for Eastside Community Center

- Director of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services, Morgan Rodgers, came forward to present this item.
- The City of Alpharetta and the Ed Isakson YMCA have a MOU regarding the development of the Eastside Community Center in conjunction with the development of additional facilities at the Y.
- As this is a partnership, the Y has presented a draft proposal for the signage at the new Center. This signage package attached includes the monument entrance sign, the signage outside the Community Center entrance and some interior signage. The package was developed by the Y's design firm team, Sky Design.
- For reference, the City of Alpharetta's Brand Standards Manual is also attached.
- This sign package was reviewed by the Recreation Commission at their February workshop. A list of their comments is attached.
- Staff is requesting feedback from Mayor and Council in order to provide guidance to the YMCA and their design team.

Public Comment:

- No Public Comment

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No Public Comment

VIII. REPORTS

- Council Member Hipes commented on how great the new exterior parking signs look that were installed on two downtown parking garages and how they enhance the downtown.

- Council Member Binder praised the Alpharetta Rotary Club on raising \$60,000 within a couple weeks for their Donation Derby which supports local nonprofits during this crisis.
- Council Member Richard announced that the Design Review Board (DRB) will be hosting their May meetings via Zoom, which will take place on May 8th and May 15th. Additionally, the May 13th Community Zoning Information Meeting (CZIM) will be taking place via ZOOM.
- Council Member Merkel commented on the success of the Rotary Clubs fundraising and recognized the success of Council Member Binder's restaurant Bingo idea (<https://www.northfultonserves.com/>).
- Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell announced that Rucker Road is anticipated to be completed by Friday of this week pending the weather.
- Council Member Merkel commented on the amazing job that the contractor has done on the Kimball Bridge Improvement project.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ With no further business to discuss or items to be heard, Mayor Gilvin adjourned the meeting at 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erin Cobb".

Erin Cobb, City Clerk