

Buford City Commission

August 3, 2020

The regular monthly meeting was held on August 3, 2020 at Buford City Arena and all Commission members were present.

Chairman Beard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Burge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the agenda for the August 3, 2020 meeting as presented.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adopt the minutes from the July 20, 2020 meeting as presented by staff.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to change the September meeting to September 8, 2020 at Buford City Arena.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to re-appoint Homer Whiting and Wayne Johnson to Planning & Zoning board.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve ordinance and resolution calling for a special election to allow voters of the City of Buford to vote on the issue of a homestead exemption from certain City of Buford ad valorem taxes; and other purposes.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Chairman Beard stated that this portion of the meeting would be set aside for public hearings.

Chairman Beard stated at this time there would be a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget and 2020 millage rate rollback for Gwinnett and Hall County property taxes. Chairman Beard gave an overview of the budget and the public was given an opportunity to provide comments on the budget and millage rate rollback. The audience did not have any comments or questions regarding the proposed FY 2021



Operating Budget, the 2020 proposed Gwinnett and Hall County millage rate or the proposed 2020 millage rate for Hall County with the LOST rollback.

Chairman Beard stated that this concludes the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve resolution ratifying the designation of three Construction Fund Custodians for the Buford Series 2020 Water and Sewer bonds. Mr. Beard abstained.

Ayes 2
Nays 0
Abstain 1

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve exemption of requirement to install curb and gutter and sidewalks at 4200 Thompson Mill Road for Tipton Home Builders, LLC.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve issuance of certificate of occupancy and site plan improvements, including fencing for property, located at 510 Bona Road and accept \$800 review fee.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize City Manager to enter into an agreement with Stonehedge Garden Club and Jim Bradford, Artist, to design and install a sculpture in the amphitheater park located on Main Street. City financial participation to be approved by the City Commission at a later date.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve a lease for a portion of city sidewalk to Bare Bones to be used in restaurant and patio operations and to proceed with a transfer of the property to Downtown Development Authority for sale.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize City Manager and City Attorney to enter into an agreement to purchase property located on Main Street and to authorize City Manager to issue a donation letter.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve changes in natural gas tap fee charges.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve low bid for new service installations and low bid for renewal construction services for City of Buford natural gas.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #1 for Church Street stormwater improvements in the amount of \$33,942.40.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #5 for Buford multi-use trail project in the amount of \$111,883.23.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment #10 for the legion fields improvements project in the amount of \$558,453.00.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #22 for the Buford park deck project in the amount of \$244,162.00 and authorize City Manager to install streetscape improvements on S. Harris Street and Moreno Street to Main Street.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to clarify earlier motion to award best bid to CEDS Construction Co. for new service installations and renewal construction services for City of Buford natural gas and authorize the use of next lowest bidder on an as-needed basis.

Ayes 3
Nays 0



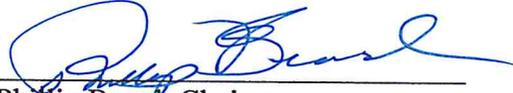
Mr. Kerlin gave the City Manager's Report.

Mr. Jay gave the City Attorney's report.

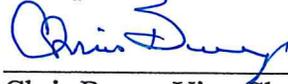
After a brief discussion with the audience, motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adjourn.

Ayes 3

Nays 0



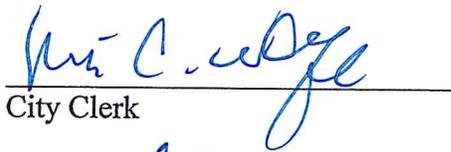
Phillip Beard, Chairman



Chris Burge, Vice-Chairman



Bradley W. Weeks, Commissioner



City Clerk

8-3-2020

Date