

**City of Locust Grove  
 Council Workshop Meeting Minutes  
 Public Safety Building – Courtroom Chamber  
 3640 Highway 42 S. – Locust Grove, GA 30248  
 Tuesday, July 6, 2021  
 6:00 PM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Staff Present:</b>
Robert Price – Mayor	Tim Young – City Manager
Carlos Greer – Councilman	Bert Foster – Assistant City Manager
Willie Taylor – Councilman	Misty Spurling – City Clerk
Keith Boone – Councilman	Jennifer Adkins – Assistant City Clerk
Rod Shearouse – Councilman	Daunte’ Gibbs – Community Development Director
Rudy Breedlove – Councilman	Derrick Austin - Police Chief
Vincent Williams – Councilman	Jack Rose – Public Works Director
	Anna W. Ogg – Main Street Director
	Andy Welch - Attorney

Mayor Price called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Invocation given by Community Development Director Daunte’ Gibbs

Councilman Greer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –

Mayor Price asked for a motion to amend the agenda to defer items four and five until July 19, 2021 workshop meeting and add an additional Item number ten (#10). Councilman Boone made the motion to approve the July 6, 2021 meeting agenda as amended.

RESULT	APPROVED AGENDA AS AMENDED
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
VOTE	MOTION CARRIED - ALL IN FAVOR

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

- **Mrs. Barbara Coleman – Connecting Henry, Inc – Update**

Mrs. Barbara Coleman: Executive Director with Connecting Henry, Inc stepped forward to present an update and reviewed the PowerPoint on the overhead screen. Mrs. Coleman said this organization is celebrating 25 years this year serving and representing Henry County. Discussion took place about the lack of homeless shelters in Henry County. Mrs. Coleman said within the Henry County Schools, there are hundreds of families who are homeless. This organization helps provide the needs of those families. Discussion took place about the Emergency Solutions Grant that is available for families who are approved, and further discussion regarding the aid spent for families in Henry County. Mrs. Coleman said there is a list of programs for training to help people obtain employment and maintain an employed status. The organization has helped families in

Locust Grove; however, they would like to offer more help. Further, Mrs. Coleman said the organization is [nearly] one hundred percent grant funded along with some donations.

Councilman Williams made a comment this seems to be a very successful organization and said he appreciates the update.

Councilman Greer asked if the organizations assist in other counties and Mrs. Coleman replied the chart reviewed is strictly for Henry County; however, the organization does serve other jurisdictions.

Councilman Boone asked who funds the organization and Mrs. Coleman replied the organization receives some Federal funding, CDBG, DCA, private and business donations. Nothing further.

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – NONE**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES –**

**1. JUNE 7, 2021- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the June 7, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED JUNE 7, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**2. JUNE 21, 2021- WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the June 21, 2021 workshop meeting minutes.

RESULT	APPROVED JUNE 21, 2021 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT –**

**3. JUNE 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the June 2021 Financial Statement.

RESULT	APPROVED JUNE 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS –**

- 4. Ordinance for annexation of 39.08 +/- acres and 156.82 +/- acres located North of Bethlehem Road between Interstate 75 and SR 42 (Parcel IDs: 110-01019002 & 110-01023000) in LL 230, 246, 250, 251 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> districts -**

Item deferred until July 19, 2021 workshop meeting as part of amending the agenda prior to approval of the agenda.

- 5. Ordinance for rezoning of 39.08 +/- acres and 156.82 +/- acres located North of Bethlehem Road between Interstate 75 and SR 42 (Parcel IDs: 110-01019002 & 110-01023000) in LL 230, 246, 250, 251 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> districts –**

Item deferred until July 19, 2021, workshop meeting as part of amending the agenda prior to approval of agenda.

- 6. Resolution to create a streetlight district in Liberty Grove subdivision (f/k/a Derrington at Locust Grove Station, Phase 2) –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #21-07-045.

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION #21-07-045
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

- 7. Ordinance to approve the final plat for Berkley Lakes Phase 2A, single family residential subdivision, located at 71 Single Circle –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance 21-07-046.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-07-046
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

- 8. Preliminary Plat for Peeksville Road subdivision, a single-family residential subdivision, located off Peeksville Road –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Williams made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance #21-07-047

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-07-047
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**9. Ordinance to amend the FY 2021 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Greer made the motion to approve the request by approving ordinance 21-07-048.

RESULT	APPROVED ORDINANCE #21-07-048
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN TAYLOR
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**ADD ITEM –**

**10. Resolution to approve assignment, release, and indemnification between City of Locust Grove and GBLG Development, LLC –**

City Manager Tim Young stepped forward and led discussion Council approved two items related to Colvin Drive at the May 17<sup>th</sup> workshop meeting. One item for Norfolk Southern and the other item with Scannell; however, this agreement for action tonight would apply to GBLG for the work they are performing (or via N-S) in the crossing area we are required by Norfolk Southern to handle the legalities for us acting as agent on their behalf.

Attorney Andy Welch said the DRI attached to the development agreement needed to be executed. Scannell is doing the project work and reimbursing the city back and an agreement was needed so the city would not have any liability. Nothing further.

Mayor Price asked for a motion. Councilman Shearouse made the motion to approve the request by approving resolution #21-07-049

RESULT	APPROVED RESOLUTION 21-07-049
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN SHEAROUSE
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BREEDLOVE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

**NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS – NONE**

**CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS –**

- **T-SPLOST update of projects and IGA**

Mr. Young gave an update this is the draft T-SPLOST list for the Joint Henry County/Cities transportation sales tax. This project list now more closely aligns some of the discussion from the recent mini-retreat with the bulk of the expenditures centered on the outcome of the planning study along SR-42 by GDOT and the City, with the next largest amount designated for general repaving of streets throughout all areas of the city. Mr. Young said city along with folks from Henry County delivered checks to GDOT on June 28, 2021 to go towards the \$120 million dollar Bethlehem Road Interchange project.

Attorney Andy Welch said we are in with final negotiations with the County staff on the IGA. It is important the city receives the money that is bonding with the County; however, the county has

eliminated the ability for the city to jointly bond with them [County] because they chose to only bond their projects. This means the city does not get the benefit of the AAA bond rating. The city wants to be able to bond our projects so that we can receive the cash up front versus receiving in increments (to avoid slowing the process down). The IGA says the city could not bond; therefore, we will have to do independently, and we wanted to ensure this IGA does not keep the city from being able to bond. Attorney Andy Welch said Tim has been dedicated to this process and said he is doing a great job in overseeing each step along the way. Further discussion took place and then nothing further

Councilman Boone asked if there are any modifications on unnecessary projects the county had listed, and discussion took place.

Councilman Shearouse asked why the County did not want to bond with the city. Mr. Young replied the city has dates as to when we must spend money related to the SPLOST bonds to avoid arbitrage penalties, which some cities failed to do. Therefore, the county had to pay federal taxes. Discussion took place.

Mr. Young asked if Council had any changes for the project list and Councilman Greer made a comment the street improvement list could be revised because some streets listed do not seem to be high priority as others that are not listed. Mr. Young replied a third party does the assessment and we apply accordingly. Nothing further.

Mr. Young closed this section with review of the tax digest for this year and said our tax digest has grown by more than 170 percent since 2013. Discussion took place and Mr. Young reviewed percentages by city and nothing further.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS – NONE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

Mayor Price asked for a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of litigation and property acquisition. Councilman Greer made the motion with second by Councilman Breedlove. All in favor and motion carried. Council entered executive session at 6:48 PM.

Mayor Price asked for a motion to reconvene to regular session from executive session at 7:31 PM. Councilman Greer made the motion with second by Councilman Boone. All in favor and motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT –**

Mayor Price asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Greer made the motion to adjourn.

RESULT	APPROVED – ADJOURN MEETING
MADE MOTION	COUNCILMAN GREER
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOTION	COUNCILMAN BOONE
FAVOR	MOTION CARRIED MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:31 PM.

Notes taken by:

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Misty Spurling, City Clerk