

CITY OF SYLVESTER, GEORGIA
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 101 N MAIN STREET
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019, 7:00 P.M.



The Honorable Larry Johnson, Ward 4, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Melvin Powell, Ward 1 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Randy Hill, Ward 2 Councilmember (present)
John Hayes, City Manager (present); Carolyn Williams, City Clerk (present)
Kimberly Reid, City Attorney (present)

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro Tem Larry Johnson

2) **INVOCATION GIVEN BY:** Dr. Willie Mae Marlin

3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilman Powell motioned to approve the agenda and it was seconded by Councilman Hill - *3-0- Motion Carries* –

5) **SPEAKER APPEARANCES** - None

6) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - None

7) **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- i) Surplus Property List
- ii) Community Garden-Councilman Johnson
- iii) 2020 City of Sylvester Holiday Schedule
- iv) N Ayers Street and Atlantic Street speed bump

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v) BEER/WINE/LIQUOR RENEWALS 2020

Michael Littleton Fat Boys BBQ	Swati Goyal Sylvester Food Mart	Laurie Lyn Barnard Walmart	Kimberly Sailor CVS	Daniel Blakely Boss Game Room
Yuliana Barradas El Metate Mexican Restaurant	Paul J. Hill Pizza Quick	Bobby Lawson Piggly Wiggly	Hasumatbens Patel Handy Express	Hasumatbens Patel Sylvester Express
Harshad Patel E-Z Corner # 22	Harshad Patel E-Z Corner # 11	Harshad Patel Harry's Food Mart	Harshad Patel J & J Grocery	Harshad Patel E-Z Corner # 33
Monica Hunt Old Mexico	Edgar Green Jr's Game Room			

vi) Recording in Minutes of the Appointment of Maria Leonard and Karen Rackley to the Housing Authority Board

Mr. Hill motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and it was seconded by Mr. Powell

Mr. Powell asked for clarification of a license that was not previously on the Consent Agenda. Attorney Reid advised to make a motion to add the applicant to the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Powell motioned to rescind the original motion and motioned to add Mr. Edgar Green to the Consent Agenda for Beer renewal for 2020, and it was seconded by Mr. Hill – **3-0**

Motion Carries

Councilman Powell motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and it was seconded by Councilman Johnson – **3-0 - Motion Carries**

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

8) EVENT APPLICATION/ROAD BLOCK PERMIT/ROAD CLOSING PERMIT/PERMIT TO MARCH REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY – TREMAINE O. ALFORD, SR.

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Mr. Powell offered a motion to approve the Event Application for Mr. Alford for MLK Day Celebration and a second was given by Mr. Hill – ***3-0 Motion Carries***

9) FEMA PAYMENTS AND UPDATE

Ms. Jinny Boyd submitted a FEMA Funds Report outlining the current status of funds in regards to closed out and received funds from FEMA. The documents presented showed projected costs and totals that the city received from FEMA. Two Tornadoes and one hurricane have been completed. Hurricane Michael is still being processed. Presently the total amount received from FEMA for all projects is \$471,699.80. There are approved projects left to be paid (**See Exhibit A**). Mr. Powell made a point to show that the City must have money on hand to sustain through a storm. Mr. Hayes noted that we are slightly under our goal to maintain the government without having to borrow. Jinny was thanked for her hard work in getting this work completed.

PRESENTATIONS: COUNCILMEN RANDY HILL AND MELVIN POWELL

With family and friends present Mayor Pro Tem Johnson presented Mr. Hill and Mr. Powell with plaques for their years of service. Mr. Powell was presented a plaque for 24 years of dedicated service to the City. Mr. Hill was presented a plaque for 15 years of dedicated service. They both spoke briefly highlighting their love and commitment to the City and thanked the public for allowing them to serve. They were commended for a job well done, and they will surely be missed.

10) RESOLUTION NO: 2019-26 – AMENDING CURRENT BUDGET

Mr. Rash, Finance Director, stated the current budget had to be amended by \$2,339,000 to be in compliance with state law. Mr. Rash submitted a budget amendment worksheet that showed increases and decreases for specific departments (**See Exhibit B**). Mr. Hayes elaborated on expenditures reported and noted that there should be improvement to the reserves going forward. Mr. Powell would like 400-500 thousand dollars to be budgeted each year to cover our need. Mr. Hayes shared revenue opportunities with the Council.

Mr. Powell motioned to approve Resolution 2019-26 and Mr. Hill offered a second ***3-0 Motion Carries***

11) FAMILY CONNECTON FISCAL AGENT DESIGNATION and ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson motioned to accept the Fiscal Agent Agreement and it was seconded by Mr. Hill – ***3-0 Motion Carries***

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12) RESOLUTION NO: 2019-27 MUNICIPAL COMPETITIVE TRUST

Mr. Hayes stated this Resolution brings the City into compliance with the authorized signatures.

Mr. Powell moved to accept Resolution No: 2019-27 for compliance and was seconded by Mr. Hill – ***3-0 Motion Carries***

13) INCUMBENCY AND SIGNATORY CERTIFICATE

The City Manager stated this was the accompanying document to the above Resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to approve the Incumbency and Signatory Certificate and it was seconded by Mr. Powell – ***3-0 Motion Carries***

14) DDA APPOINTMENT

Mr. Powell reminded the Council that this position must be filled with an elected official.

Mr. Powell moved to appoint Mr. Johnson to serve on the DDA Board and a second was offered by Mr. Hill – ***3-0 Motion Carries***

15) ITEMS FROM:

CITY MANAGER – NONE

CITY ATTORNEY – NONE

WARD – 1

- Mr. Powell asked how many candidates had applied for the Public Defender position. Mr. Hayes said two people had applied. Mr. Powell remarked that he had observed Ms. Addaway in the courtroom and she was qualified for this job. It is also necessary that this position be filled right away.

Mr. Powell moved to hire Ms. Addaway as the Public Defender at \$400 per court date and \$45 per hour outside of court, effective January 1, 2020, and a second was offered by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson- ***3-0 Motion Carries***

- Mr. Powell thanked the staff for a marvelous job done at the Christmas dinner.

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- Mr. Powell stated that the new Chief has raised the bar. He is asking the Council to support the Chief, because there are needed improvements. He pointed out areas of particular needs.

WARD – 2 – NONE

WARD – 4 - NONE

Mr. Johnson offered a motion to convene an Executive Session to discuss Personnel and litigation and it was seconded by Mr. Hill – **3-0 – Motion Carries**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:55

After discussion of Personnel, no official action was proposed or taken and regular session reconvened.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED: 9:30

Mr. Powell moved to accept the minutes as read in Executive Session and was seconded by Mr. Hill – **3-0 - Motion Carries**

Mr. Johnson motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Hill-**Unanimous Consent, Motion Carries**

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson duly adjourned the meeting at 9:32 pm.

Larry Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem

Carolyn Williams, City Clerk