

CITY OF SYLVESTER
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019 @ 10:30 AM

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem, Charles Jones; Councilmembers, Randy V. Hill, Melvin Powell; John Hayes, City Manager; Carolyn Williams, City Clerk.

ABSENT: Councilman Larry Johnson, Attorney Kimberly Reid

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Charles Jones

SUBJECT: To Approve Resolution to Submit a Grant to GEORGIA
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (GTIB) for purpose of
Infrastructure Improvements

Mr. Jones called the meeting to order and turned it over to Mr. Hayes. Mr. Hayes started by stating that the City had an opportunity to apply for grant funding through the Department of Transportation, known as GTIB. This will allow up to \$402,000 street and sidewalk improvements. Carter and Sloope has presented a cost estimate to do the work. Areas will be corrected which are not ADA compliant. There will be a 60% match requirement. Funding will come from a combination of LMIG, T-Splost and regular Splost. We have a deadline of November 1, and funding will occur in March of next year.

Mr. Powell wanted to know if funds will be pulled from LMIG, affecting the roads that are already on the list. Kelly Street is already earmarked and funded. Two months of T-Splost revenues have been collected.

Mr. Powell questioned if we did not receive the funding for Seabrook Drive, would the City have to pay the match, which is an 80-20 match. Mr. Hayes stated the Engineering firm has assured him of matching funds, if not, we will have the contingency fund to cover the project. Mr. Powell has grave concerns about pulling funds and putting them into this project. The 60% match versus other matches of 20% is a point of concern also. Mr. Hayes believes the City is in the best shape now to deal with the match issue.

Mr. Powell expressed that he had not been given enough information to make a sound decision, and suggested a recess to gather more information.

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Mr. Powell motioned to take a 30-minute recess for the City Manager to compile information, seconded by Mr. Hill – *3-0 - Motion Carries*

RECESS: 10:55

CALLED MEETING RECONVENED: 11:30

Mr. Hayes presented the Council with documentation outlining where funds would be drawn from if the Council voted to proceed with the grant. He will utilize funds mainly from T-Splost, and may not have to use the traditional Splost. Mr. Hayes made known that he had just received the information about the grant, and the data from the engineer.

After reviewing the information presented, Mr. Powell agreed that funding should be available to move forward on grant. This will improve downtown and help our merchants. Mr. Jones agreed that anytime we can get help we need to take advantage of the opportunity.

Mr. Powell motioned to move forward in researching the grant and a second was offered by Mr. Hill – *3-0 Motion Carries*

Mr. Hayes informed the Council that we were under a level 1 drought declaration.

Mr. Hayes was authorized to submit a RFP for an attorney. It was suggested by Mr. Powell to run posting for a month, and then close.

Mr. Hill motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Powell – *3-0 Motion Carries*

Charles Jones, Mayor Pro Tem

Carolyn Williams, City Clerk