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**City Council Meeting**

**Minutes**

**November 27, 2023 – 6:30 pm**

**In Person**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Carlos Williams. Members of Council: Tabatha Strother, Dave Claytor, Ursula Boyd-Crosby, Jamie Price, Danielle Hughes, Tony Nelson, and Robbie King-Boyd

**ABSENT: Wade Young**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams at 6:30 pm.

**Roll Call**

7 Present at the time of roll call.

**Prayer**

Councilwoman Strother offered prayer.

**Pledge**

Council recited The Pledge of Allegiance and The Civility Pledge.

**Citizens Forum**

*James Earl Moore* – 741 Lewis Store Road - Council Conduct.

*Makeda Baker* – 115 Caldwell Street – City Council Behavior.

**Petitioners**

*None*.

**Monthly Administrative Report**

*Pending*

**Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions**

*Ordinance 38-8 Drinking in Public*

Councilwoman Strother made a motion to accept Ordinance 38-8 Drinking in Public. The motion was second by Councilwoman King-Boyd**. The vote was as follows: In favor: (Strother, Price, Boyd-Crosby, Nelson, King-Boyd, Williams). Oppose: (Claytor).** The motion passed **(6-1).**

**ARPA Request**

*Fitness Parks*

Councilwoman King Boyd made a motion to accept the ARPA request in the amount of $132,500 for the Fitness Park. Councilwoman Boyd-Crosby second the motion. The motion passed unanimous (7-0)

*Red Cross Bathrooms*

After discussion, Councilwoman King-Boyd made a motion to table the Red Cross Bathrooms project. Council Price second the motion. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

**City Administrator’s Report – Information Only**

City Administrator, Malik Whitaker presented the City Administrator’s Report as information only. No action was taken.

**Commission Appointments**

*Planning Commission*

Councilwoman King-Boyd made a motion to table the commission appointment approvals for the Planning Commission. Councilman Claytor second the motion. The vote was as follows: **Oppose: (Strother, Price, Nelson, Williams) In Favor: (Claytor, Boyd-Crosby, King-Boyd)**. The motion failed (4-3).

*Evergreen Cemetery (Deliaree Lann, Susan Nazian), Housing Authority (Lucille W. Allen, Brianna Cuttino, Darlene Wright, Teresa Davis, Gloria Cornwell), Historic Preservation (Alfred Lindsay, Debbie Boulware):* Councilwoman King-Boyd made a motion to accept the commission appointments for Evergreen Cemetery, Housing Authority, and Historic Preservation. Councilwoman Boy-Crosby second the motion. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Councilwoman Strother made a motion to accept the commission profiles for the Planning Commission: Clinton Patton and Travis Commodore. Councilman Jamie Price second the motion. The vote was as follows: **In Favor: (Strother, Price, Boyd-Crosby, Nelson, King-Boyd, Williams). Oppose: (Claytor).** The motion passed (6-1).

**Financial Accounts**

*Aquatic & Fitness Center*

Councilwoman King-Boyd made a motion to approve the request to open an account for Aquatic & Fitness Center payments. Councilman Price second the motion. The vote passed unanimously (7-0).

*Withholdings*

Councilwoman King-Boyd made a motion to approve the request to open an account for payroll withholdings. Councilman Price second the motion. The vote passed unanimously (7-0).

**Mt. Hebron Cemetery**

Councilwoman King-Boyd requested that the discussion of financial assistance for Mt. Hebron Cemetery be tabled. No action was taken.

*Executive Session*

Councilwoman Strother made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Contractual Matter – Administrative Department, Personnel Matter -Police Department/Human Resources, and Contractual Matter-Shot Spotter. Councilwoman Boyd-Crosby second the motion. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

*Open Session*

Chair entertained a motion to go back to open session at 9:15pm. Councilwoman Strother made a motion to go back into open session. Councilman Price second the motion. The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Mayor Willimas stated that while in Executive Session, Council discussed Contractual Matter – Administrative Department, Personnel Matter -Police Department/Human Resources, and Contractual Matter-Shot Spotter in which no action was taken.

With no other business, Councilwoman Strother made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was second by Councilwoman Nelson.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marquita Fair

Municipal Clerk