

## MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYLACAUGA HELD JUNE 27, 2022

This special meeting of the City Council was called by the City Council President for consideration of the following business items:

- To approve Resolution #38-2022 to declare replacement of City Hall generator an emergency;
- To request a State of Emergency from the Governor's office due to flood damage within City;
- To consider and act upon any other general business of the City that may be required.

### MEETING AGENDA

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Council President, Lee Perryman.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Nate Brewer, Lee Perryman, and Laura Heath; Mayor James Heigl and Interim City Clerk/Treasurer Kim Morris were also present.
3. Invocation was provided by Councilman Nate Brewer.
4. Council President led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Adopt Agenda:  
*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Brewer to amend agenda to add item #8 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.*
6. Action that is necessary to approve resolution to declare replacement of City Hall generator an emergency; Generator operates pumps and emergency lighting at City Hall:  
**Resolution #38-2022** was introduced by Councilman Nix; Dispensed with reading of the resolution.  
*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilwoman Heath to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.*

#### **Upon unanimous consent to consider resolution at this meeting,**

*A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve Resolution #38-2022 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.*

7. Action that is necessary to authorize elected officials to contact Governor's office to request a State of Emergency to seek funding for flood damage that occurred to homes and businesses throughout the City on June 8, 2022:  
*A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to approve action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.*

#### **Other business that needs to be addressed by Council at this meeting:**

8. Action necessary to approve resolution authorizing Engineering Design Technologies, Inc. (EDT, Inc.) to apply for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant funds to be used to continue the upgrade of the downtown area to encourage pedestrian traffic and ADA compliance. *The FY23 project will include the parking area improvement on the E/S of Al Hwy 21 between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets and Streetscape and ADA improvements along Norton Avenue between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets, including pedestrian/bicycle along with pedestrian lighting enhancements; authorization*

gives the Mayor authority to executed related documents; Total Estimated Project Cost is not to exceed \$1,000,000.00; Grant Funds \$800,000.00; Local Match (including ineligible items) \$326,500.00:

**Resolution #39-2022** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Dispensed with reading of the resolution.

*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilwoman Heath to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.*

**Upon unanimous consent to consider resolution at this meeting,**

*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution #39-2022 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Heath; Nays: Brewer.*

Councilman Brewer asked that it be entered into the minutes that he was not voting Nay for the project, but voting Nay for the engineering firm.

9. Having no further business to discuss,

*A motion by Councilman Brewer, second by Councilwoman Heath to adjourn was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Brewer, Perryman, Heath; Nays: None.*

*(Time of adjournment 6:21 PM)*

Following adjournment of the meeting, business owners and citizens asked to be heard regarding the June 8 flooding.

Nancy Willis, Trailwares, asked for assistance in determining the cause of flooding along Broadway. Perryman advised that EEFS would be using cameras to view the City's current drainage system beginning tomorrow.

Ronnie Salloway discussed flooding at his business on Hwy 21, especially after the property owner next to him asphalted over ground that formerly allowed excess water to drain.

Ken Windsor, McClendon Bridal, asked why Broadway had not been closed to thru traffic during the flood. Council members advised the State would not allow the PD to close the streets.

Business owners reported puddling of excess water in the rear parking lots. Brandy Robertson, EDT, was unaware of the problem, and advised that ALDOT had walked the areas with a punch list following completion of the projects. She offered to look at the areas of concern with the business owners following the Council meeting. Business owners also asked about the sidewalks and the narrowing of the alleys.

Brandy advised that the City had applied for TAP funding to bring the areas into ADA compliance. Several business owners questioned garbage dumpsters in the parking lots; Council members and Brandy advised that dumpsters were the responsibility of the businesses.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL- JULY 7 2022



Lee Perryman, President of City Council

#### CERTIFICATION

I, KIMBERLY S. MORRIS, as Interim City Clerk-Treasurer of the CITY OF SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA, do hereby certify that the foregoing document constitutes a true and correct permanent record of the action taken during a special call meeting of the City Council held June 27, 2022.



Kimberly S. Morris, Interim City Clerk/Treasurer  
City of Sylacauga