

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOTHAN, ALABAMA
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 24, 2007**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Dothan, Alabama, met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Roy Driggers Municipal Building at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, April 24, 2007 with the following members present: Mayor Pat Thomas, Associate Commissioners Paul Lee, Taylor Barbaree and Phillip Tidwell. Commissioners Larry Matthews, Amos Newsome, Jr. and Jason Rudd were absent. Also present were Acting City Manager Jerry Corbin in the absence of City Manager Michael West, City Clerk Pam McCoy, Secretary Tammy Danner, who recorded the Minutes of the Meeting, and the local news media representatives.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order. Pastor Wallace Russell, Bethel Baptist Church, then led in prayer, after which Commissioner Tidwell led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioner Tidwell moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of April 17, 2007, be approved, motion seconded by Commissioner Barbaree and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Lee presented and read a proclamation, proclaiming April 28, 2007 as "World Tai Chi Day" in the City of Dothan. Frederic Lecut, Tai Chi Instructor and Elston Jones, Leisure Services were present for the proclamation. A brief demonstration was given by Mr. Lecut and Commissioner Barbaree.

Commissioner Lee presented and read a proclamation, proclaiming the month of April, 2007 as "Autism Awareness Month" in the City of Dothan. Fran C. Heisner, Families with Autism Support and Encouragement Group Coordinator and several parents with autistic children were present for the proclamation.

Anne Rumble, Leisure Services, Ronnie Dean and John Watson, members of the Dothan Rotary Clubs unveiled a drawing of the new Miracle Field Project to be constructed at Westgate Park. Melinda and Buck McClendon were also present. Mrs. McClendon expressed appreciation to the City of Dothan, the Dothan Rotary Clubs and to everyone who has supported this project and who continue to work everyday to make this dream come true not only for her son, but for every child out there like Buck. Ms. Rumble announced that the groundbreaking ceremony for the Miracle Field will be held on April 30th at 4:00 p.m.

Acting City Manager Jerry Corbin announced that the Wiregrass Festival of Murals Celebration will be May 1 – 5.

Mr. Corbin said the March of Dimes Campaign has been going on for several weeks and the City of Dothan employees have gone beyond their goal of \$10,000.00 with \$13,000.00 plus so far. A walk-a-thon will be held this coming Saturday at Troy University; registration beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Anne Rumble, Leisure Services Director said the Movie Gallery Pro Classic Tennis Tournament held this past week was a huge success. Sixty four women from twenty countries participated. Approximately 1300 people attended the tournament with 44 sponsors. WTVY televised the finals again this year. Ms. Rumble expressed appreciation to everyone who helped with the tournament.

Commissioner Lee requested that Fairview Avenue be resurfaced. This street is located next to Southeast Alabama Medical Center. Commissioner Lee said the Medical Center has done a lot of work over the last couple of years. He said he was notified that they have finished and have completed their project. Commissioner Lee said the road has taken a beating over the last several years through that project as well as normal wear and tear. He said this is basically everyone's district. Everyone has to use those areas. Commissioner Lee said if it has to come from his district to get that done he is willing to share part of it or

whatever the case may be. Mr. Corbin said the staff would entertain anything the Commission approved. He said Charles Metzger has been maintaining the resurfacing program since its inception several years ago. Mr. Corbin said there has been lengthy discussion recently concerning, not only Fairview, but Haven, Alma and a couple of other streets at or near the hospital campus that we plan to have on next year's list. Mr. Corbin said if the Commission desires we can put something back up for a vote sooner than that. Commissioner Lee asked what is the timeframe for those to take place? Mr. Corbin said we usually do one resurfacing project per year. It typically falls in the budget year which would start October 1st. Commissioner Lee said it could potentially be sometime around the end of the year. Mr. Corbin said we would have the list compiled and handed out to all of the Commissioners for final approval, a bid put together and opened and have the project ready to start in October.

Commissioner Barbaree asked the status of the new garbage ordinance that was passed several weeks ago. He said he understood it had to be advertised before it became official. City Clerk Pam McCoy said it was advertised the Sunday after it was approved and went into effect the following Monday, which was April 9, 2007.

Mr. Corbin said we are designing and putting together a comprehensive brochure to be sent out to all residents of the City of Dothan that will further explain some of the changes to the ordinance.

Mayor Thomas, along with Cynthia Green, Public Information Officer, introduced students from Northview High School who will be job shadowing the Mayor and Commissioners today and learn about their rolls in City government.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2007-143 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. _____ at Page _____), entering into an agreement with Houston County and the City of Enterprise for the exchange of mutual aid. Commissioner Lee moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Tidwell and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2007-144 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. _____ at Page _____), entering into an agreement with AlaTax, Inc. to administer and collect the City's sales, use and other tax designated by the City for a three year period. Commissioner Tidwell moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Barbaree and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2007-145 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. _____ at Page _____), entering into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the installation of a sanitary sewer line at the 1700 block of Cottonwood Highway. Commissioner Lee moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Barbaree and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2007-146 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. _____ at Page _____), entering into an agreement with Vaughn Blumberg Service for installation and maintenance of water meters at Vaughn Blumberg Group Home located at 2709 Flynn Road. Commissioner Tidwell moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Barbaree and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2007-147 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. _____ at Page _____), accepting the proposal of McGriff, Seibels and Williams, Inc. for Specific Stop Loss Reinsurance as quoted by Lloyd's of London for the City of Dothan's Health and Accident Insurance Plan. Commissioner Tidwell moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Barbaree and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2007-148 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. _____ at Page _____), awarding the bid and entering into an agreement with Alfred Saliba Commercial Construction, LLC to construct bathroom facilities for the Westgate Tennis Center in the amount of \$69,531.30. Commissioner Tidwell moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Barbaree and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2007-149 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. _____ at Page _____), awarding the bid and entering into an agreement with L & K Contracting Company, Inc. to complete water line relocation and sewer installation for the Westgate Widening Phase III Project in the amount of \$1,029,889.50 and appropriating funds for said project. Commissioner Tidwell moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Barbaree. Commissioner Tidwell asked for an explanation of what the pipe is for on Westgate and where on Westgate this is going. Mr. Corbin said it is to relocate water lines and to extend sewer lines west of Harrison Road in anticipation of the widening project, which we hope will begin in June. Mr. Corbin said the big water pipe is part of the \$6 million 24" water transmission main that is being put in from the north well field over to the tank at Westgate. Billy Mayes, Dothan Utilities Superintendent said we are currently installing the water line on Westgate. They are currently at Choctaw Avenue on the installation. Mr. Mayes said the 24" project will bring water from the north well fields all the way to Westgate. There being no further discussion the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2007-150 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. _____ at Page _____), awarding the bid and entering into an agreement with Gencon Associates, Incorporated to renovate the Dixie Depot for offices for the Wiregrass Transit Authority in the amount of \$1,172,620.00. Commissioner Tidwell moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Barbaree. Commissioner Lee asked for an update on the grant money that was used for this. Mr. Corbin said the grant money that can be leverage with in-kind service and some cash match is in excess of \$1.3 million. The leveraged amount will be for the value of the building; the appraisal of the building and some of the paint work that went on the Dixie Water Tank. Mr. Corbin said as it stands right now, if no changes exist between now and the end of this project, we are looking at somewhere around \$80,000.00 of cash match by the City, which is a very good bargain for what we are getting. Mr. Ernie Stokes, Civil Engineer said just under \$80,000.00 is what we have in our budget once we got the non-cash match. He said that is what it takes to leverage the \$1.3 million of federal funds to do the project. Commissioner Lee said he wanted to make sure that the \$1.1 million is not necessarily out of our pocket; it is grant money. Mr. Stokes said that was correct; it is money coming from the Federal Transit Authority through ALDOT and the City will be the grant recipient. Mr. Corbin said this award is based on final approval by ALDOT. He said there are a couple more hoops to jump through. There being no further discussion the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2007-151 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. _____ at Page _____), agreeing to pay \$43,885.00 to PDG, Incorporated for certain storm drainage work changed during the site development of the Flying J Project. Commissioner Tidwell moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Lee. Commissioner Lee asked for an explanation on this. Mr. Corbin said this is 100% pass through money. He said there was some necessary storm drainage work on state right-of-way that the State told Flying J and the City had to be changed according to what they wanted it to be. At the same time they agreed to come up with some funding to pay a certain portion of that including the City's share. Mr. Corbin said at the latter part of last year this Commission passed a resolution to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for \$100,000.00 to resurface various city roads and that money would be spent on that and carried through to pay for this. Mr. Corbin said it ended up being less than anticipated. There being no further discussion the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2007-152 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. _____ at Page _____), amending various accounts in the 2007 Fiscal Year Budget. Commissioner Tidwell moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Barbaree and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2007-153 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. _____ at Page _____), appointing Marti Clark as a member of the Museum Board. Commissioner Tidwell moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Lee. Mayor Thomas requested that a letter be sent to Jeff Gordon expressing appreciation to him for his service. There being no further discussion the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2007-154 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. _____ at Page _____), awarding the following bids received by the City. Commissioner Tidwell read each item in the meeting.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Detectors and Parts for Electrical Sub-Station	DIO Company, Inc. Odessa, FL	\$85.00-\$6,900.00
Pole Inspection & Treatment Program of approximately 2,700 poles	Osrose Utilities, Inc. Tyrone, GA	\$50,000.00

Commissioner Tidwell then moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2007-154, motion seconded by Commissioner Barbaree and unanimously carried.

Mayor Thomas introduced Resolution No. 2007-155 (recorded in Ordinance Book No. _____ at Page _____), approving the following advance travel requests for City employees:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONFERENCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Charlotte Jaroslowski	82 nd Annual IAAM Conference & Trade Show Salt Lake City, UT	\$ 3,607.00
Cynthia Skipper	82 nd Annual IAAM Conference & Trade Show Salt Lake City, UT	\$ 2,817.00
Tonja Shelley	Government Finance Officers Association of Alabama Montgomery, AL	\$ 240.13
C. McKee C. Stokes D. Wieczorek W. Kaufmann	Police Academy Anniston, AL	\$ 4,600.00
Duane Herring	Crime Analysis Applications Course Huntsville, AL	\$ 1,155.00
Jinri Jiang	Southeastern Delegation & Technical Meeting Panama City, FL	\$ 140.00
Rosa Ford Kathryn Steetle	Special Olympics Softball Tournament Montgomery, AL	\$ 90.00
Jinri Jiang	Americus Tri-team Swim Meet Americus, GA	\$ 25.00

Commissioner Tidwell then moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2007-155, motion seconded by Commissioner Barbaree and unanimously carried.

There being no further business, Commissioner Tidwell moved that the meeting be adjourned, motion seconded by Commissioner Barbaree and upon the unanimous vote of "yea," the meeting was duly adjourned.

/s/Pam McCoy, City Clerk

Approved:

/s/Pat Thomas, Mayor

/s/Larry Matthews, Associate Commissioner

/s/Amos M. Newsome, Jr., Associate Commissioner

/s/Paul Lee, Associate Commissioner

/s/Jason Rudd, Associate Commissioner

/s/Taylor Barbaree, Associate Commissioner

/s/Phillip Tidwell, Associate Commissioner

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