

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOTHAN, ALABAMA
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2021**

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, January 5, 2021 with the following members present: Mayor Mark Saliba, Associate Commissioners Kevin Dorsey, Janasky Fleming, Albert Kirkland, John Ferguson, Beth Kenward, and David Crutchfield. Also present were City Manager Kevin Cowper, City Clerk Wendy Shiver, who recorded the Minutes of the Meeting, and the local news media representatives.

Mayor Saliba called the meeting to order. Pastor Doug Dowdey, Church at the Crossing, then led in prayer, afterwhich Commissioner Kenward led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioner Fleming moved that the Minutes of the December 3, 2020 Work Session and December 15, 2020 Meeting, be approved, motion seconded by Commissioner Kenward and unanimously approved.

Mayor Saliba recognized the Dothan Wolves Bowling Teams and Coach Brianne Kent. Coach Kent said the Boys and Girls teams have made it to the AHSAA Regional Bowling Tournament in Spanish Fort on January 13th and 14th to compete for a spot in the state tournament the following week in Pelham. She said they are reaching out to the community to ask for donations to help cover costs.

Mayor Saliba presented and read a proclamation, proclaiming January, 2021 as "Human Trafficking Awareness Month." Allison Moody and Morgan Blankenship, Dare To Hope Ministries, were present for the proclamation.

Commissioner Dorsey wished a Happy New Year to staff and fellow colleagues. He thanked staff for their assistance in answering calls. He requested those who deal with the public to be extra courteous and mindful during this pandemic.

Commissioner Fleming said Happy New Year to everyone and thanked staff for being mindful and attentive.

Commissioner Kirkland wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Ferguson wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Mrs. Shiver as our new city clerk. He asked everyone to continue being vigilant during this COVID pandemic and said he personally lost two friends this past week. He said it is serious, keep your guard up, continue taking precautions, and we will get through it.

Commissioner Kenward wished a Happy New Year to everyone.

Commissioner Crutchfield said Happy New Year and he congratulated Mrs. Shiver on her appointment as city clerk.

Mayor Saliba said congratulations to Mrs. Shiver, and he said the Commission appreciates her and her new role.

Mayor Saliba said he would like to add on to Commissioner Ferguson's comments regarding the pandemic. He said we are a regional medical center and our hospitals are more than full which makes it difficult for our families and friends to be treated for issues other than COVID. He said it is imperative to follow the recommended protocols. He thanked our fire and police emergency response personnel for all they continue to do and for helping the hospitals when recently called on for assistance. He extended his thanks to EMA Director Chris Judah and all who are a part of this effort.

Mr. Cowper, along with Performing Arts Director Marshall Perry, recognized David Marshall as our Employee of the Month for January, 2021.

Mr. Cowper invited Adam Hartzog, Dothan Regional Airport Executive Director, to give an update. Mr. Hartzog said the public safety project approved by the Commission last summer has been completed and this included enhancement of the entrance road lighting, new landscaping, and new directional signage. He presented a slideshow of these improvements, and he discussed recent airport activity. He expressed appreciation to the City for their partnership and to the community for their support in continuing to use the airport during this pandemic. He said a new social media manager has been hired, and he encouraged everyone to follow those platforms for the latest news and happenings.

Mr. Cowper invited Police Chief Steve Parrish to make a check presentation to Children's of Alabama from the Police Department's "No Shave November" Fundraiser. Chief Parrish was joined by Major Will Benny, Captain Bubba Ott, Captain Todd David, Captain Will Glover, and Officers Jeremy Wallace and Benjamin Zaleski, who were top fundraisers. Chief Parrish introduced Carmen Maddox with Children's of Alabama, and he talked about the Police Department's continued efforts with the "No Shave November" Fundraiser. He then presented a check in the amount of \$26,635.73 to Ms. Maddox. Ms. Maddox talked about the impact of the pandemic on the hospital and on fundraising. She said Captain Ott was adamant when she spoke to him that the Police Department would still hold this fundraiser and she was amazed that they were able to surpass last year's total. She commended the Police Department for raising over \$133,000 for the cancer center over the last five years. She said this year, despite the pandemic and the hardships being experienced, our community and police department came together, and because of this hard work, Children's is able to provide the best care for patients in our community, our state, and beyond who cannot wait for treatment, a cure, or medicines. Captain Ott recognized Officer Wallace as being the top money raiser, not only for this year, but for every year of this fundraiser, and he recognized Officer Zaleski for his efforts in coming in third this year. Captain Ott said he is honored to be associated with the character and work ethic of the men and women in the Police Department, and he is also honored and blessed to live in a community who supports the police and appreciates our department. He expressed appreciation to the community for giving to this fundraiser.

Mr. Cowper announced City offices will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Monday residents will receive garbage and recycling pickup on Wednesday, January 20th.

Mayor Saliba announced a Public Hearing regarding the amendment of Chapter 114, Zoning, Article VIII, District Regulations, Section 114-131.7-Table of Permitted Medical and Residential Uses, of the City of Dothan Code of Ordinances. There being no one present to speak, Mayor Saliba declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mayor Saliba introduced Ordinance No. 2021-1, amending Chapter 114, Zoning, Article VIII, District Regulations, Section 114-131.7-Table of Permitted Medical and Residential Uses, of the City of Dothan Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Kenward moved for immediate consideration, motion seconded by Commissioner Kirkland and upon the motion being put to vote, those voting "yea," were Saliba, Dorsey, Fleming, Kirkland, Ferguson, Kenward, and Crutchfield; "nay:" none. The motion was carried by the majority of seven "yeas" to no "nays."

Commissioner Kirkland then moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-1, motion seconded by Commissioner Kenward and upon the motion being put to vote, those voting "yea," were Saliba, Dorsey, Fleming, Kirkland, Ferguson, Kenward, and Crutchfield; "nay:" none. The motion was carried by the majority of seven "yeas" to no "nays."

Mayor Saliba introduced Resolution No. 2021-2, awarding the bid and entering into a contract with Perennial South, LLC, for the installation of an Aquatic Play Structure at Water World in the negotiated amount of \$88,500.00. Commissioner Kenward moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Dorsey.

Commissioner Dorsey said he is glad to see this is a local contractor. Mayor Saliba confirmed with Mr. Cowper that this equipment was purchased last year. Mr. Cowper added that the plan to install last summer was postponed, but it will be ready to go this summer for lots of fun and enjoyment. There being no further discussion, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Saliba introduced Resolution No. 2021-3, entering into an agreement with the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama to accept payments from their organization for eligible households under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), for the period of January 5, 2021 through September 30, 2025. Commissioner Kenward moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Dorsey. Upon Commissioner Fleming’s inquiry, Utility Collections Manager Kim Arnold said the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama reached out to her to request this agreement because some members of the Tribe have moved to Dothan and they would like to be able to provide this assistance to those members. Commissioner Fleming thanked Mrs. Arnold for her work. Commissioner Ferguson asked if the number of residents is known, and Mrs. Arnold replied there are very few. Mayor Saliba, along with the Commission, thanked Mrs. Arnold for doing a great job and expressed their appreciation for all she does. Mrs. Arnold said it is an honor to serve.

Mayor Saliba introduced Resolution No. 2021-4, awarding the bid, entering into a contract, and issuing a Notice to Proceed to Geisler Contracting, Inc. for the Hedstrom Drive Sidewalk project for the sum of \$80,252.09. Commissioner Kenward moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Kirkland and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Saliba introduced Resolution No. 2021-5, awarding the following bids and approving other purchases over \$15,000.00 by the City.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>Bids to be Awarded:</u>		
Fiberglass Reinforced Composite Poles for Post Top Lighting Applications Quantity: 100 (+/-) Unit Price: <u>\$365.00</u>	Gresco Utility Supply Dothan, AL	\$ 36,500.00 Estimated
<u>Other Purchases:</u>		
Professional Services through 11/30/2020 ADEM Appeal	Bradley, Arant, Boult & Cummings, LLP Birmingham, AL	\$ 41,872.00
Professional Services through 11/30/2020 EPA Action	King & Spalding Atlanta, GA	\$ 1,850.00
GPS Monthly Monitoring Fees GSA Schedule 84	Verizon Connect Dallas, TX	\$ 40,000.00
Annual Maintenance Fees for Click2Gov, Navilline and Analytics Now products. See attached. Continuity of Service.	Superior, LLC A CentralSquare Co. Lake Mary, FL	\$ 180,981.87
Mobilization, Setup, Till, Laser and Roll the following ball fields: Westgate Softball Fields; Unit Price: <u>\$11,531.25</u> , Northcutt Baseball: Unit Price: <u>\$1,656.90</u> , Miracle Complex: Unit Price: <u>\$3,550.50</u> , Colby & Bottoms: Unit Price: <u>\$3,558.60</u> , Pittman Field: Unit Price: <u>\$2,439.45</u> , Eastgate Baseball (5 Fields): Unit Price: <u>\$6,732.30</u> , Mobilization: Unit Price: <u>\$1,082.00</u> Lowest quote.	ProRain Irrigation Services	\$ 30,551.00

Commissioner Kirkland then moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2021-5, motion seconded by Commissioner Kenward and unanimously carried.

Mayor Saliba introduced Resolution No. 2021-6, approving the following advance travel requests for City employees:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONFERENCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Michael Hannon David Bridges Daniel Volkman	Hazardous Materials Technician Course Anniston, AL	\$ 0.00
Ray Mock	Firearms Instructor Development Course "Train the Trainer" Anniston, AL	\$ 625.16

Commissioner Kirkland then moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2021-6, motion seconded by Commissioner Kenward and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Kenward moved to accept temporary construction easements from Danny Hayes and WMJSHR Investments, LLC for the Denton Road Widening Project, motion seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield and unanimously carried.

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

Wendy Shiver
Wendy Shiver,
City Clerk

Approved:

Mark Saliba
Mark Saliba, Mayor

Kevin Dorsey, Associate Commissioner

Janasky Fleming
Janasky Fleming, Associate Commissioner

Albert Kirkland
Albert Kirkland, Associate Commissioner

John Ferguson
John Ferguson, Associate Commissioner

Beth Kenward
Beth Kenward, Associate Commissioner

David Crutchfield
David Crutchfield, Associate Commissioner

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