



**BALDWIN COUNTY
WORK SESSION**
April 30, 2024
City Hall
Council Chambers
119 East Hancock Street
5:30 PM

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Westmoreland
Henry Craig
Emily Davis
Sammy Hall
Kendrick Butts (Via Phone)

OTHERS PRESENT

Carlos Tobar
Cindy Cunningham

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Westmoreland called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

Proposed Roundabout

City Manager Hank Griffith stated the purpose of this joint meeting is to begin initial discussion of a proposed roundabout at the intersection of North Jefferson Street, Log Cabin Road and Sinclair Dam Road.

County Manager Carlos Tobar reported County Engineer Brian Wood has developed a concept plan for a proposed single lane roundabout at this intersection. He stated no right of way acquisition and no utility relocation will be required. He reported that if the County and City decide to pursue this project a preliminary engineering report, estimated to cost \$5,000.00, will be done. Mr. Tobar stated the County will pursue a federal grant to fund eighty percent (80%) of the cost of the roundabout which is estimated to cost around \$1,000,000.00 which leaves twenty percent (20%) to be funded by the County and City at approximately \$100,000.00 each. Mr. Tobar concluded by emphasizing the need for a roundabout to improve traffic flow on North Jefferson Street and Log Cabin Road.

Councilman Steve Chambers stated he is in favor of taking the next step on this project. City Manager Griffith reported the City already has an engineering firm conducting traffic studies and other statistics on North Jefferson Street. He stated the firm could expand the scope of their work to include this project, and the County and City could split the cost of the additional work by the engineering firm.

Mr. Griffith stated that any utility work in the area should be done prior to beginning work on a roundabout. He also stated that the City will not use any T-SPLOST funds for the roundabout.

Mr. Griffith he will contact Paul Simonton of Simonton Engineering to expand the contract scope to include preparing information on the proposed roundabout and will be in contact with the County Manager on this matter.

Water / Sewer Connection for Aquatic Center

County Manager Carlos Tobar reported the Chairman has signed the construction contract for the Aquatic Center. The County is requesting the City waive the water and sewer tap fees for a six-inch (6") water and sewer line into the facility. He also asked the City to waive the water meter fee.

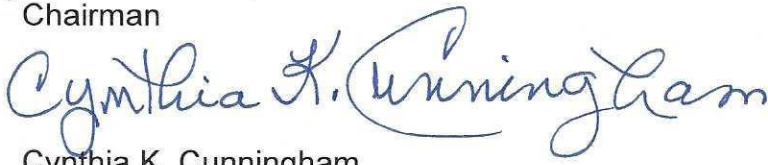
City Manager Griffith stated he would discuss the costs associated with the requested waivers with Mayor and Council. If they agree with the waivers, he would have them adopt a Resolution at a future Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.
Commissioner Emily Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


John H. Westmoreland
Chairman


Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk