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CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021
5:00 PM

Council Assembly Room
70 S. Clayton St, GA 30046

Call to Order

PRESENT

Mayor David Still

Council Member Glenn Martin

Mayor Pro Tem Victoria Jones

Council Member Bob Clark

Council Member Keith Roche

Bicentennial Fact

Mayor David Still read the following quote from the "Book of Memories 100th Anniversary of Lawrenceville Public Schools". The quote stated, "In 1849 the town deeded the four corner lots on the public square to Charles H. Smith (also known as Bill Arp), N.L. Hutchins, James P. Simmons, and T.W. Alexander. These four men were lawyers, and the conditions of sale required they maintain a substantial fence around the square to keep wandering livestock off the square and out of the courthouse. The first fence built according to the agreement was eight feet high with a stile on each side."

Prayer

Mayor Still led the group in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Still led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Additions / Deletions

Motion to accept the agenda as presented made by Council Member Roche, Seconded by Council Member Martin.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Martin, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Council Member Clark, Council Member Roche

Mayor Still presented a Proclamation to honor Municipal Clerk Week for the dates of May 2-8, 2021. Mayor Still recognized City Clerk Karen Pierce and expressed gratitude for her service to the City. This was the 52nd anniversary year of Municipal Clerk Week.

Community Relations Director Melissa Hardegree recognized her newly hired staff. Lindsey Curnow was introduced as Events Coordinator and Paul Bamford was introduced as the new interim Events Coordinator.

Discussion of General City Business

There is no public comment during this section of the agenda unless formally requested by the Mayor and the Council.

1. CIC2021-00007; Walker Anderson Homes, LLC; 240 Neal Boulevard
Planning and Development Director Todd Hargrave delivered the presentation. Walker Homes representative Clint Walters also spoke.
2. SUP2021-00044; Christopher Thomas; 533 and 543 John Connor Court
Planning and Development Director Hargrave delivered the presentation. The applicants, Richard and Chris Thomas also came up and spoke. Lastly, Chris Perere came up and spoke about the gravel aspect that will impact this parking lot.
3. Purchase of Various Police Vehicles on an Annual Contract
Assistant City Manager, Public Works Director Barry Mock delivered the presentation as well as Police Chief Tim Wallis.
Consent item #1
4. View Point Co-Responder
Police Chief Wallis delivered the presentation.
This item will be placed on the May 24th Regular Meeting.
5. Campbell Heights Infrastructure Improvement Project
Assistant City Manager, Public Works Director Mock delivered the presentation.
Consent item #2
6. Agreement for Right-of-Way Dining on Crogan Street
Assistant City Manager, Public Works Director Mock delivered the presentation. Deputy City Manager Steve North also presented.
Consent item #3

7. Extension of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Downtown Development Authority of Lawrenceville, GA for the due date for a hotel loan originally approved August 12, 2020
Assistant City Manager, Public Works Director Mock delivered the presentation.
This item will be placed on the May 24th Regular Meeting.
8. November Election Update and Discussion
City Clerk Pierce delivered the presentation.
9. 2021 Municipal Election Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County for use of Voting Machines
City Clerk Pierce delivered the presentation.
This item will be placed on the May 24th Regular Meeting.
10. Subrecipient Agreement with Gwinnett County for Use of Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) for Paper Mill Road Improvements
Deputy City Manager North delivered the presentation.
This item will be placed on the May 24th Regular Meeting.
11. Update to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Article II, Division 16 - Soliciting
City Attorney Frank Hartley delivered the presentation.
Consent item #4
12. Update to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38, Article VI Stormwater Utility
City Attorney Hartley delivered the presentation.
This item will be placed on the May 24th Regular Meeting.
13. Update to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article IX - Procurement
Deputy City Manager North delivered the presentation.
This item will be placed on the May 24th Regular Meeting.

Executive Session - Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate

Motion to enter into Executive Session made by Council Member Clark, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Martin, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Council Member Clark, Council Member Roche

Motion to adjourn Executive Session made by Council Member Clark, Seconded by Council Member Roche.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Martin, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Council Member Clark, Council Member Roche

Report of items discussed in Executive Session

2 Personnel

2 Litigation

5 Real Estate

No Votes Taken

Final Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Council Member Clark, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Martin, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Council Member Clark,
Council Member Roche

Minute Signatures

David R. Still, Mayor

Karen Pierce, City Clerk



**Project
F.I.R.S.T.
Police
Co-Responder**

May 2021



What are we proposing?

Lawrenceville Police Department (LPD) proposes to embed two (2) behavioral health clinicians into field operations to dispatch with officers on mental health crisis calls, and to ensure individuals obtain the necessary services after crisis conclusion. “Embed” means the clinician will be housed at LPD and day-to-day operations will be managed by LPD administration.

Further, rather than onboard, train and credential behavioral health clinicians, LPD is proposing to partner with View Point Health (VPH) to provide these clinicians. VPH has done this with great success in other areas of practice and with other community partners.





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Variables That are Unique To The City of Lawrenceville:

- Gwinnett County Seat
- Gwinnett County Jail
- Northside GMC
- Summit Ridge
- View Point Health





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Why are we doing this?

Nationally this model is referred to as “Co-Responder.” Research overwhelmingly suggests that when municipalities effectively implement a Co-Responder model both incarcerations and recidivism are significantly reduced.

The reduction ultimately allows municipalities to redirect resources.





What are we calling this?

The two main duties are around intensive response during a mental health crisis and helping individuals' transition from a crisis into ongoing and needed services; therefore, this project is called...

Project F.I.R.S.T. (*For Intensive Response & Supportive Transitions*) and View Point Health staff will be referred to as FIRST Clinicians.





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How much is this going to cost?

We are currently in discussion with View Point and contract negotiations have started. The benefits far outweigh the cost by saving on incarceration, repetitive emergency responses, transportation, and other judicial related expenses.

Most importantly it will help get assistance to the people that need it.



Timeline & Funding

- Goal is to have this implemented by mid-summer or early fall.
- First two years of funding could tentatively be through the American Rescue Plan
- General Funds
- Grants





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Questions/Comments?

