

The Mayor and Council met for their regular meeting.

Those Present:	John Howard	Mayor
	Larry Bradley	Vice-Mayor
	Lee Malcom	Council Member
	Myoshia Crawford	Council Member
	Ross Bradley	Council Member
	Norman Garrett	Council Member
	Tyler Gregory	Council Member
	Nathan Little	Council Member
	David Dickinson	Council Member
	Logan Propes	City Administrator
	Debbie Kirk	City Clerk
	Russell Preston	City Attorney
	Paul Rosenthal	City Attorney

Staff Present: Danny Smith, Jeremiah Still, R.V. Watts, Andrew Dykes, Beth Thompson, Brian Thompson, Rodney Middlebrooks, Patrick Kelley, Chris Bailey, Sadie Krawczyk, Beverly Harrison, Les Russell

Visitors: Sharon Swanepoel, David Clemons, Ben Garrett, Judy Rowell, Lee Rowell, Lindsey South, Kirklyn Dixon, Gary Hobbs, Wes Sorrells, Jeff Neufeld, Robbie Hooker, Angie Putnam, John Argo

## I. CALL TO ORDER – JOHN HOWARD

### 1. Invocation

Pastor Wes Sorrells of First United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

### 2. Roll Call

Mayor Howard noted that all Council Members were present. There was a quorum.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

To approve the agenda as presented.

*Motion by R. Bradley, seconded by Little.  
Passed Unanimously*

### 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. February 2, 2021 Council Minutes
- b. February 9, 2021 Council Minutes
- c. February 16, 2021 Planning Commission Minutes
- d. February 23, 2021 Historic Preservation Commission Minutes
- e. January 14, 2021 Downtown Development Authority Minutes
- f. January 14, 2021 Conventions and Visitors Bureau Minutes
- g. Great American Cleanup Week, April 19 – 23, 2021 – To participate. (Recommended for Council approval by Public Works Committee March 2, 2021)
- h. Approval – Highland Parking Lot Rehabilitation – To contract with J&R Consolidated Holdings, Inc. for \$58,500.00, contingent upon extended contract with property owner to retain property for parking only. (Recommended for Council approval by Public Works Committee March 2, 2021)
- i. Vehicle GPS Purchase / Conversion – To purchase from AT&T Fleet Complete for \$20,570.00. (Recommended for Council approval by Public Works Committee March 2, 2021)
- j. Intergovernmental Agreement with Walton County and City of Loganville for Aerial Photometrics – Approval of IGA as presented. (Recommended for Council approval by Planning & Code Committee March 2, 2021)

To approve the consent agenda as presented.

*Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Little.  
Passed Unanimously*

**II. PUBLIC PRESENTATION****1. YMCA Presentation**

Mr. Jeff Neufeld presented a five-minute video sharing the Vision of the YMCA.

Mr. Gary Hobbs gave an update on the YMCA; he and Mr. Ben Garrett are Chairmen on the Campaign Leadership Team. He introduced Ben Garrett, Kirklyn Dixon, Robbie Hooker, Angie Putnam, Lee Rowell, Judy Rowell, and Jeff Neufeld. He stated Meredith Malcom and Lee Garrett from the video are Campaign Co-chairs also. The YMCA would not be possible without the land donation from Lee and Judy Rowell. He discussed what the YMCA will do for the community. It is not coming to Monroe to compete with any other programs but to complement them. The YMCA will give children the opportunity to learn to swim, give the surrounding high school swim teams a place to practice and have their meets, give seniors a place to connect, and it will serve the whole family. There are also summer day camps for kids. He discussed the economic impact and benefits for the community.

Mr. Ben Garrett explained the Walton County Healthcare Foundation is partnering with the YMCA, and they are committed to building an auditorium. The YMCA is a great opportunity for Walton County.

Mr. Hobbs stated they have currently raised \$5.3 million of the \$15 million goal. They would like all the Cities and Counties to be involved financially.

*No Action.*

**III. PUBLIC FORUM****1. Public Comments**

No one signed up for public comments.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS****1. Application – Beer & Wine Package Sales and Spirituous Liquors and Beer & Wine On-Premise Consumption – The Roe**

To approve the application.

*Motion by Dickinson, seconded by R. Bradley.  
Passed Unanimously*

**2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions – Possession of Marijuana Ordinance Amendment**

City Attorney Paul Rosenthal gave the second reading of the ordinance to amend Chapter 62 – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article I, Section 62-3 – Possession of Marijuana.

To adopt the ordinance.

*Motion by R. Bradley, seconded by Malcom.  
Passed Unanimously*

**3. Modified Development Agreement with MAB American et al.**

Mr. John Argo, with MAB American Management, gave an update on the Monroe Pavilion Project. He stated they are currently in the process of paving and construction; there will be a full year of construction. He thanked the Mayor, Council, and City staff for all of their support, which is greatly appreciated. There are great things going on in Monroe, and they are pleased to be a part of the community. Mr. Argo explained they are planning to have a midway ceremony in late April or early May.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING****MARCH 9, 2021****6:00 P.M.**

City Administrator Logan Propes presented the highlights of the Modified Development Agreement with MAB Monroe, LLC. He explained the main modifications in the agreement relate to the water lines and how the interconnectedness will work. The southern connection water line will be downsized from a 20-inch line to a 10-inch line. He stated this is the final amendment and the project will be ready to continue moving forward with construction both publicly and privately.

To approve the modified Development Agreement with MAB as presented.

*Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Malcom.  
Passed Unanimously.*

**4. Supplemental Capital Improvement Fund Request – Outside of City Fiber Funding**

City Administrator Logan Propes presented the request to allocate an additional \$750,000 from existing Utility CIP Funds for the purpose of extending fiber to certain areas outside of the City limits as determined feasible by staff. This will allow fiber extensions to easily be dropped off of the current system to areas outside of the City limits. The return on the investment will be made easily within 24 to 36 months. He explained the objective is to be able to serve the public with additional fiber in an affordable format. The full amount may not be required, but will make the project buildouts easier.

Mr. Brian Thompson discussed how projects right outside the City limits could bring revenue into the City.

Council Member Lee Malcom requested monthly updates on the areas and delivery timelines.

Vice-Mayor Larry Bradley stated he is supportive of fiber going outside the City limits but encouraged meeting the needs of people inside the City, prior to going outside of the City. There are serious needs for fiber inside the City that need to be met first.

Mr. Propes stated this will not impede the fiber inside the City; these types of requests come up sporadically. He stated the \$750,000 will accompany the \$12.7 million in bond funds, which have been prioritized for fiber buildout.

Council and staff discussed the possibility and issues of grant funding for the fiber project.

To allocate an additional \$750,000.00 from existing Utility CIP Funds for the purpose of extending fiber to certain areas outside of the City limits as determined feasible by staff.

*Motion by R. Bradley, seconded by Gregory.  
Passed Unanimously.*

**5. Modified Agreement for Parking Lot Use at West Highland – 5-year Extension**

City Administrator Logan Propes stated Kenneth Murray, Sr. has agreed to the five-year extension of the agreement for the use of 0 West Highland Avenue as a Public Parking Lot. He explained the lot needs significant upgrades and improvements that the City will be funding. The Downtown Development Authority agrees with using the lot for general public parking.

To approve the modified agreement with Kenneth Murray, Sr. for a five-year extension as presented.

*Motion by Gregory, seconded by Malcom.  
Passed Unanimously.*

**V. MAYOR'S UPDATE**

Mayor John Howard had no update tonight.

**VI. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by Gregory.  
Passed Unanimously.*

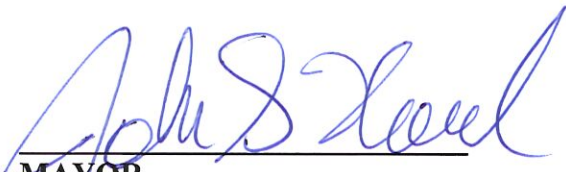
RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

To approve the proposed employment contract renewal extension for Logan Propes for five years and seven months, to retract the car allowance currently in the contract, to include the standard COLA and biennial merits, and to start on May 14, 2021 in the amount of \$160,000.00.

Motion by R. Bradley, seconded by Malcom. Voting no Garrett, Crawford. Passed 6-2.

VII. ADJOURN

Motion by R. Bradley, seconded by Little. Passed Unanimously.

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK

The Mayor and Council met for an Executive Session.

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I. Call to Order – John Howard  
1. Roll Call

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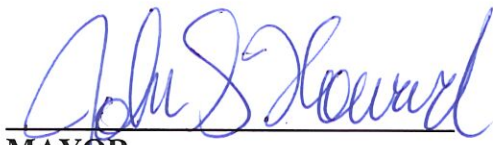
II. Personnel Issue (s)  
1. Personnel Matter

Council Member Ross Bradley clarified the motion to approve the proposed employment contract renewal extension for Logan Propes for five years and seven months, no car allowance, to include the standard COLA and biennial merits, and to start on May 14, 2021 in the amount of \$160,000.00.

Motion by R. Bradley, seconded by Malcom. Voting no Garrett, Crawford, L. Bradley. Passed 5-3.

III. Adjourn to Regular Session

Motion by Gregory, seconded by Malcom. Passed Unanimously.

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK