

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
	Nathan Little	Council Member
	David Dickinson	Council Member
	Logan Propes	City Administrator
	Debbie Kirk	City Clerk
	Russell Preston	City Attorney
	Paul Rosenthal	City Attorney
	Jesse Couch	City Attorney

Staff Present: Danny Smith, Jeremiah Still, Matt McClung, Bill Owens, Beth Thompson, Rodney Middlebrooks, Brian Thompson, Patrick Kelley, Chris Bailey, Sadie Krawczyk, Beverly Harrison

Visitors: Les Russell, Hugo Bryan-Porter, Adam Fraley (by phone), Billy Mitchell, Victoria Mosley, BreAnn Robinson, Pastor Al Savage, Pastor Angel Savage, Duante Fulmore

I. CALL TO ORDER – JOHN HOWARD

1. Invocation

Pastor Hugo Bryan-Porter of Lighthouse World Outreach Center 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 Crawford.
Passed Unanimously*

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. May 5, 2020 Council Minutes
- b. May 12, 2020 Council Minutes
- c. May 19, 2020 Planning Commission Minutes
- d. April 9, 2020 Downtown Development Authority Minutes
- e. April 9, 2020 Conventions and Visitors Bureau Minutes
- f. 2020 TSPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement (copy attached) – Approval of IGA as presented. (Recommended for Council approval by Public Works Committee June 2, 2020)

To approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

II. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Public Comments

Ms. BreAnn Robinson of 537 Chestnut Lane stated she is part of the group FORM, which stands for Fighting Oppression and Racism in Monroe. She questioned why some of the officers don't display their badge numbers and names, and whether there is a policy in place for all police officer's uniforms to show their badge numbers. She also questioned whether there are policies in place to ban choke-holds on civilians. She stated more and more government agencies are adopting some form of artificial intelligence to make decisions that impact people's lives on how they are policed, paroled, sentenced, whether they get jobs, housing, public benefits, and even whether the State intervenes to take their children away. These artificial intelligence systems are rarely subjected to public approval, many agencies can not explain how they work, and their research often shows they contain biases that are against people of color and people that are not

Christian. Ms. Robinson questioned whether Council believes these kinds of artificial intelligence systems should be publicly approved before they are implemented, and what other policy frameworks Council thinks should apply to their use. She questioned whether Mayor Howard feels that all poor people need to get out of Monroe and stated that she is asking on behalf of a friend.

Mr. Duante Fulmore of 601 Alcovy Street stated he is also part of the FORM group. He questioned current and future initiatives for small and minority businesses, especially black owned businesses in the City of Monroe. He questioned whether the City would be open to meeting with these leaders in the community if there are no programs in place.

2. Public Hearing

Council Member David Dickinson recused himself, due to representing Mr. and Mrs. Savage and their church.

a. Rezone – 1020 South Madison Avenue

Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Kelley presented the application for rezone of this property from R2 Multifamily to R1A Single Family to accommodate the subdivision of the property. This would reduce the non-conformity as it exists currently and allow them to subdivide the house separate from the Church, which would put them both on conforming lots. The Code Office and Planning Commission recommend the request be approved, and the Future Land Use Plan points in that direction.

The Mayor declared the meeting open for the purpose of public input.

Mr. Billy Mitchell explained he has a contract to purchase the property, and the property needs to go from R2 to R1A in order to be partitioned. He requested the rezone to be granted.

There were no other public comments; Mayor Howard declared that portion of the meeting closed.

No Action.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Rezone – 1020 South Madison Avenue

To approve the rezone.

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

2. FY2019 Audited Financial Statements (CAFR)

Ms. Beth Thompson introduced Mr. Adam Fraley to present the final audit numbers. She explained he will be presenting the CAFR via teleconference, due to their COVID-19 policy.

Mr. Adam Fraley, with Mauldin & Jenkins, presented highlights from the FY2019 Audit. He discussed the Annual Audit Agenda, stating the audit went smoothly. Mr. Fraley explained that they rendered an unmodified audit report, meaning a clean opinion of the audit for the year ending December 31, 2019. He explained one change in the CAFR this year is that the City adopted GASB Statement No. 84, which concerns Fiduciary Activities. The Municipal Court Activity that was previously reported in the City's General Fund had to be broken out into a separate Fiduciary Fund Statement within the CAFR. He commended the City of Monroe for going above and beyond what is required by State Law in preparing and reporting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The City should be proud for receiving an award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the CAFR each year. He stated that Ms. Thompson and the finance staff were very cooperative and transparent getting them everything they needed so the audit could be completed in an official, effective, and timely manner. A large part of the audit was conducted in a remote fashion, due to challenges with the pandemic. He explained there were some audit adjustments made to the General Ledger, and they were reflected in the Audit Report. There were some past adjustments or uncorrected misstatements, which were deemed immaterial. He explained there were a few finding this year that were in the accounting nature, which have been cleaned-up at this point. There were some issues with the reporting of non-current assets, an equity reporting issue, and some issues with the lack of segregation of duties in the Municipal Court. Mr. Fraley discussed their recommendations for improvement concerning I.T. cybersecurity, utilities allowance for doubtful accounts, the recording of financed purchases, and custodial fund bank accounts. He also discussed the new accounting standards coming in the future, with the biggest change relating to the pandemic.

To approve the FY2019 Audited Financial Statements.

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

3. CARES Act Resolution – Cy Nunnally Memorial Airport

Mr. Chris Bailey explained the CARES Act Funding is provided through the Georgia Department of Transportation by the Federal Government. The Cy Nunnally Memorial Airport will receive up to \$30,000.00 for lost revenues and additional expenses during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The resolution is a formality of the application.

To approve the resolution.

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

4. Resolution – FY2020 EDA-CARES Act Application

City Administrator Logan Propes explained the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has now included the CARES Act in the Recovery Assistance Funding. The grant will be used to provide water distribution improvements for the Piedmont Regional Industrial Park, which will improve the reliability and resilience of the Park during emergencies and disasters. The EDA-CARES Act Grant will fund 80% of the eligible cost for the proposed project. He explained the resolution allows the City to apply for these funds, with the City committing to fund 20% of the proposed costs.

Mr. Rodney Middlebrooks stated the estimates for engineering, contingencies, and grant administration are about \$3.9 million. The City's 20% match amount for construction and contingencies would be \$1,142,850.00, and the City would be responsible for the engineering and grant administration.

Mr. Propes stated the funding would come from the Bond currently being worked on, which would be part of the look back provision of the previously passed resolution. He explained the City will be working with the Walton County Development Authority for some additional cost sharing options.

To approve the resolution.

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

5. Personnel Issue (s)

Moved to next month.

IV. MAYOR'S UPDATE

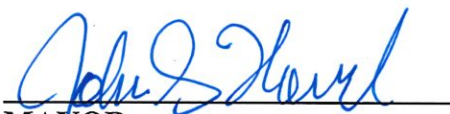
Mayor John Howard discussed receiving a nice thank you note from Regina Adcock. He stated John and Liz are expecting a baby and wished Council Member Lee Malcom congratulations on becoming a grandmother again. The Fireworks and an event by the Boys and Girls Club will be held on July 4.

Fire Chief Bill Owens discussed the planned events and explained they are waiting on the June 12 news from the Governor.

Mayor Howard discussed the peaceful protests last week, which went well.

V. ADJOURN

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


MAYOR


CITY CLERK