

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
	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: Sharon Swanepoel, Les Russell, Amylee Dire, Teri Smiley, Elizabeth Jones

I. CALL TO ORDER – JOHN HOWARD

1. Invocation

Mayor Howard 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. July 7, 2020 Council Minutes
- b. July 21, 2020 Planning Commission Minutes
- c. July 28, 2020 Historic Preservation Commission Minutes
- d. June 11, 2020 Downtown Development Authority Minutes
- e. June 11, 2020 Conventions and Visitors Bureau Minutes
- f. DBE Program Development & Administration – Approval of GMC Network for \$12,650.00. (Recommended for Council approval by Airport Committee August 4, 2020)
- g. Hangar Site Construction and Labor – Approval of Conner Grading & Landscape, Inc. for \$78,854.60. (Recommended for Council approval by Airport Committee August 4, 2020)
- h. Approval – Purchase Wilo RAS Pump – To purchase from J.H. Wright & Associates for \$15,542.00. (Recommended for Council approval by Utilities Committee August 4, 2020)
- i. Approval – Walton County School SRO Program Agreement – To approve contract for \$55,000.00. (Recommended for Council approval by Public Safety Committee August 4, 2020)
- j. Approval – Walton County School SRO Program Agreement for Foothills Charter – To approve contract for \$24,600.00. (Recommended for Council approval by Public Safety Committee August 4, 2020)

To approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

II. PUBLIC PRESENTATION**1. Zion Hills Church Cemetery**

Ms. Elizabeth Jones stated she is finishing her third Master's Degree with the University of Georgia in Historic Preservation and is writing her thesis. Zion Hill Cemetery was created in 1868 as a "colored cemetery" for the Zion Hill Colored Baptist Church. She discussed the history of the church. George Selman was a member of the church, where slaves were required to sit on a rear wall balcony. Mr. Selman's father-in-law, Waters Briscoe, owned the land after slavery was abolished. Mr. Briscoe appointed Cyrus Briscoe as trustee, and the land was deeded to the Zion Hill Colored Baptist Church. The church moved in 1954, which left the property abandoned. Ms. Jones discussed the history of African American culture, and it being undocumented some of the time. Friends of Zion Hill try to meet two days a week and want to prepare the area for the City's ownership. They are working towards getting the cemetery added to the National Register. John Brewer will be conducting a land survey next month. She discussed grants they have received and applying for future grants. Ms. Jones explained some of the work they have been able to accomplish and other projects they have planned.

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

No one signed up for public comments.

2. Public Hearing**a. Rezone – 335 West Spring Street**

Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Kelley presented the application for rezone of this property from Professional to R1. The applicant is requesting a rezone after marketing the site as commercial for over 13 years. He wants to sell the parcel to the current owner of 165 Pinecrest Drive, who will combine this parcel with his parcel. The two combined parcels will be one residential lot for tax purposes.

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

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

No Action.

IV. NEW BUSINESS**1. Rezone – 335 West Spring Street**

To approve the rezone.

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

2. Appointment – Planning Commission

To reappoint Mike Eckles to a five (5) year term to expire September 1, 2025.

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

3. Appointment – Historic Preservation Commission

To appoint Elizabeth Jones to fill the unexpired term of Marc Hammes to expire May 1, 2023.

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

4. Approval – Chamber of Commerce Contract

Ms. Teri Smiley, President of the Walton County Chamber of Commerce, presented the new contract and gave an update on their programs. She discussed supporting small businesses through COVID-19. She requested renewal of the contract at the standard rate of \$0.40 per capita, based on the 2019 Population, which totals \$5,775.00 for the City of Monroe.

City Administrator Logan Propes stated the cost is funded in the 2020 Budget.

To approve the contract for the period of one year.

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

5. Capital Campaign

Ms. Teri Smiley, President of the Walton County Chamber of Commerce, presented the Capital Campaign for the Walton County Chamber and the Walton Forward Foundation. She explained the building they are currently using is owned by the Walton County Board of Commissioners. In the last SPLOST passed, voters approved having that building leveled to build a new two-story building, which will house Human Resources and the Finance Department for Walton County. The Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority have been looking for a building location for about a year. The Development Authority has secured a location for their operations, but it is not big enough to house the Chamber as well. The Chamber has found a location; it is behind City Hall at 207 North Wayne Street. She stated the building is owned by Gary Wilson and is currently being renovated. Ms. Smiley explained funding for the Chamber comes from membership, events, projects, meetings, fund raisers, and eight percent of their budget comes from City and County Government. The Chamber is asking the Cities and County for help securing the building. The Walton Foundation has agreed to purchase the building, and they will lease purchase it back to the Chamber of Commerce. That will give the Chamber five years to raise the funds to purchase the building back. She stated the Capital Campaign will be launched officially at the Chamber luncheon tomorrow. In addition to the building, the Chamber will also need furnishings and technology. They would like to do some program enhancements for some of their education programs; they are losing some of their current programs, due to COVID-19 restrictions. She stated the City of Loganville will vote Thursday night on using their current contract and raising the per capita amount for a three to four-year term. Ms. Smiley proposed the amount of \$1.00 per capital, with \$0.60 going to the Capital Campaign and \$0.40 going to the regular operating budget for the yearly contract. The cost for the City of Monroe would be \$8,662.00 per year, the total amount for three years would be \$25,986.00.

City Administrator Logan Propes stated the funds are not currently in the City's Budget, so it is not something that can be approved tonight. He explained the City is getting ready to discuss the budget for next year, and funding can also be discussed for the upcoming 2021, 2022, and 2023 Budgets at the same time.

No Action.

6. 2nd Reading – MGAG Supply Contract Amendment & Supplemental Contract for Portfolio V Project Ordinance

City Attorney Jesse Couch gave the second reading of the ordinance to amend the Gas Supply Contract and Supplemental Contract for the Gas Portfolio V Project with the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia.

To adopt the ordinance.

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

7. 2nd Reading – Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Amendment

City Attorney Jesse Couch gave the second reading of the ordinance to amend Chapter 6 – Alcoholic Beverages as presented in Exhibit A.

City Attorney Jesse Couch gave the second reading of the ordinance to amend Chapter 6 – Alcoholic Beverages by deleting the enumerated sub-sections as described and substituting with the following in lieu thereof as shown in Exhibit A, and by the addition of certain enumerated sub-sections, and by the addition of Article XI – Alcoholic Beverage Caterers. The complete list of text amendments and additions are shown in Exhibit A.

To adopt the ordinance.

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

8. Resolution – CARES Act Grant Funding
To approve the resolution.

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

V. MAYOR'S UPDATE

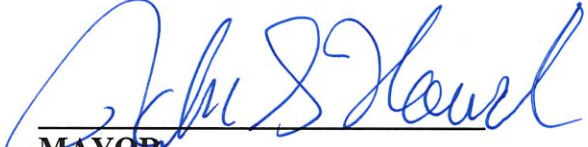
Mayor John Howard stated he had no update tonight.

VI. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

II. Personnel Issue (s)

1. Personnel Matter

Personnel matters were discussed, including attorney-client discussions.

III. Real Estate Issue (s)

1. Real Estate Matter

Real Estate matters were discussed, including attorney-client discussions.

IV. Adjourn to Regular Session

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



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