

The Mayor and Council met for a called meeting.

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

Absent:	Norman Garrett	Council Member
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Staff Present:	Danny Smith, Chris Croy, R.V. Watts, Andrew Dykes, Beth Thompson, Brian Thompson, Rodney Middlebrooks, Patrick Kelley, Chris Bailey, Sadie Krawczyk, Brad Callender, Les Russell	
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Visitors:	Denise Etheridge, Joshua Wilson, Lily Eubanks, Abby Wright, Reagan May, Andrew Staples, Julie Sams, Shauna Mathias	
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## I. CALL TO ORDER – JOHN HOWARD

### 1. Roll Call

Mayor Howard noted that all Council Members were present, except Council Member Norman Garrett. Council Member Lee Malcom was present via telephone. There was a quorum.

To add an Executive Session. To approve the agenda as amended.

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

### 2. City Administrator Update

City Administrator Logan Propes explained he has been working with Walton County on some minor amendments to the Service Delivery Strategy, which will be on the agenda next week.

### 3. Central Services Update

Mr. Chris Bailey stated the 2020 CDBG Stormwater Project is in the process on Hubbard and East Washington; the project will be ongoing through the winter. The roof in Phase II of the Plaza Shopping Center Project is almost complete, and the exterior renovation started yesterday.

## II. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

### 1. Finance

#### a. Monthly Finance Report

Ms. Beth Thompson presented the monthly Finance Report. She explained with the new Transparency tool all of the financial information can be found on the website; she will give an overview of the tool at the meeting next month. They have applied for the Public Safety and First Responders Supplemental Grant and a Grant for Stormwater and Sewer Lift Station Rehab from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. The 2022 Operating and Capital Budget will be available later this month and will be on the December agenda for adoption.

### 2. Airport

#### a. Monthly Airport Report

Mr. Chris Bailey presented the monthly Airport Report. The fuel sales are really good, with a truck load being ordered every other month. The bid dates have been pushed back to February for the terminal building.



**3. Public Works****a. Monthly Solid Waste Report**

Mr. Danny Smith presented the monthly Solid Waste Report. The public will not be allowed to dump between November 5 and November 22, while the new scales are being installed at the Transfer Station. He stated the Curbside Recycling Program is slightly off schedule, due to the inspection process. They should be back on track by the end of the year.

**b. Monthly Streets & Transportation Report**

Mr. Chris Croy presented the monthly Streets & Transportation Report. The striping for the 2020 and 2021 LMIG Projects have been completed on Washington, Pine Crest, and Bryant. He stated the striping on Alcovy, Walker Drive, Carwood, Mayfield, and Cherry Hill has also been done. The water line project on West Marable, Nile, Green Street, and Mayfield is complete; they used almost 30 loads of asphalt. The crews have started installing the holiday lights in Childers Park, which needs to be finished by November 18. He discussed the pickup process for leaf collection.

**4. Utilities****a. Monthly Electric & Telecom Report**

Mr. Brian Thompson presented the monthly Electric & Telecom Report. He discussed the timeline for getting materials. The last bid for transformers had a 52-week time frame. The City will not be able to supply energy for a developer with a preliminary plat prior to their timeline running out, per the Development Regulations. Therefore, customers must meet with the Electric Department to discuss the timeline, prior to getting an electrical permit. The material lead times are not reliable; the timelines went from two weeks to 52 weeks in less than a month.

**b. Monthly Water, Sewer, & Gas Report**

Mr. Rodney Middlebrooks presented the monthly Water, Sewer, & Gas Report. Highway 186 has about a mile of the six-inch natural gas main left to install. They will then move over to Old Monroe-Madison to install seven miles of line. The gravity line has been installed for the Alcovy River and Highway 138 Sewer Project. The 30-inch raw water and the 20-inch finished water lines are waiting on some permits from Transco, Georgia Power, and EPD. He explained they cannot run any gas services currently, due to material delays.

**5. Public Safety****a. Monthly Fire Report**

Fire Chief Andrew Dykes presented the monthly Fire Report. They responded to 195 emergency incidents, with two of them being fires of significance. One of the fires was in a residential dwelling and one was inside a commercial structure. He urged citizens with gas in their homes to install a carbon monoxide alarm, due to gas being colorless and odorless.

**b. Monthly Police Report**

Police Chief R.V. Watts presented the monthly Police Report. Calls for service continue to decrease. They had two separate burglaries in process within the last few weeks. Subjects were apprehended, after a foot pursuit; drugs and a gun were recovered from the first incident. An arrest was made in the second incident, with the help of the homeowner's Ring camera system. He has met with business owners to educate them on deterrents, safety measures, and the importance of calling 911. There were 50.9 pounds of prescriptions collected from the Drug Take Back Day Program.

**6. Planning & Code****a. Monthly Code Report**

Mr. Patrick Kelley presented the monthly Code Report. The department is currently working on updates to the permitting and development fee schedule, and they will be working on the occupational fee schedule next.



**7. Economic Development****a. Monthly Economic Development Report**

Ms. Sadie Krawczyk presented the monthly Economic Development Report. She discussed Fall Fest and the Bicentennial 5K Race, which had 130 runners. She reviewed the Placer.ai Report that shows there were 20,000 smartphone devices in Downtown Monroe during Fall Fest. The Bicentennial Celebration will be on November 30. They are doing a Call for Photos in order to collect 200 photos for the time capsule. She recognized the Wayfarer Music Hall for receiving the 2021 Georgia Preservation Award from the Georgia Trust.

**8. Parks****a. Monthly Parks Report**

Mr. Chris Bailey presented the monthly Parks Report. Pilot Park will be featured in the 2022 Catalog for Play South / Burke Playground Equipment Company. The Childers Park bridge repairs will be finished today. The restrooms for Mathews Park and Pilot Park are scheduled to be delivered in January, and the pavilions will be delivered in about 12 weeks. Results from the pond wildlife and dam study are still being compiled; the contractor will create a plan that will include a feeding and fertilization schedule.

**III. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

1. **Public Hearing Rezone – 140 Blaine Street**
2. **Public Hearing Approving the Valdosta Housing Authority to Issue Revenue Bonds for Local Apartment Rehabilitation Project**
3. **Public Hearing COA Demolition Appeal – 1238 South Madison Avenue**
4. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – GMEBS Amended and Restated Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Ordinance**
5. **1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Zoning Ordinance Code Text Amendment #12**
6. **Resolution – Authorizing the Valdosta Housing Authority to Exercise its Powers for the Purpose of Financing a Proposed Multifamily Housing Project**

There was a general discussion on the above items. There was no action taken.

**IV. MAYOR'S UPDATE**

Mayor John Howard thanked the AP Government students from George Walton Academy for attending the meeting; even though their teacher, Mr. Jerry Wilson, could not attend. He stated Chief Watts and Chief Dykes entertained the George Walton Academy third graders last week. He gave congratulations to the Georgia fans. Mr. David Dickinson ran a virtual Boston Marathon that was 26.2 miles long a couple of weeks ago. He sent congratulations to those who are running in the election tonight.

To amend the agenda to add an Executive Session.

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

**V. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION****VI. ADJOURN**

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

  
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### II. Legal Issue (s)

#### 1. Legal Matter

Legal matters were discussed, including attorney-client discussions.

### III. Adjourn to Regular Session

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

  
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