

## HOOVER CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING

**DATE:** September 4, 2001  
**TIME:** 6:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Hoover Municipal Complex  
**PRESENT:** Mayor Barbara McCollum  
Mr. Robert Austin, Council President  
Mr. Kyle Forstman, Council Member  
Mrs. Donna Mazur, Council Member  
Mr. Jody Patterson, Council Member  
Mr. Jack Wright, Council Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Bob Berry, Police Chief  
Mr. Tom Bradley, Fire Chief  
Mr. Tommy Daniel, Public Works Director  
Mr. Stephen Griffin, City Attorney  
Mrs. Karen Higgins, Human Resources Director  
Mr. Bob House, House Consultants  
Ms. Tina Kitchens, Director, Parks and Recreation  
Mr. Dave Lindon, Fleet Management  
Mr. Frank Lopez, Revenue and Budget Director  
Mr. Allen Pate, Executive Director  
Mr. Ben Powell, Director, Support Services  
Mr. Allen Secreast, Assistant City Engineer  
Mr. Gerald Smith, Director of Inspection Services  
Mrs. Virginia Williams, Director of Development

Mr. Austin called the meeting to order. The clerk had roll call and a quorum was present.

Mr. Austin gave the invocation.

Mr. Patterson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Mazur made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 20, 2001. This motion was seconded by Mr. Wright. On voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

#### 2. REPORTS

Mr. Austin recognized Troop #69 from Vestavia United Methodist Church.

The City Attorney read a **Proclamation** declaring the week of September 9<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>, 2001, as **National Assisted Living Week** in Hoover.

Mayor McCollum stated Linda Andrews, Library Director, has informed her that the Hoover Library is participating in a growing program involving getting books out to the assisted living facilities in the area.

Mayor McCollum announced the appointment of **Mr. Jim Summerlin** to the **Planning and Zoning Commission** to serve a six year term. She recognized Mr. Summerlin who was present in the audience. The Council gave unanimous support of Mayor McCollum's appointment and expressed appreciation to Mr. Summerlin for accepting this appointment.

Mayor McCollum gave a report on **mosquito control**. She stated the City Council and City Staff had received many phone calls regarding mosquito problems. She noted that all Jefferson County residents should have received a publication in the mail from the Health Department on the subject of spraying for mosquitoes. The publication stated that spraying was not the most effective way to deal with the mosquito problem. The best way is to get rid of any eggs that are in standing water and to do away with the standing water. Mrs. Mazur and Tommy Daniel attended a meeting at the Health Department on Friday to learn more about this issue. They brought back a sample of a chemical tablet (referred to as a "doughnut") that is placed in standing water. She suggested the City could order a supply of the tablets (doughnuts) and have them on hand to give out to the residents who call and report mosquito problems.

Mrs. Mazur stated she learned from the meeting that the West Nile Virus is not a communicable disease that is passed between people. Unfortunately the people who are most susceptible to the virus are those over the age of fifty. All mosquitoes that have been tested for this virus in the State of Alabama have tested negative. However, there were four dead birds found in Jefferson County that had the virus. She learned that spraying for mosquitoes is not really helping because it kills other insects and animals that eat mosquitoes. She noted that the City is spraying for mosquitoes and it is helping some, but spraying from the street does not reach the back yard areas where the majority of mosquitoes are located. The best thing to use is the tablet that the Health Department Environmental Protection is sending out and to rid our back yards of any standing water. She stated that two of the chemical tablets cover 200 yards of standing water for a period of thirty days.

Mayor McCollum stated the Health Department has also provided a list of things people can do regarding mosquitoes. She felt it would be helpful to make this list available to the public on the City of Hoover web site. She announced that the Jefferson County Commission is sponsoring a Town Hall meeting to be held September 6, 2001, at 6:00 p.m., at the Center Point Courthouse, 2651 Center Point Road, to discuss mosquito problems.

Mrs. Mazur stated the Jefferson County Commission would sponsor a meeting for the City of Hoover at no cost to the City. They are available to speak to civic groups as well. It is their belief that education is the most effective way of dealing with the problem.

After further discussion, Mr. Wright made a motion to purchase 10,000 of the doughnuts (tablets), and ask the citizens to make a fifty-cent contribution, or supply them free if needed.

Mrs. Mazur felt that the City should not ask for a contribution from the citizens on this matter. Mr. Wright agreed that these be provided free of charge.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mazur. On voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCollum stated Dr. Farr had sent a memo recently regarding test scores. There was an article in the newspaper recently reporting that the Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School earned the seventh highest ACT scores in the nation. The seniors' average score was a 28.1 out of a possible 36. Superintendent, Dr. Jack Farr, felt it would be interesting to compare that to the International Baccalaureate School at Hoover High School. He recently made the Mayor and Council aware that last year's **Hoover High School International Baccalaureate seniors** scored an average ACT score of 31.81. One of those students was Chief Bradley's daughter, Anne Marie. She noted that the average for all students at Hoover High School last year was 24. She stated this speaks highly of the Hoover School System.

Mayor McCollum reported on **recycling**. She stated the City of Hoover provides curbside trash and garbage pickup twice per week and recycling once per week. She has been talking with Allen Pate about how to make recycling more convenient for the citizens. She presented a sample of the new recycling carts with wheels that the City is going to try with a pilot program involving one hundred citizens in the City. Should the pilot program be successful, the City will look at distributing these carts citywide. Waste Management has said there would be no cost to the City if the City extends its contract with Waste Management for two years. There are no agreements at this time. It is still being discussed.

Mr. Allen Pate stated the 100 carts being used in the pilot program will be given on a first come first served basis. The City will do a follow up survey in 45 days. The Mayor would then be in a position to make some decisions about whether or not to go citywide with the product. He felt recycling would improve with this product due to the convenience factor. He stated a pre-printed form would be given with the cart explaining the pilot program.

Donna Mazur stated she is accepting **resumes** at this time for anyone interested in serving on the **Beautification Board**. The Board is in need of four additional members.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2572-01 – AWARD BID – LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE – HIGHWAY 280**

The City Attorney read Resolution No. 2572-01. This would award the bid for Highway 280 Landscape Maintenance to Alabama's Finest Landscape Service Inc. in the amount of \$52,937.53, and authorize Mayor McCollum to execute documents regarding the contract for this project.

Mr. Wright made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2572-01. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Mazur. On voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 2573-01 – AMEND FEDERAL DRUG FUND BUDGET AND GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR POLICE DEPT. & CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND BUDGET FOR OPERATIONS**

The City Attorney read at length Resolution No. 2573-01. This would amend the Federal Drug Fund Budget and General Fund Budget for the Police Department, and Capital Projects Fund Budget for Operations.

Mr. Wright commented on item 2 of the amendment for Operations regarding additional funds (\$100,000) for the development of a master plan for recently purchased property (formerly the Fleming property). He questioned whether this amount should be \$100,000.

The City Clerk stated that at work session there was some question about the \$100,000. It was the understanding of both she and Melinda James that Mr. Wright wanted that amount taken out of this resolution. The \$100,000 was then taken out of this resolution and made a part of the next agenda item, Resolution No. 2574-01, which would authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for design services regarding improvements at the Hoover Met. She explained that the \$100,000 was a separate item. There was a \$5,000 allocation for this master plan study that came in \$99,000 over that amount. This \$100,000 was to finish that out.

Mr. Wright stated he just wanted to clarify the \$100,000. He then made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2573-01. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Mazur.

Mayor McCollum stated that the spending of the federal drug fund money had not come before the Council in the past. They have listed those items in trying to keep the Council informed of all projects as the money is being spent. She stated she would appreciate in the future any changes that the Council Members want to make to resolutions and budgets to please address them to her, and if she is not available she will designate someone to handle these matters. She would appreciate that they not instruct employees directly to make changes.

There being no further discussion, on voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 2574-01 – AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT – DESIGN SERVICES FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT HOOVER MET & AMEND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR OPERATIONS DEPT.**

The City Attorney read at length Resolution No. 2574-01. This would authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Holcombe, Norton & Pritchett, Inc., for design services for the RV automobile parking lot at the Hoover Met, and to amend the Capital Projects Fund for the Operations Department.

Mr. Wright made a motion to continue Resolution No. 2574-01. This motion was seconded by Mr. Patterson.

Mayor McCollum stated she was confused as to why there was a continuation. She stated they had approval to do some schematics at the Hoover Met in trying to locate the RV Park and also to find a second access into the Met area that was one of the reasons the Fleming property was purchased. The City needs to locate the access because USX is donating the land for the access and they are ready to start selling the property. Also, the City is working on a tight deadline to get the RV Park completed before the SEC Tournament opens. That means completing the design process, going through the bid process, and then constructing the park.

Mr. Wright stated the reason he questioned it was because he had never seen the plan or had this formally presented to him until 15 minutes before the meeting. He felt that communication had not been at its highest level. He did not feel that the process of locating property for the access should cost \$100,000. He could not justify spending money to construct a RV Park while taking \$1,100,000 from the schools and possibly raising the citizens' automobile taxes \$1,000,000.

Mayor McCollum stated the purpose for talking about the RV Park and having a deadline is for the SEC Tournament, but it is something that can be utilized year round. The City is looking at many other options for that RV Park. In response to Mr. Wright's comments about not having been aware of the plans, she encouraged better communication with his fellow Council Members.

Mr. Patterson stated he would still like to have the resolution matter continued to allow more time to review the matter. He asked if delaying it two weeks would affect the deadline.

Mayor McCollum stated it could.

Mr. Forstman stated the incentive for the RV Park was not only for the SEC Tournaments but would also provide a quality of recreation for the residents of the City of Hoover. If the City can get that at the same time we are negotiating the renewal of the contract for the SEC Tournament, we should look at doing that. He felt that delaying it would not make sense.

Mr. Wright stated the \$100,000 is strictly for drawings and does not include the cost of building the park. He felt there was no way the City could justify making a profit on a RV Park. He thought the City should get the events at the Met then consider a RV Park when it is sitting flush with money. The City should not in a budget tight year be constructing a RV Park while taking money away from schools and raising taxes. He noted the City does not make a profit on the Met. It loses money every year and losing more money would not make it better.

Mr. Austin called for further discussion on the motion and second.

Mayor McCollum clarified that the services provided under the contract would include survey work, schematic designs, design development, construction documents for bidding, surveying and civil engineering services, and electrical engineering.

Mr. Austin noted the motion to continue did not address a certain date. He stated it would be handled as a continuance in general unless the motion is amended to continue it to a certain date.

Mr. Wright made a motion to continue the resolution for two weeks. This motion was seconded by Mr. Patterson. On roll call vote the votes of the Council were as follows: Mr. Wright, Mr. Patterson, "Yea", Mrs. Mazur, Mr. Forstman, Mr. Austin, "Nay". Mr. Austin stated the motion was defeated.

Mr. Forstman made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2574-01**. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Mazur.

Mr. Austin asked Mr. Holcombe if he would come forward at this time and review his letter of proposal.

Mr. Holcombe stated this is a "not to exceed" proposal as pointed out by the Mayor. They have done a good amount of preliminary work on this and there are some unknowns. In preparing their proposal they tried to figure their worse case and then tried to even back a little bit from that. He stated it includes not only the design access road, but also the surveying of 28 acres from the pipeline over into the Met parking lot so all of that will work together. There is a possibility they may have to relocate the overhead power line that runs the parameter of Trace Crossings. They will certainly have to at least lower part of it. It will need sanitary sewer access. They are looking at locating all existing sewer around the Met down Feldspar and in the parkway so as to get a gravity system to provide hook ups. When it is not being used as an RV Park it will provide parking for 700 to 800 cars. The property has to be rezoned so there is that time involvement to consider. There are many little pieces to put together and at this time we are only at the very front end of it.

Mr. Wright stated it had been his experience that most design services and architectural fees are judged by a possible percentage of the project. He asked Mr. Holcombe if that were true in this case.

Mr. Holcombe stated not necessarily. This is a combination of their firm, Paragon Engineering, and Jackson Renfro (electrical engineers). They all attempted to assign hours to all the tasks that need to be done. As a backup they also did cost estimates based on the Alabama Building Commission percentages. They did enough cost estimates that they felt comfortable, but only in a range of \$1.3 to \$1.8 million dollars. It would depend on what happens with the sanitary sewer.

Mr. Wright asked if the \$100,000 was included in the cost range mentioned by Mr. Holcombe. Mr. Holcombe stated it was not included in that cost range.

Mr. Austin asked at what point they would know whether the individual tanks would be required or whether the sewer line would be affective. Mr. Holcombe stated that would be one of the first things they would want to determine because it would be critical in the grading of the parking lot.

Mr. Wright stated he understood there was a possibility of having to construct a lift station. Mr. Holcombe stated that was correct. Mr. Wright asked what it would cost. Mr. Holcombe stated it could be as inexpensive as \$25,000 to \$30,000 or it might be as expensive as \$50,000 to \$60,000.

There was a brief discussion regarding the installation of a tank for the RV Park versus the installation of sewer.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Austin called for a vote on the motion made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2574-01. On voice vote the votes of the Council were as follows: Mr. Austin, Mrs. Mazur, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Forstman, "Yea", Mr. Wright, "Nay".

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 2575-01 – FIRE HYDRANTS – DEER VALLEY GARDEN HOMES PHASE III**

The City Attorney read at length Resolution No. 2575-01. This would authorize the installation of fire hydrants at Deer Valley Garden Homes Phase III.

Mr. Patterson made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2575-01**. This motion was seconded by Mr. Forstman. On voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 2576-01 – AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AFFIDAVIT WITH AL. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION – MOSS ROCK PRESERVE TRAIL HEAD/EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES CENTER**

The City Attorney read at length Resolution No. 2576-01. This would authorize the Mayor to execute an affidavit with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the Moss Rock Preserve Trail Head/Educational Activities Center.

Mr. Wright made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2576-01**. It was his understanding this is a requirement to seek funding. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Mazur. On voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 2577-01 – ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR CITY INVESTMENTS**

The City Attorney read Resolution No. 2577-01. This would establish guidelines for the Finance Committee Investment Division and the Finance Director, Robert Yeager.

Mr. Wright made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2577-01**. He welcomed Mr. Yeager and suggested that the official appointment of Mr. Yeager as City Treasurer be done at the next Council meeting. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Mazur. On voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

7. **APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – PRESERVE PARKWAY**

Mr. Austin stated this item deals with the approval of **Change Order No. 1 for the Preserve Parkway** project in the amount of \$8,600. This involves the price of a retaining wall to save a 100-year-old oak tree that would otherwise be damaged by the construction of the roadway.

Mr. Forstman made a motion to approve **Change Order No. 1**. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Mazur. On voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

8. **1<sup>ST</sup> READING ORDINANCE NO. 01-1834 – AMEND CODE – BUSINESS LICENSES – TOBACCO**

The City Attorney had the first reading of Ordinance No. 01-1834. This would amend the Municipal Code regarding Business Licenses for tobacco sales. The second reading and consideration for adoption is set for Monday, September 17, 2001.

9. **1<sup>ST</sup> READING ORDINANCE NO. 01-1835 – ANNEX 2858 GEORGETOWN DRIVE**

The City Attorney had the first reading of Ordinance No. 01-1835. This would annex a single-family residence located at 2858 Georgetown Drive. The second reading and consideration for adoption is set for Monday, September 17, 2001.

10. **2<sup>ND</sup> READING ORDINANCE NO. 01-1832 – ANNEX 3548 LAUREL VIEW ROAD & 3469 RIDGECREST DRIVE**

The City Attorney had the second reading of Ordinance No. 01-1832. This would annex single family residences located at 3548 Laurel View Road, owners Larry & Jane Grace, and 3469 Ridgcrest Drive, owners Michael and Melissa Morse.

Mr. Wright made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 01-1832**. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Mazur. On voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

11. **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mrs. Mazur stated the bills had been reviewed. She made a motion to approve the payment of the bills as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Wright. On voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Austin asked if there was anyone present that wished to address the Council. There being none and no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Austin adjourned the meeting.

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Linda Crump, CMC, AAE  
City Clerk