

Minutes
Special Meeting
September 23, 2004

Those Present: Mayor Jenkins
Mayor Pro Tem Lamar Lang

Council members: Thurman Roach
Jason Anavitarte
Marlene Hadden

City Attorney: Rick Powell

Absent: David Weese
Ed Lowe

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jenkins.

Chief King came before the Mayor and Council to discuss the permit to march for the Hispanic community. He explained that his main focus of concern was not only the volume of people, but having the high volume of people cross Buford Highway. Crossing Buford Highway is why it requires such a large police force and suggested that the group consider not crossing Buford Highway. Attorney Powell informed Chief King, the Mayor and the Council that the October 12th date requested was a date when the Municipal Court was in session. He mentioned that the path they have selected would impede the flow of traffic to and from Court. The Mayor and Council instructed Chief King to work with the group and negotiate a strategy that would accommodate all parties.

The Mayor presented the serious problems with the retaining wall at the Police Station and clarified with the Council that it will go through the bidding process. It was discussed that the engineers would submit the specifications of the wall and the City Planners, Robert and Company, would review the specifications for approval. Councilwoman Hadden made a motion to have the engineers specifications reviewed and approved by Robert and Company, seconded by Councilman Anavitarte. Council members Hadden and Anavitarte voted in favor of the motion and Council members Roach and Lang voted against the motion. The Mayor abstained. The Mayor announced that the Council will have to work it out.

Attorney Powell presented the problem with employee, Ray Buice. Mr. Buice claims that he was given six sick days upon employment and would like to use them before he retires in November. Mr. Buice would like to use those days to take his wife to her treatments. Attorney Powell explained the background of the six sick days and that they were given to current employees when the policy was adopted as of January 1, 1985. It was his opinion that it did not apply to employees hired after that date. He also informed the Council that the records did not indicate that Mr. Buice was entitled to the days. Motion was made by Councilwoman Hadden, seconded

by Mayor Pro Tem Lang that Mr. Buice's request be denied. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief King requested to cancel the funds approved from the Capital Improvements budget for the building of a hazardous material storage in the amount of \$5,405.47 and instead consider a project to build a collapsing facility for evidence storage at a cost of \$11,000.00. Mayor Pro Tem Lang made a motion to approve Chief King's request, seconded by Councilman Roach. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hadden brought back up the retaining wall and suggested that the Council accept the City Planner to review the plans and specifications for the wall, if the City Planner will review the plans and specifications for no more than \$250.00. Councilwoman Hadden made the motion for the City Planner to review the plans and specifications, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lang. The motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor mentioned the applications for the City Clerk need to be reviewed. Approximately eighty applications have been received and that as he has reviewed them, it appears that only four to five are potentially qualified. Councilwoman Hadden and Councilman Anavitate agreed to come to the City to review the applications.

Councilwoman Hadden requested that research on fee schedules for parades be done by Attorney Powell. Attorney Powell stated that he would be willing to investigate and to amend the City's ordinance.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.