

TOWN OF SILER CITY

The Siler City Town Board of Commissioners met in budget workshop session on **Thursday, March 14, 2019** at 6:30 p.m. in the Courtroom with Mayor John Grimes presiding. Commissioner Haiges gave the invocation with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance following.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Larry Cheek, Michael Constantino, Lewis Fadely, John Grimes, Bill Haiges, Chip Price, and Tony Siler

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Cindy Bray

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Bryan Thompson, Finance Director Roy Lynch, Human Resources Director Nancy Darden, Fire Chief Scott Murphy, Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Keel, and Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/ APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Thompson requested the addition of CDBG- Lincoln Heights I & I Project Update, Personnel Discussion, and Closed Session § 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee.

A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cheek, seconded by Commissioner Fadely and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Fire Tax Discussion

Thompson stated if the Board of Commissioners would like to request an increase in the fire tax for the Central Fire District the Town would need to send the requested to Chatham County as soon as possible. The Board of Commissioners discussed the increase as well as an ad valor tax.

The consensus of the Board of Commissioners was to ask Chatham County to raise the Central Fire District Tax by 3 cents and to raise the Town ad volar tax by 3 cents to help fund the Fire Department Full Time Staff addition. Fire Department living quarters was discussed.

Engineering Design Report

Thompson introduced Taylor Hobbs and Kristy Bardwell with Hobbs Architects and Stephen Moorefield with SKA Consulting Engineers. Hobbs and Bardwell shared a conceptual campus design plan and detailed design plan for City Hall with the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners asked that Town Staff meet with court officials to discuss the changes to City Hall. The consensus of the Board

of Commissioners was that the conceptual plans and the phases meet the needs of the town and Staff should move forward with the next steps.

Non-Profit Funding Discussion

Thompson asked the Board of Commissioners for direction for the non-profit request for the 2019/2020 Budget. The Board of Commissioners discussed placing an identified cap on the budget amount. After discussion the consensus of the Board of Commissioners was to have Staff bring back information with 1.5% of 10 fund budget for non-profit requests.

CDBG Lincoln Height I & I Project Update

Thompson stated that the construction bid for the Lincoln Heights I&I project came in \$120,000 over budget and he is recommending the project budget be amended. The consensus of the Board of Commissioner was to fund the overage. Bryan stated that a budget amendment would be presented at the next meeting.

Personal Discussion

Thompson stated that there are two new positions identified in the 2019/2020 Budget at the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Thompson recommended that the Town move forward and hire the positions in the current year's budget due to the training requirements. Commissioner Haiges requested to recuse himself from the discussion because his nephew had applied for a job at the Water Treatment Plant.

A motion to recuse Commissioner Haiges from the new position discussion was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cheek and unanimously approved.

The Board of Commissioners discussed the new positions.

A motion to fund the two new positions for the Water Treatment Plant and the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the current budget year was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Siler and unanimously approved.

A motion to excuse Commissioner Siler for the remainder of the meeting was made by Commissioner Fadely, seconded by Commissioner Constantino and unanimously approved at 8:15pm.

CLOSED SESSION


A motion to go into closed session for § 143-318.11(a)(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee

was made by Commissioner Haiges, seconded by Commissioner Constantino and unanimously approved at 8:16pm.

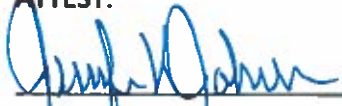
A motion to come out of closed session was made by Commissioner Haiges, seconded by Commissioner Fadely and unanimously approved at 8:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 8:32pm.



John F Grimes, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jenifer K Johnson, Town Clerk

