

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
OCTOBER 24, 2011**

INVOCATION: Mayor Harper

PLEDGE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Travis Harper

WELCOME: Mayor Travis Harper

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Mayor Travis Harper, Aldermen Scott Stalnaker, Eric Gaither, Dick Perryman, Billy Retterbush, Michael Richbourg, and Antonio Carter.

STAFF PRESENT: Tina Ward, Randy Lane, Mandy Luke, Henry Yawn, Chief Clayton, John Reynolds, Jeff Bristol, Peter Schultz, Dawn Morrison and City Attorney, Mitchell Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Randall Melton, Frank Watts, Stephen Rakestraw, Allen Davis and John Hunkele.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Alderman Perryman made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTIONS OF FORMAL AGENDA- Mayor Harper ask the Council to add as item number four, reschedule the next Council meeting. Mitchell Moore requested a brief Executive Session. Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to adopt the formal agenda with the changes. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gaither, and the motion carried unanimously.

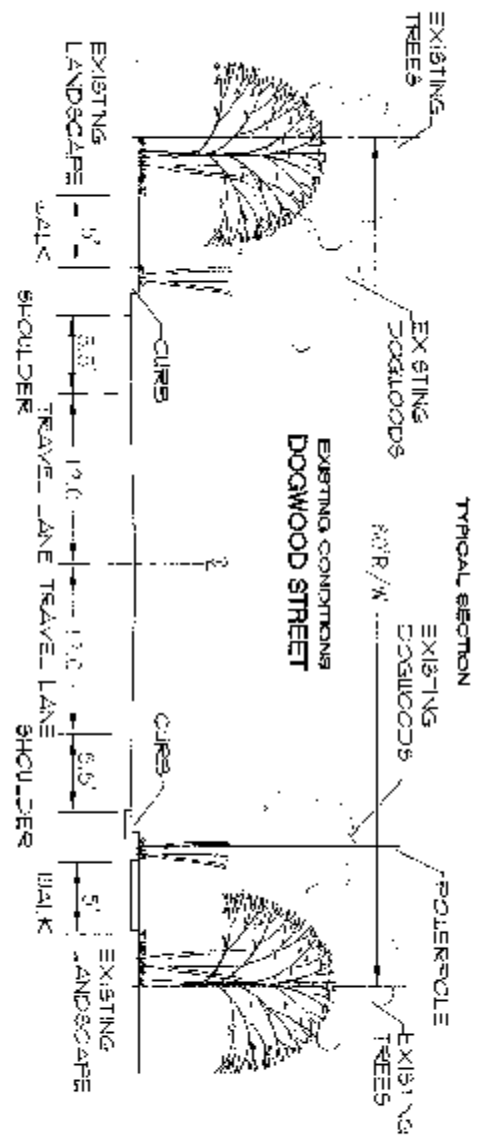
NEW BUSINESS

1. Dogwood T-Grant- Randy Lane enclosed a presentation and cost analysis for reconstructing the sidewalks on Dogwood Ave. The grant would total \$350,000.00 if both Phases are approved by D.O.T. and the funds are transferred to the City of Nashville. Stephen Rakestraw told the group he received a relinquish letter from Berrien County Board of Commissioners. It stated that they voted during the August 9th Commission Meeting to terminate the Berrien County Pedestrian Facilities CSTE-0008(983) PI#000983, Berrien County, due to financial hardship. However the City of Nashville may wish to adopt and to implement the project as planned. Also the City may want to employ Phase Two of this project as well. Berrien County Commissioners do not want to precede with the recently announced FY 2011 TE Project Titled “Berrien County Pedestrian Facilities Phase

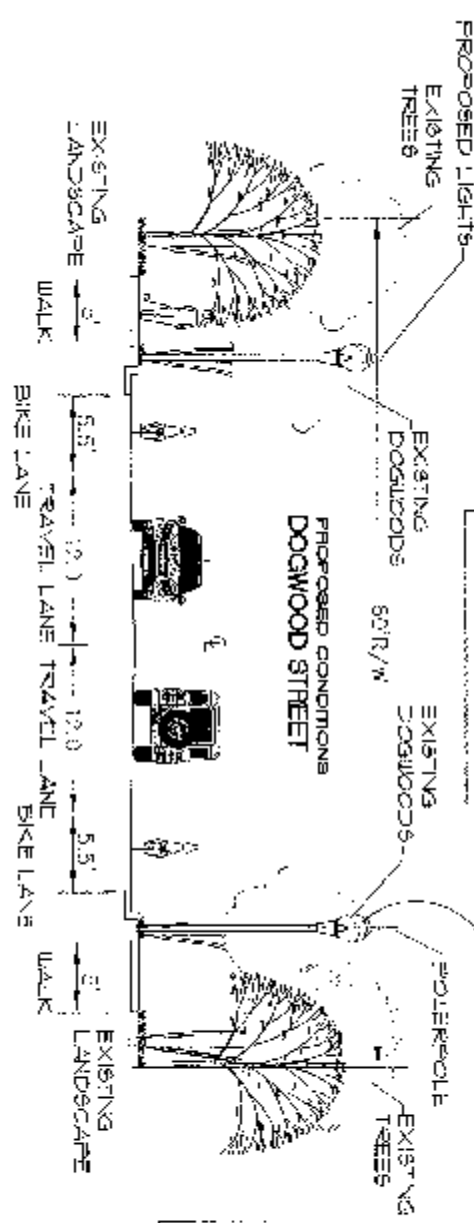
Two”. Stephen told the group the money has recently been put back into the pot and in order to keep the money in the same district or area the City of Nashville will need to apply and be granted these money’s. Jay Shaw, who is the district Representative for D.O.T. will be the first person the City should get in contact with before word gets out to other Municipalities that the funds are not being used by the County and their project has been relinquished. Randy and Stephen then proceeded to illustrate the handout for the project. Stephen Rakestraw, owner of Rakestraw and Associates presented a schedule, three sketches, and a cost estimate for each concept. Dogwood Street Pedestrian Corridor will represent the City’s proposal of a corridor along Dogwood Street (City Road 356, Old Nashville State Bypass). The development will promote safe intermodal traffic for the community and visitors of Nashville. The project originates at the intersection of Ga. Hwy 125(Tifton Highway) and Dogwood Street and the project proceeds to the south to Ga. Hwy 76 (Adel Highway). The corridor extends a length of 5300 linear feet and the posted speed limit is 35 mph. In addition, the project is a part of a multi-phased pedestrian walk system that is currently under construction within the downtown business district. As adopted under the current pedestrian master plan, the streetscape will provide a tangible link to the downtown area from the surrounding neighborhoods. The area is comprised of frequently used buildings such as City Hall, Perry Memorial Library, Tygart Park, Churches, The County Courthouse on the Square and local downtown merchants. Preliminary work has been inventoried because of adjacent work in the area. Downtown Streetscape Phase 2, P10008984 Berrien County⁷, is adjacent to the project corridor. The scope includes completing the level of environmental documents needed to advance to final design, construction, and ways to accelerate implementation of the project. The total length of time for approval for advertisement of bids is 18 months. Below are some of the Concept themes Mr. Rakestraw presented to the Council.

DOGWOOD STREET PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR

CITY OF NASHVILLE, GEORGIA



CONCEPT #1



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 STREET & REPLICATED
 MEDIAN WITH
 N-THIRDS LIGHTS
 STRIP AND LANE
 ON ROADWAY
 MARK WITH EXISTING
 SIGNALS TO ROAD
 CHANGES TO ROAD
 OR USE 4-WAY

group with the Tree Ordinance and asked the group to review it. The group had some discussion over tree removal, soil erosion, and the Tree Board. Mitchell said this will constitute the first read. The second read will take place at the next Council meeting and then it can be published in the local paper. Also, as is listed in the Tree Ordinance, Dawn Morrison presented the Mayor with a Proclamation, proclaiming the third Friday of February each year is proclaimed Arbor Day. Dawn said once the Ordinance is passed it will open up, through the Forestry Department, different grants and funding. Alderman Perryman made a motion to proclaim the third Friday of February each year as Arbor Day. Alderman Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Reschedule the First Council meeting in November- Mayor Harper told the group due to some conflicts in schedules the first Council meeting in November needs to be moved to the following day. The Public Hearing will also need to be moved to the following day. Mandy Luke informed the Mayor the Public Hearing has been advertised and will need to be changed. Hearing no further conflicts on the rescheduling of the meeting, Mayor Harper rescheduled the November 14th Council Meeting and Public Hearing for November 15th, and asked that the advertisement be changed to reflect the change of date for the meetings.

REPORTS

5. City Manager/Finance Director Report- Mandy Luke told the group she has been getting everything ready for the Auditors and in doing so I need to present the Council with the Budget Amendment Resolution. This Resolution is to amend the budget for the City fiscal year beginning August 1st, 2010 and ending July 31st, 2011. The purpose of this resolution is to provide appropriations for the General fund or transferring budgeted money within the General fund departments. She asked the Council to review the Resolution and adopted it. Alderman Retterbush made a motion to adopt the Budget Amendment Resolution. The motion was seconded by Alderman Carter, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. City Attorney Report- Mitchell Moore told the group he contacted TTL since the last monitoring report was sent off four weeks ago. Still no word from EPD but TTL was pleased with the last monitoring of the wells. They informed me they have still gotten no word back from EPD on the report and it could take six weeks before they do. It is premature to assume no further action will be required and will let Council know as soon as we hear something back from EPD.

7. Department Head Reports- Dawn Morrison reminded everyone about the “Walk in the Cemetery” event, and invited everyone to attend.
Randy Lane complemented Chief Clayton on the new yellow dump truck.

Public Comments/General Comments from Council

Frank Watts said the sidewalks are looking good. Alderman Retterbush informed the group the Deep South Solid Waste had their meeting last week and informed everyone on the board that Veolia will be hosting a program for third grade students in the near future would like for everyone to attend. He was unsure of the times and dates but will let everyone know when he does.

Executive Session

Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to go into Executive Session at 7:05p.m. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:10p.m. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Regular Session Reconvened

Alderman Stalnaker made the motion to proceed with the appraisal. Alderman Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct, Alderman Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm. Alderman Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Travis Harper

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderman Dick Perryman

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Michael Richbourg

ATTEST

Tina Ward, City Clerk