

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN  
FEBRUARY 10, 2020  
6:30 P.M.**

**INVOCATION:** Linda Matchett

**PLEDGE:** Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

**WELCOME:** Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

**ROLL CALL:** Members of the City Council present included Mayor Taylor Scarbrough, Aldermen Scott Stalnaker, Billy Retterbush, Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter and John Clayton

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mandy Luke, Jackie Jordan, Jill Wise, Nancy Pesce, Chief Edwards, John Reynolds, Peter Schultz, Henry Yawn, Mitchell Moore

**OTHERS:** Linda Matchett, Terrell Jacobs, Wayne May, Janet Studstill, Robert Marfilius

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

John Clayton made a motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA:**

Billy Retterbush made a motion to adopt the formal agenda. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **2020 CDBG Resolution and Conflict of Interest – Mandy Luke:** Mrs. Luke provided the Mayor and Council with target area of the 2020 CDBG. Attorney Moore explained details regarding what would constitute possible conflicts of interest in the target area and how conflicts could be addressed if there were any conflicts of interest. No one disclosed any information that would be considered a conflict of interest. Eric Gaither made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution for the City of Nashville to submit an application to obtain FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for public infrastructure improvements. Scott Stalnaker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
2. **2020 Comprehensive Plan Update Resolution – Mandy Luke:** Mrs. Luke explained the Comprehensive Plan between Berrien County and the Cities of Alapaha, Enigma, Nashville and Ray City which is done every five (5) years through the Regional Commission describing on-going projects and potential projects. Billy Retterbush made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution for the 2020 Joint Berrien County and Cities of Alapaha, Enigma, Nashville and Ray City Comprehensive Plan Update. Antonio Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

3. **City Attorney Position – Mayor Taylor Scarbrough:** Mayor Scarbrough questioned the City’s policy regarding the hiring and firing of City Attorney by the City Manager expressing his desire for the Mayor and Council to hold this power. Eric Gaither made a motion to amend the Ordinance to allow the Council to hire and fire the City Attorney. The motion failed and no action was taken. Mr. Moore briefly explained the changes that would be necessary if there was a change in the current policy.
4. **Spending Policy – Mayor Taylor Scarbrough:** Mayor Scarbrough asked for clarification on the spending policy. Scott Stalnaker explained the City Manager has authority for anything under \$10,000 and provides them with a bi-weekly report of these items with a breakdown. The City Manager explained she also has the authority to pay on-going or consistent bills such as attorney invoices, power bills and such, that are constantly over the \$10,000 amount each month.
5. **Attendance Policy – Mayor Taylor Scarbrough:** Mayor Scarbrough questioned the attendance of department heads, that do not hold office positions, to the Council meetings and would it be better to exempt them if they do not have a report for the meeting. The Council explained they prefer their attendance in the event there are questions regarding problems or projects in their department instead of a series of phone calls on these questions after the meeting.
6. **Executive Session – Mayor Taylor Scarbrough:**

At 7:05 p.m., Antonio Carter made a motion to go into Executive Session. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:05 P.M. – 7:11 P.M.**

At 7:11 p.m., Scott Stalnaker made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Billy Retterbush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **City Manager’s/Finance Director’s Report – Mandy Luke:**

Mrs. Luke explained that due to all of the extra reporting requirements during the month of January with W-2’s, 1099’s, auditors, etc, she does not always have the opportunity to provide the usual revenue and expense reports to the Mayor and Council but always starts back in February and provided. She provided the Mayor and Council with reports of bank balances along with the revenue and expenditure reports. Also, she said she would provide any additional or more detailed information as requested.

##### **City Attorney’s Report – Mitchell Moore, Attorney:**

Mr. Moore reported on the NURA project regarding the responsiveness of the requirements of the bid received and received an extensive response over the weekend which will be reviewed. Mr. Moore also explained pending water tower maintenance contracts and issues currently being reviewed on those.

**Department Head Reports:**

Jill Wise gave a report and reminder of the Chili Cook-off on February 29<sup>th</sup> explaining the proceeds fund Christmas decorations. Miss Wise reported Off the Hook has changed their hours due to the success of the recent addition of a food truck, The Shrimp Box, and she is looking into more information on a possible food truck event. She also mentioned a recent event by Little Duck Farms at the Farmers Market.

Chief Edwards reported the position of Code Enforcement Officer has been filled and she will begin in about two (2) weeks to begin the training process which takes about two (2) years. He also reported the patrol office position that was vacated in December has also been filled and he plans to introduce them at the next Council meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Terrell Jacobs with Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) said he was invited to attend and explained concerns and questions that have been presented to him and the leadership of the City, Mayor and Council offering any help he may be able to provide. He also briefly explained the State's requirements regarding Charters.

Wayne May expressed concerns of items discussed at the previous Council meetings and of the many duties of the dual role of the City Manager and Finance Director.

Janet Studstill expressed grievances to the City Council and asked for a copy of the CDBG target area.

Robert Marfilus asked about the condition of a section of South Bartow next to Flash Foods and Peter Schultz said it would be included in the 2020 LMIG project. Scott Stalnaker said there had also been a lot of work to the lines and infrastructure there which needed to be completed before being repaved.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

The Council conveyed appreciation for the public attendance at the Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to conduct, Billy Retterbush made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Eric Gaither seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Taylor Scarbrough

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Alderman Scott Stalnaker

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Alderman Billy Retterbush

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Alderman Antonio Carter

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Alderman Eric Gaither

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Alderman Walt Steward

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Alderman John Clayton

**ATTEST:**

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Jackie Jordan, City Clerk

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