

CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING WORK SESSION SUMMARY MINUTES Tuesday, January 31, 2023



Councilmembers in Attendance: Mayor Frank Moran, Mayor Pro Tem Teresa Philyaw, Councilmember Kathy Bookout, Councilmember Melissa R. Bayardelle, Councilmember Derrick Battle, Councilmember Doris Devey.

Staff in Attendance: Jody Palmer, J. Jayson Phillips, Melissa Chosewood, Kathie Stancil, Jackie Pryor, Leo Parker, Chief Turner, Jeffery Durham and Isabella Orr.

The Work Session for January 31, 2023 was called to order by Mayor Frank Moran at 6:00pm in the Municipal Annex.

- Invocation: Jason James, Court Administrator.
- Pledge of Allegiance: Boy Scouts Roan Woods and Emerson Gutierrez led the pledge.
- Mayor and Council recognized Hiram Elementary School Citizenship Award recipients:
 - Kindergarten- Autumn Warner
 - First Grade- Jaylan Cooper
 - Second Grade- Janiyah Drew
 - Third Grade- Luke Rojas
 - Fourth Grade- Kylie Evans
 - Fifth Grade- Josue Cambray-Salgado
- Mayor and Council presented Shooting Star Awards to Roan Woods and Emerson Gutierrez from Pack 9161, for their heroic efforts at the tree lighting event when a bounce house collapsed.
- Recognized the following achievements of members of the Mayor and Council:
 - Mayor Moran has completed the requirements of The Robert E. Knox Jr. Municipal Leadership Institute
 - Councilmember Battle has completed the requirements of the Certificate of Recognition through the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute
- Mr. James Whitaker presented a review of the Fiscal Year 2022 Audit.
- Mayor Moran read the Public Hearing Procedures.
- The City of Hiram held a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the re-zoning of the property located at 1680 Hiram Douglasville Highway (Compass Storage) from B2 to I1.
- Jody Palmer provided the staff recommendation to approve the re-zoning application.
- Joel Larkin, Counsel for applicant, and applicant John Steele, spoke in support of the re-zoning application.
- Owner of We Care Home Care, Jadawnya Bostock, tenant at Compass Storage, spoke in opposition to the re-zoning application.
- Owner of Blow and Go, Ross Downin, tenant at Compass Storage, spoke in opposition to the re-zoning application.
- Owner of Purple Haze Studios, Ron Lane, tenant at Compass Storage, spoke in opposition to the re-zoning application.
- The Public Hearing closed.
- Discussed the re-zoning of the property located at 1680 Hiram Douglasville Highway from B2 to I1.
- Discussed the purchase of the Ford F-150, that was previously stolen and then recovered, from Gallagher Bassett, for \$28,971.67, to be funded from Street SPLOST.
- Discussed the replacement of the HVAC unit in the basement of the 76 Seaboard Street building.
- Discussed the request for additional funds for the purchase of two police vehicles.
- Discussed reserving Gray's Mill Park the weekend of October 6 to October 9 for Faith & Blue Weekend.
- Discussed adoption of a Civility Resolution.
- Reviewed the Consent Agenda with City Clerk:
 - The replacement of the HVAC unit in the basement of the 76 Seaboard Street building.
 - The request for additional funds for the purchase of two police vehicles.
 - Reserving Gray's Mill Park the weekend of October 6 to October 9 for Faith & Blue Weekend.
- Mayor Moran mentioned upcoming news and events:
 - Casino Night: February 4th at 6:30pm, Greystone Power Headquarters
 - Regular Session: February 7th at 6pm in Municipal Annex
- Melissa Chosewood provided an update on Annex audio improvements, the Events Place renovation and the Administration Lobby status.
- Leo introduced the new Public Works Employee, Jeffery Durham, and gave thanks to Public Works for Christmas Water repairs.
- Chief Turner talked about the success of the training conference with the University of Tennessee at the Events Place.
- Councilmember Bookout thanked Jody and the Mayor for the previous Saturday looking for a location for the Veterans Memorial.
- Entered into an Executive Session to discuss personnel.
- Entered back into Work Session.
- Adjourned the Work Session.

Melissa Chosewood
City Clerk
02/01/2023

