

**CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday April 30, 2024**



Councilmembers in Attendance: Mayor Frank Moran, Mayor Pro Tem Melissa R. Bayardelle, Councilmember Robert Tressel, Councilmember Tiffany Carroll, Councilmember Doris Devey, Councilmember Derrick Battle.

Staff in Attendance: Jody Palmer, J. Jayson Phillips, Melissa Chosewood, Leo Parker, Chief Michael Turner, Sandra Touchstone, Jonathan Pope, Michael Broome, Jeffery Durham.

The Work Session for April 30, 2024 was called to order by Mayor Frank Moran at 6:00pm in the Municipal Annex.

- Invocation led by Elder Ronnie Gooch-Hiram Seventh-day Adventist Church.
- Pledge of allegiance led by Hiram Elementary School Citizenship Award recipients.
- Mayor Moran and Council recognized Hiram Elementary School Citizenship Award recipients.
- Mr. James Whitaker presented a review of the City of Hiram's Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2023 Audit.
- Recognized Jeffery Durham for attaining his Class B Commercial Driver's License.
- Recognized Jonathan Pope for attaining his Class 4 Water Operator certification.
- Discussed the Public Works facility (83 Duncan Circle) addition project.
- Discussed the bid for the Hiram Veterans Memorial.
- Discussed pyrotechnics for the Red, White & Boom and New Year's Eve Block Party events.
- Discussed alcohol sales and consumption at Gray's Mill Park.
- Discussed amendment to the insurance license fee.
- Discussed hotel motel excise tax.
- Tyrone Griffin gave an update on Olde Town Hiram Business Association.
- Jody Palmer presented the draft FY 25 budget.
- Reviewed the Consent Agenda with the City Clerk:
 - Deep South Pyrotechnics agreement (Red White & Boom, with music, and New Year's Eve)
 - Alcohol Ordinance amendment for alcohol consumption and sales on City-owned property during City events
 - Insurance license fee Ordinance Amendment from \$50 to \$40
- Mayor Moran's second appointment of an Ethics Board Member will be considered on May 7, 2024.

24-046: Councilmember Tressel made a motion to approve the Public Works office expansion at 83 Duncan Circle by Contractors of West Georgia (CWG) at a cost of \$60,480.00, plus a 10% contingency of \$6,048.00 for a total of \$66,528.00, to be funded by Street SPLOST. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Tressel- Yes Post 2, Carroll- Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle- Yes Post 4, Battle- Yes
Post 5, Devey-Yes
Motion Passes: 5-0

24-047: Councilmember Devey made a motion to dismiss all bids for and re-advertise the bid for Hiram Veterans Memorial. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Tressel-Yes Post 2, Carroll-Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle- Yes Post 4, Battle- Yes
Post 5, Devey-Yes
Motion Passes: 5-0

- Councilmember Tressel thanked staff for the work on the retreat.
- Mayor Pro Tem Bayardelle mentioned the Joint Board Meeting on May 2, 2024 at 8:30am at the Paulding County Water System.
- Mayor Pro Tem Bayardelle mentioned the Paulding County Chamber of Commerce Greystone Power Luncheon on May 2, 2024 at 11:30 at Greystone Power Headquarters.

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- Mayor Moran mentioned upcoming news and events:
 - Regular Session: May 7th at 6pm in Municipal Annex
 - Budget Work Session: May 18 at 9am in Municipal Annex
- Mayor Moran announced that the meeting would be adjourned from Executive Session.

24-048: Councilmember Devey made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition and personnel. Councilmember Battle seconded the motion.

Post 1, Tressel- Yes Post 2, Carroll- Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle- Yes Post 4, Battle-Yes
Post 5, Devey- Yes
Motion Passes: 5-0


City Clerk

Approved: May 7, 2024