

**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, May 7, 2018
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES**

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, Veterans Park, 800 South 27th Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Mayor John Lewis called the meeting to order.

Corporation Council Bill Howard gave the Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed present: Council Member Jeff May, Council Member Donte Moore, Council Member Jim Rippy, Council Member Mike Young, and Mayor John Lewis.

PRESENTATION OF JOURNALS

The Journals for the April 9, 2018 City Council Workshop Meeting, April 16, 2018 Public Hearing, and the April 16, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting were presented to Council for any additions, deletions or corrections.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve the Journals as presented. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

Bart Southerd spoke on the redevelopment of the Park Plaza Shopping Center. He asked how many jobs would be created and if the jobs would provide a living wage. He feels that a business that receives tax dollars should provide a living wage. Southerd defined a living wage as someone who does not qualify for government assistance. Mayor John Lewis stated that he and JCDC Director Jonathan Hallberg would provide the answers as the project develops.

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED VOUCHERS FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable were presented to Council for approval.

Council Member Jeff May motioned to approve the Consolidated Vouchers for Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,045,903.31. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

BIDS & QUOTES

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel reported on Fire Station 1 Remodel Bids. The project is being managed by and paid by the Foreign Firefighter Insurance Board. The City Council is required to approve the bid since a City building is involved. The Fire Department received four bids:

Wheeler Construction	\$23,976
McMillen Construction	\$42,500
T & L Construction	\$16,900
Erwin Builders	\$46,980

The Foreign Firefighter Insurance Board recommends accepting the low bid from T & L Construction, Benton, Illinois for \$16,900. Bechtel reported that the Fire Department called T & L Construction to verify that they understood the scope of the work and paid at prevailing wage. Council Member Jim Rippy stated that the bid was much lower than the other bids and stressed that the Fire Department needs to watch out for change orders. Rippy stated that he would vote no because there were no time limits on the project.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to accept the low bid from T & L Construction, Benton, Illinois for \$16,900 for the Fire Station 1 Remodel Project. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Young, and Lewis. No: Rippy.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel introduced Finance Director Merle Hollmann to present the results of the quotes for banking services for the automated water meter reading system. Hollmann explained that a request for quotes were sent to all local banks, Municipal Leasing Consultants, and First National Bank of Carlyle. Four responses were received. Community First Bank of the Heartland of Mt. Vernon submitted the low quote for the estimated loan value of \$2.5 to \$2.7 million of 2.79% for a five-year term or 2.99% for a seven-year term. There are no loan, prepayment, or other fees other than reasonable late fees. Hollmann recommended the five-year term with an annual payment of \$586,027. The payment will come from the Public Utilities share of the 1% Home Rule Sales Tax.

Council Member Jeff May motioned to accept the quote of 2.79% for a five-year term from Community First Bank of the Heartland of Mt. Vernon for the estimated loan value of \$2.5 to \$2.7 million. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel requested permission to waive the bidding procedures to purchase three new Police squad cars through the State of Illinois Purchasing Contract. The City can purchase 2018 AWD Utility Police Interceptors at a cost of \$28,490 each or \$84,470 total. Last year, the City purchased the 2018 AWD Utility Police Interceptors for \$28,770 each. The vehicles are not outfitted. Council Member Jim Rippy asked why this was not bid. Bechtel explained that the vehicles were bid last year, and the State of Illinois Purchasing Contract rate is lower than other bids received. Police Chief Chris Deichman stated that rotation vehicles running 24 hours a day will last about 2 to 3 years.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to grant permission to waive the bidding procedures to purchase three new Police squad cars through the State of Illinois Purchasing Contract. Seconded by Council Member Jeff May. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

CITY ATTORNEY

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented an Ordinance Approving a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment (TIF) Agreement with Southern Illinois Tile and Carpet Supply at 513 S. 10th Street. The Downtown TIF Committee recommended that the City Council award Southern Illinois Tile and Carpet Supply a grant amount of \$60,000. The grant will be paid as follows: \$20,000 from FY 2018-2019 proceeds, \$20,000 from FY 2019-2020 proceeds, and \$20,000 from FY 2020-2021 proceeds. The funds will be used to renovate existing interior space to add a showroom for available products to be displayed.

Council Member Jeff May asked what the projected increase in Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) for this property is. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel responded that it will not cause a large increase in the property's EAV. May said that the spirit of a TIF is to create a sufficient tax increment increase to reimburse the TIF Fund and pay for itself over time. He asked if there were enough funds available in the Downtown TIF Fund. Bechtel said that if the EAV of the Downtown TIF does not decline sharply and projected revenues come in, there will be funds for this TIF Agreement and the two following TIF Agreements. The Downtown TIF Committee voted unanimously to approve this Agreement. May stated that the three TIFS presented are not in the spirit of the operating charter and rules. The TIFS should pay for themselves. If a big opportunity presents itself, there will be no funds available.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2018-14, an Ordinance Approving a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment (TIF) Agreement with Southern Illinois Tile and Carpet Supply at 513 S. 10th Street. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, and Young. No: Lewis.

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented an Ordinance Approving a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Agreement with Kingdom Seed Ministries, Inc. at 118 S. 9th Street. The Downtown TIF Committee recommended that the City Council award Kingdom Seed Ministries, Inc. a grant amount of \$66,000. The grant will be paid as follows: \$22,000 from FY 2018-2019 proceeds, \$22,000 from FY 2019-2020 proceeds, and \$22,000 from FY 2020-2021 proceeds. The funds will be used to rough in major systems to the second floor, including electrical service, wiring, lighting, plumbing, HVAC, sprinkle system, restoration of antique ceilings, and construction of other rooms. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel stated that there will be no lift in the EAV until the conference and restrooms are completed. The Downtown TIF Committee voted four to one to approve this Agreement. Council Member Donte Moore was present at the Committee Meeting and he explained that the Committee sees this project as a benefit for the community because the ministry does so much for the community and the downtown area.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2018-15, an Ordinance Approving a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Agreement with Kingdom Seed Ministries, Inc. at 118 S. 9th Street. Seconded by Council Member Jim Rippy. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, and Young. No: Lewis.

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented an Ordinance Approving a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Agreement with RAM Property Development LLC at 106, 108, and 110 N. 9th Street. The

Downtown TIF Committee recommended that the City Council award RAM Property Development LLC a grant amount of \$61,850. The grant will be paid as follows: \$21,850 from FY 2018-2019 proceeds, \$20,000 from FY 2019-2020 proceeds, and \$20,000 from FY 2020-2021 proceeds. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained this project is for the redevelopment of Granada Theatre which include three storefronts. The funds will be used to renovate the interior of the storefront at 110 N. 9th Street, renovate the interior of the storefront at 106 N. 9th Street, and the repair of the exterior façade of 108 N. 9th Street. Council Member Jim Rippy asked what the final usage for this project is. Bechtel explained that the project will include a bar named “Humphreys”, theatre, and a leased section. She said that since the project entails repairs, the EAV will not have a lift. The Downtown TIF Committee voted unanimously to approve this Agreement. Council Member Mike Young asked if the award of TIF funds have always been so loose or if it is something that recently evolved. Council Member Donte Moore stated that he knows of several TIFS that have helped the EAV, but there were many that have not. Council Member Jeff May stated that usually TIFs give money away and do not always provide a lift to the EAV. The TIF Fund needs to accrue a pot of money, but the City has spent it as fast as it can. Moore said that the Council should educate the TIF Committee on what TIF funds are designed for. He also stated that TIF funds can be used for water and sewer lines within TIF Districts.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2018-16, an Ordinance Approving a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Agreement with RAM Property Development LLC at 106, 108, and 110 N. 9th Street. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, and Young. No: Lewis.

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented for first reading an Ordinance Fixing Salaries and Benefits of Certain Employees of the City of Mt. Vernon. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that this is a housekeeping Ordinance required by State Statutes. The Ordinance includes employees not covered under a labor agreement. It gives notice of the maximum salaries for each range.

Council Member Jeff May motioned to suspend the rules on voting on an Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: May, Moore, Young, and Lewis. No: Rippy.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve Ordinance #2018-17, an Ordinance Fixing Salaries and Benefits of Certain Employees of the City of Mt. Vernon. Seconded by Council Member Jeff May. Yeas: May, Moore, Young, and Lewis. No: Rippy.

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented for first reading an Ordinance Transferring of a Lease and Recreational Equipment of the Airport Park to Summersville Grade School District #79. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that the Airport Park has always been a Lease between the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority and the City of Mt. Vernon. Summersville School desires to acquire the park, playground and recreational facility subject to the Lease to operate the public park, playground and recreational facility for use by the public and for use by Summersville Grade School. This Ordinance transfers the City’s right, title, and interests in the Lease Agreement between the City of Mt. Vernon and the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority to Summersville School District #79. Chad Curd from Summersville School explained that there are plans to build baseball and softball fields. Curd said that the Park will be open to the public and no negative feedback has been received. The City will not have any ongoing liability that might occur on this property. Mayor John Lewis assured the public that the City is not giving taxpayers assets away since the City is transferring the asset to another taxing body.

Council Member Jim Rippy motioned to suspend the rules on voting on an Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to adopt Ordinance #2018-18, an Ordinance Transferring of a Lease and Recreational Equipment of the Airport Park to Summersville Grade School District #79. Seconded by Council Member Jim Rippy. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented for first reading an Ordinance Amending the License Agreement with the Mt. Vernon Gun and Sportsmen's Club. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that the current Agreement requires the Sportsmen's Club to annually restock the population of game fish in an amount of not less than \$2,500 each year in a manner recommended by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources or other fishing biologist approved by the City. Under the proposed Agreement, if the IDNR certifies that the restocking of the game fish from the \$2,500 expenditure is detrimental to the fish population, then the Sportsmen's Club may restock in an amount of \$500 and expend the balance of \$2,000 for maintenance and improvements to Lake Miller. Improvements and maintenance shall include the boat ramp, boat ramp dock, lake buoys, spillway fencing, dam fencing, shoreline erosion control, and weed control. No amount shall be expended for any improvement or maintenance of the Sportsmen's Club property. The City will approve the improvements before they are made.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to suspend the rules on voting on an Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to adopt Ordinance #2018-19, an Ordinance Amending the License Agreement with the Mt. Vernon Gun and Sportsmen's Club. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented for first reading an Ordinance Amending Article 6, Section 6.5 regarding the License Classifications, Permits, and Fees. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that previously the liquor license fee for Banquet Rooms was \$1,000 plus \$500 for Sunday Sales. In 2017, the City increased the total fee to \$3,000. This Ordinance decreases the fee to \$2,000.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to suspend the rules on voting on an Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Jeff May. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to adopt Ordinance #2018-20, an Ordinance Amending Article 6, Section 6.5 regarding the License Classifications, Permits, and Fees. Seconded by Council Member Jeff May. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented for first reading an Ordinance Establishing the Administrative Procedure for the City of Mt. Vernon to Determine Eligibility under the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act (PSEBA). City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that this establishes a formal and defined application process under PSEBA. PSEBA was enacted to provide free health insurance benefits to the full-time police officers, and firefighters who are killed or catastrophically injured in the line of duty. The purpose of the application is to try to remove any subjective views. **First Reading was held.**

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented for first reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Surplus Property. The property is known as the former Horace Mann School Property. Victoria L. Derixson and Roy H. Nesbit, Jr. have offered to purchase the real estate “as is” for the purchase price of \$3,500. The City previously discussed subdividing the property into seven 100 x 150-foot lots and selling them for \$500 each. They plan to place a modular home and garage on the property for their primary residence.

Council Member Jeff May motioned to suspend the rules on voting on an Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

Council Member Jeff May motioned to adopt Ordinance #2018-21, an Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Surplus Property known as the former Horace Mann School Property. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented for first reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Surplus Property located at 220 South 9th Street. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel reported that Jennifer Carmona desires to purchase the City owned vacant lot next door to Guero’s Restaurant at 222 S. 9th Street.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to suspend the rules on voting on an Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

Council Member Mike Young motioned to adopt Ordinance #2018-22, an Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Surplus Property located at 220 South 9th Street. Seconded by Council Member Donte Moore. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented for first reading of an Ordinance Annexing Real Estate to the City of Mt. Vernon. The property is located on Fairfield Road having the PIN 07-28-226-006. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that the property owner, Linda Terrell, desires to have City water. No water lines need to be installed. **First Reading was held.**

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented for first reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Property. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel reported that a 1998 Jeep Cherokee and a 2000 Dodge Durango need to be declared surplus for the City to sell the vehicles.

Council Member Jeff May motioned to suspend the rules on voting on an Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Jim Rippy. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

Council Member Jeff May motioned to adopt Ordinance #2018-23, an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Property. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement to Annex Property at 10745 E. Savanna Road. The property owners are Gare and Patsy Rose. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that the Rose’s live outside of the City limits. They desire to connect to a City water line and the Agreement states that they will automatically be annexed into the City when their property becomes contiguous. The City is not extending a water line.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Executing of an Agreement to Annex Property at 10745 E. Savanna Road. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented a Resolution Executing a Contract Change Relating to the Wastewater Treatment Service Agreement with American Water Services. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel has negotiated with American Water Services a way to reduce the City's cost. Last year, the City's cost was \$2,544,278. This year, the City's cost is estimated at \$2,280,731. The new maintenance and repair allocation of \$144,000 will not increase with the CPI. The current CPI thresholds of 3% minimum and 6% maximum will be changed to a 1.5% minimum and 4% maximum.

Council Member Jim Rippy motioned to approve the Resolution Executing a Contract Change Relating to the Wastewater Treatment Service Agreement with American Water Services. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented a Resolution Requesting IDOT's Approval for the Temporary Closure of Illinois 15 Westbound from Marlow Rd. (FAS 789) to Junction Illinois 15 and Old Route 15 at the East Edge of Mt. Vernon for the "Salute to Freedom" Fireworks Display on July 4, 2018.

Council Member Jim Rippy motioned to approve the Resolution Requesting IDOT's Approval for the Temporary Closure of Illinois 15 Westbound from Marlow Rd. (FAS 789) to Junction Illinois 15 and Old Route 15 at the East Edge of Mt. Vernon for the "Salute to Freedom" Fireworks Display on July 4, 2018. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

Corporation Counsel Bill Howard presented a Resolution for the Maintenance of Streets and Highways Utilizing IDOT Motor Fuel Tax Funds. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that the City budgeted the use of \$297,020.25 from the MFT Fund for improvements to local roads. Bechtel stated that the work will be done in-house. More is being spent this year on the overlays and oil and chip roads. This leaves \$300,000 in the MFT Fund to pay for a larger project next year.

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to approve the Resolution for the Maintenance of Streets and Highways Utilizing IDOT Motor Fuel Tax Funds. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

MAYOR

Mayor John Lewis reported on the April statistics from the Public Utilities, Fire, and Police Departments.

The Police Department responded to 1,862 total events or 62 calls every day.

Arrests: 96	Criminal charges: 81
Traffic stops: 400, resulting in 265 citations (55 for use of cell phones)	
DUI arrests: 12	Warrants served: 31
Drug charges: 16	Traffic crashes: 84
Alarm calls: 125	New Detective cases: 47
Cleared Detective cases: 27 with arrests	Referred Detective cases to States Attorney: 9

Crime Scene callouts: 2
Canine Team deployments: 9

Tactical Unit deployments: 3
Telecommunication Center calls:
9,682 non-emergencies and 1,895 emergencies

The Fire Department responded to 262 alarms.

EMS alarms: 213
Hazmat alarms: 5
Motor vehicle accidents: 7
Mutual Aid: 1
General Inspections: 1
Public Education Seminars: 40

Fire alarms: 43
Rescue alarms: 1
Structure Fires: 8
10A Inspections: 81
Consultations: 1

The Public Utilities Department responded to 6 water main breaks and 13 backed up sewer mains.

The Engineering and Inspection Department instituted a new procedure which divides the City into four quadrants. Each week one quadrant will be inspected for nuisances. During the months of January, February, March, and April, this Department posted 309 nuisance postings:

Trash: 75	Junk: 69
Debris: 66	High Grass: 67
Condemnations: 16	Sewer Discharge: 2
Unsecured Structures: 8	Tires: 5
Dead or Dangerous Trees: 1	

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Donte Moore thanked Central Christian Church for hosting a Community-Wide Clean Up Day this previous weekend.

Council Member Donte Moore clarified that the City will allow burning next week beginning Monday, May 14th through Sunday, May 20th.

Council Member Jim Rippy stated that he requested four times to sit down with the Evansville Railroad and Milano Railcar Services about the reopening of the Seventh Street Crossing. He finally received a response, but there were no specific dates, timetables, or other project necessities. Rippy feels that the Railroad and Milano should be responsive to the City's schedule and give the City commitments and timetables for a project of this size. He requested publicly again to meet with them to find out what exactly the plans and timetables are to measure their progress.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel assured Council Member Jim Rippy that Evansville Western Railroad and Milano Railcar Services are doing everything that they promised to do, and the project is on schedule. After receiving the executed agreement last week from Evansville Railroad, the ICC grant application was submitted to the State of Illinois. When the Railroad receives ICC response, Bechtel feels that the Railroad will be able to give more specific timelines.

Council Member Jim Rippy asked why Evansville Railroad does not do the project upfront and collect the grant money later. City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel reported that according to the ICC, if anyone funds the 7th Street re-opening upfront, it would negate the ability to apply for a grant.

Council Member Jim Rippy stated that the public has the right to know when the Seventh Street Crossing will be reopened.

Council Member Donte Moore stated that progress has been made on this project without the City being sued. Everyone is working together towards the same goal. Moore explained that it is out of the City's hands for now and we need to wait for the project to progress through ICC and IDOT. Rippy respectfully disagreed and feels that the reopening is up to the people who closed the crossing not ICC and IDOT. Moore explained that the City's cost is estimated to be \$93,000 and the City needs to wait for the State funding to pay the balance of the \$223,000 cost.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel explained that the ICC is expediting the grant application. After ICC reviews the grant documents, ICC will go to IDOT for the grant allocation. Afterwards, a stipulated agreement will be signed by the City, ICC, IDOT, and Evansville Western Railroad.

Mayor John Lewis clarified that the Federal Railroad Administration reported that since the configuration of the rail tracks was changed, engineering design must be done and submitted to ICC and IDOT for their approval. Evansville Rail completed the engineering design and it was submitted to ICC and IDOT and the project is in their hands. As soon as ICC and IDOT make their determination, construction can begin, and a timetable can be finalized.

Resident Michael McDonough asked what tools the City has to build a fire under the railroad. He feels that it is a sad situation that the railroad can dictate to the City of Mt. Vernon when they will reopen Seventh Street. Mayor John Lewis explained that the railroad had the engineering design to the State within a week of the agreement being executed. McDonough said that the City should build a fire under the State. Lewis gave kudos to the City Manager for working with the ICC and IDOT on this project. ICC promised the City that they would expediate this through the State process. The City should have an answer on the grant within 90 days.

Council Member Jim Rippy requested that an update report on this project be presented at every Council Meeting.

City Manager Mary Ellen Bechtel gave a summary of the emails received and the steps needed to reopen the Seventh Street Crossing safely. Bechtel believes that every entity is working in good faith to move this process along as quick as possible. Once Evansville Western Railroad receives the grant award, she believes that they will provide a timeline. Council Member Jim Rippy said that Evansville Railroad is upgrading crossings throughout the State of Illinois and they should be able to provide a timeline.

Council Member Mike Young stated that the current Council did not close Seventh Street, but in one year, this Council has progressed on the reopening.

VISITORS/CITIZENS REQUESTS/ADDRESSES FROM THE AUDIENCE

JoAlice Pierce spoke on the Park Plaza project and the future of the Post Office. Mayor John Lewis stated that the City is exploring many avenues and no decisions have been made on where the Post Office will be relocated. The Park Plaza property will be demolished or redeveloped because the City condemned it. Pierce asked that the public be notified ahead of time of the plans.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Donte Moore motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Mike Young. Yeas: May, Moore, Rippy, Young, and Lewis.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Jo Pemberton
City Clerk