



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

Regular Meeting

City Council Chamber

6:00 PM

107 South Lee Street - City Hall, Kingsland, GA 31548

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS

Mayor Day called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM via on-line conference.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Councilman Blount gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge to the Flag.

III. ROLL CALL

Alex Blount	Mayor Pro Tem (Remote)
James W Galloway	Councilman (Remote)
Michael J McClain	Councilman (Remote)
LaMar Stokes	Councilman (Absent)
Charles Grayson Day Jr.	Mayor (Remote)

IV. CONSENT DOCKET

Mayor Day stated there would be an added item to the Agenda, under Recognition, Proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Pink-out Friday.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Michael J McClain, Councilman
AYES:	Blount, Galloway, McClain
ABSENT:	Stokes

- A. Approve the Council Minutes of the last regular Council Meeting
 - 1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Sep 14, 2020 6:00 PM -
- B. Approve the Agenda as Presented
- C. Approve the Payments of Accounts Payable as Due and Funds Available

V. RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation: Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October 2020 -

Mayor Day read a Proclamation proclaiming the Month of October, 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

2. Proclamation: Breast Cancer Awareness, Pink-Out Friday -

Mayor Day read a Proclamation proclaiming the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and designating October 9, 2020 as "Pink out Friday".

VI. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

No one asked to speak.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval Of: Prepayment of General Fund Debt -

Remaining balance on general fund debt is \$149,585.01 consisting of police cars, fire admin vehicle, and public works gradall. There is no prepayment penalty. Paying the debt off will make the general fund debt free and relieve those departments from the future debt payments, add \$78,164 to FY21 contingency, and save \$4,005 in interest expense.

Ms. Filiz Morrow, Finance Director addressed the Mayor and City Council and stated this is an opportunity to pay off general fund debt eighteen to twenty months early and saving the city money.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	James W Galloway, Councilman
AYES:	Blount, Galloway, McClain
ABSENT:	Stokes

2. Approval Of: Georgia Gateway CID Millage Rate -

Georgia Gateway CID Board met on Thursday, September 10, 2020. At the scheduled meeting the Board approved the CID millage to be set at 1 mill. This will generate \$1,080 for the CID Fund. *Finance Director recommends approval.*

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Michael J McClain, Councilman
AYES: Blount, Galloway, McClain
ABSENT: Stokes

3. Approval Of: 2020 Tax Millage Rate -

In accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32.1 final millage rate is set by the authority of this taxing jurisdiction for tax year 2020. Required five year history and current digest have been published in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32. Proposed FY 2020-21 Budget is based on 8.0 Mills.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: James W Galloway, Councilman
AYES: Blount, Galloway, McClain
ABSENT: Stokes

4. Approval Of: Resolution #2020-10 Adoption of FY 2020-21 Operating Budget -

Ms. Filiz Morrow, Finance Director addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Morrow stated there was one change from the original proposed budget and that was to add \$78,164 to the \$228,000 contingency fund.

Councilman Blount stated that the change in the contingency fund also added \$5,000 to the Downtown Development Authority for local music at the Catfish Festival bringing the contingency fund to \$301,164.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: James W Galloway, Councilman
AYES: Blount, Galloway, McClain
ABSENT: Stokes

5. Approval Of: Online Property Tax Payment Portal -

The City's current tax software, Harris Local Government, offers the option for online tax payments through the credit card processing by Government Windows. Annual maintenance fee for Harris is \$1,250 and Government Windows charges 3% credit card fee per transaction. Government Windows has agreed to pay the annual maintenance fee for year 1. The City is not obligated to continue online payments after year one. *Staff recommends approval.*

Councilman Blount asked if the city has a one year commitment; Ms. Filiz Morrow, Finance Director stated "yes".

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: James W Galloway, Councilman
SECONDER: Michael J McClain, Councilman
AYES: Blount, Galloway, McClain
ABSENT: Stokes

6. Approval Of: Resolution #2020-11 Imposing Temporary Moratorium on Approval of Multifamily Construction -

Whereas, the Mayor and City Council have considered the current mix of housing stock within the City and finds that multi-family housing composes of disproportionately high percentage of the overall housing stock within the City.

Councilman Blount stated that this moratorium does not include single family attached duplexes, triplexes, and quadriplexes.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: James W Galloway, Councilman
AYES: Blount, Galloway, McClain
ABSENT: Stokes

7. Approval Of: CDBG-DR SRA Amendment -

Pursuant to Section VII, the parties hereby agree to extend the timeliness standards for initiation of Homeowner Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Marketing Plan to no later than October 31, 2020 and open intake centers and begin receiving applications no later than November 15, 2020. *Staff recommends approval.*

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Michael J McClain, Councilman
AYES: Blount, Galloway, McClain
ABSENT: Stokes

8. Approval Of: CDGB-DR Office Space Lease Agreement the CDBG-DR Will be Leasing Office Space at 130 N. Gross Road, Suite 205, Kingsland. Office Space Will be Utilized as an Applicant Intake Center for the Homeowner Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program through the CDBG-DR Grant. -

Staff recommends approval.

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Justin Geedy, CDGB-DR Grant Manager how long this lease was.

Mr. Geedy stated it was twelve months with two six month options for extension.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: James W Galloway, Councilman
AYES: Blount, Galloway, McClain
ABSENT: Stokes

9. Cancellation Of: October 12, 2020 City Council Meeting Due to Columbus Day Holiday -

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: James W Galloway, Councilman
AYES: Blount, Galloway, McClain
ABSENT: Stokes

IX. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Councilman Blount wished Mayor Day a Happy Birthday.

Councilman Galloway complimented the department heads and staff on the hard work with the 2020/21 budget.

Mayor Day stated he continues to appreciate the staff for their dedication and hard work.

X. ADJOURNED

Councilman Blount made a motion to adjourn.
Councilman Galloway seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Dr. C. Grayson Day, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk