

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, MOBILE, ALABAMA, APRIL 14, 2020

The Council of the City of Mobile, Alabama met remotely via virtual meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: Small
Councilmembers: Richardson, Williams, Daves, Rich and Gregory
Absent: Manzie

The meeting was called to order. The Council reviewed and discussed the agenda for their meeting to be held today at 10:30 a.m.

Adopted: April 21, 2020

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

CITY CLERK

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The City Council of the City of Mobile, Alabama met remotely via virtual meeting, on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 10:30 a.m., in regular meeting.

The meeting was called to order by City Clerk Lisa C. Lambert.

Councilmember Joel Daves, District 5 Representative, offered the invocation.

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTE: Vice President Small requested everyone remain standing for a moment of silence in memoriam of all affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Councilmember Richardson asked everyone to observe a moment of silence in memoriam of Mrs. Eunice Manuel.

Council President Manzie requested a moment of silence for in memoriam of Rennie Brabner.

Present on Roll Call:

Chairman: Small
Councilmembers: Richardson, Manzie, Williams, Daves, Rich and Gregory
Absent: None

STATEMENT OF RULES BY PRESIDING OFFICER:

The Presiding Officer provided an overview of the City Council rules of procedure, to include special provisions to facilitate social distancing because of the Covid-19 virus.

Vice President Small stated:

“Good Morning.

In response to national, state and local guidance due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act and the Governor’s supplemental emergency proclamation, we are now meeting remotely and will continue to for at least the next 2 weeks.

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While we are all in different places, we are able to participate as if we were all in the council chambers at City Hall and in keeping with the requirements of the Alabama Open Meetings Act; the public is still able to observe the meeting through the livestream.

All items we will address during this meeting are either necessary to respond to COVID-19, or necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the City.

The public is still able to present comments to the Council by e-mailing them to cityclerk@cityofmobile.org up to 30 minutes prior to the meeting. Public comments which will be acknowledged as received during the meeting, distributed to Councilmembers and included in the meeting minutes.

As always, the meeting is livestreamed and can be viewed through the city's website or on the Council's Facebook page.

Thank you for joining us."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting of April 7, 2020 were approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

None.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Councilmember Richardson moved to adopt the agenda, which move was seconded by Councilmember Rich and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Daves, Rich and Gregory

Nays: Williams

The vote was then announced by the City Clerk whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the agenda adopted.

Councilmember Daves moved to declare agenda items 21-294 – 31-299 Essential or Covid-19 related, which move was seconded by Councilmember Richardson and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Daves, Rich and Gregory

Nays: None

The vote was then announced by the City Clerk whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the items Essential or Covid-19 related.

ESSENTIAL / COVID-19 ITEMS:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR DETERMINATION OF THE FORMATION OF THE MOBILE TOURISM DISTRICT.

The Presiding Officer announced that today was the day for the public hearing for determination of the formation of the Mobile Tourism District and asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against this matter.

Councilmember Rich moved to hold the Public Hearing over until the regular meeting of May 12, 2020, which move was seconded by Councilmember Gregory. Following comments from Councilmember Williams the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Daves, Rich and Gregory

Nays: None

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The vote was then announced by the City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the public hearing held over.

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH SANDERS HYLAND CORPORATION FOR HILLSDALE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER – GYMNASIUM FLOORING, \$86,600.00. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 21-294-2020

Sponsored by: Councilmember Gregory and Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Mayor and the City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a Contract, that is necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Council, by and between the City of Mobile, and the company listed below, for work as outlined in the contract attached hereto and made a part hereof as though set forth in full. A copy of said contract is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Name of company: Sanders Hyland Corporation
Project name: Hillsdale Park Community Center - Gymnasium Flooring
Project number: PR-020-20
Amount: \$86,600

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH SANDERS HYLAND CORPORATION FOR JAMES SEALS AND HARMON RECREATION CENTER – GYMNASIUM FLOORING, \$199,600.00. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of April 21, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 21-295-2020

Sponsored by: Councilmember Manzie and Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Mayor and the City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a Contract, that is necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Council, by and between the City of Mobile, and the company listed below, for work as outlined in the contract attached hereto and made a part hereof as though set forth in full. A copy of said contract is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Name of company: Sanders Hyland Corporation
Project name: James M. Seals, Jr. Community Center & Harmon Recreation Center - Gymnasium Flooring
Project number: PR-019-20
Amount: \$199,600.00

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH S. C. STAGNER CONTRACTING, INC. FOR PFC HOWARD JOHNSON PARK – SECURITY CAMERAS, LIGHTING AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS, \$90,708.00. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of April 21, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 21-296-2020

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Sponsored by: Councilmember Williams and Mayor Stimpson

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, that the Mayor and the City Clerk be, and they hereby are authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Mobile, a Contract, that is necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Council, by and between the City of Mobile, and the company listed below, for work as outlined in the contract attached hereto and made a part hereof as though set forth in full. A copy of said contract is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Name of company: S. C. Stagner Contracting, Inc.

Project name: RFC Howard Johnson Park - Security Cameras –
Lighting and Site Improvements

Project number: PR-038-19

Amount: \$90,708.00 (2019 C1P#1102, D4)

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH WATKINS ACY STRUNK DESIGN, INC. (WAS DESIGN, INC.) FOR MARDI GRAS PARK – IMPROVEMENTS, \$58,385.00. The following resolution was held over until the regular meeting of April 21, 2020.

RESOLUTION: 21-297-2020

Sponsored by: Councilmember Manzie and Mayor Stimpson

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Name of company: Watkins Acy Strunk Design, Inc. (WAS Design, Inc.)

Project name: Mardi Gras Park - Improvements

Project number: PR-050-19

Amount: \$58,385.00

SUSPENSION OF RULES FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF ESSENTIAL/COVID-19 ITEMS BEING INTRODUCED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Councilmember Daves moved for the suspension of the rules to consider Resolutions 60-298 and 31-299, being introduced for the first time, the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gregory and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Daves, Rich and Gregory

Nays: None

The Presiding Officer declared unanimous consent granted for the items.

DETERMINE AN APPROPRIATION TO FEEDING THE GULF COAST SERVES A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND APPROVE PAYMENT, \$2,000.00. The following resolution was introduced by Councilmember Gregory.

RESOLUTION: 60-298-2020

Sponsored by: Councilmember Gregory

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RESOLUTION TO DETERMINE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES SERVE A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND APPROVE PAYMENT

WHEREAS, Councilmember Gregory wishes to appropriate \$2,000.00 to Feeding the Gulf Coast, from her discretionary funds; and

WHEREAS, Feeding the Gulf Coast, is an Alabama non-profit corporation which provides a service to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of the State of Alabama has opined that the granting of public funds to private groups or corporations is proper if the City Council determines that the same serves a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Mobile City Council determines that this appropriation to Feeding the Gulf Coast will be used to provide food to people impacted by the spread of COVID-19 virus, which will serve a public purpose benefitting the City of Mobile and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mobile City Council hereby finds and determines that an appropriation of \$2,000.00 to Feeding the Gulf Coast for the purposes described hereinabove serves a public purpose and the Council further approves and directs the payment of same, and further authorizes execution of a standard form City of Mobile council discretionary fund performance contract with said entity, group or individual for the amount set forth herein.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk; whereupon Councilmember Gregory moved that the resolution be adopted, which was seconded by Councilmember Rich and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Daves, Rich and Gregory

Nays: None

The vote was then announced by the City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the resolution adopted.

AUTHORIZE A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE FY 2020 CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROGRAM. The following resolution was introduced by Councilmember Gregory.

RESOLUTION: 31-299-2020

Sponsored by: Mayor Stimpson

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mobile, Alabama, finds that the subject of this Resolution is either necessary to respond to COVID 19, or necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Council, the Mayor is authorized to apply, accept and receive from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, a Notice of Award for grant assistance in the approximate amount of \$500,000.00 for the FY 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee be authorized to accept said grant if offered and to sign any agreements or other documents in connection with the grant application and to provide any information required by the Department of Justice. Any agreements for grant assistance, together with the exhibits, shall be filed with the City Clerk after award and execution.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk; whereupon Councilmember Gregory moved that the resolution be adopted, which was seconded by Councilmember Rich and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Daves, Rich and Gregory

Nays: None

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The vote was then announced by the City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the resolution adopted.

PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL:

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Reggie Hill, 1007 Center Street, submitted four (4) questions via e-mail regarding a partnership between the City and his organization and Covid-19 related issues.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Each Councilmember extended their thoughts and prayers to all affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Councilmember Richardson asked the Administration to allow debris from a recent storm to be placed for pick-up early.

Councilmember Richardson expressed that criteria, based on flattening of the curve of the Covid-19 virus, should be established before emergency restrictions are lifted.

Councilmember Manzie thanked Councilmember Small for presiding over meetings in his absence.

Councilmember Manzie urged the public to stay at home.

Councilmember Williams requested the Governor and Mayor enact policies in anticipation of lifting emergency restrictions.

Councilmembers Daves, Rich and Gregory thanked City Clerk and her staff for their efforts to make remote Council meetings possible.

Councilmember Rich announced the Planning Commission will begin remote meetings.

Councilmember Gregory stated that Feeding the Gulf Coast will provide a delivery of food to the Mobile Terrace community on Wednesday.

Councilmember Gregory noted that she participated in a virtual meeting last week regarding upgrades for Langan Park.

Councilmember Gregory said that the Mobile Terrace sidewalk project was recently completed.

Councilmember Small announced that Baltimore Street road project will begin next week.

Councilmember Small stated that Frontier Airlines will continue direct flights from Mobile to Orlando, Florida.

Councilmember Small thanked Bay Bar B Que for providing lunch and the Mobile Area Association of Realtors for providing breakfast to the Council.

Councilmember Rich moved to adjourn the meeting, which move was seconded by Councilmember Williams and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Richardson, Manzie, Small, Williams, Daves, Rich and Gregory

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Nays: None

The vote was then announced by the City Clerk, whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the regular meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Adopted: April 21, 2020

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

CITY CLERK