

**WORK SESSION
MAY 13, 2019**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held their regular monthly Work Session on Monday, May 13, 2019, beginning at 3 PM at the Edward Pope Conference Center. Mayor Pro Tem Scarborough presided.

Present were council members Armour, Armour, Cullars, Mahoney, Scarborough and Tutt. Also present were City Administrator Bailey, City Clerk Danner and City Attorney Fleming. Mayor Barnett was out of town on business.

Visitors present were: Debra Denard, Charles Jackson, Sharon Jones, Linda Anderson, Carol Cartledge, Kendra Dill, Bill de Golian, Blake Thompson, Judy Anderson, Loretta Fanning, Janet Parker, Hilda Wright, Clara Sutton, Jeanelle Ashmore, Kelli Eisler, Rev. Larry Hill, Annie R. Wilkinson, Mattie Carson, John Keen and Sparky Newsome of the News Reporter.

City Administrator Bailey reported a request for use of the square and road closure for the annual July 3 Fireworks event and also use the square by the DDA on Tuesdays, beginning May 21 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM for "Tuesday Market on the Square".

City Administrator Bailey also reviewed with council budget figures that were discussed at the May 10, 2019, Called meeting concerning the closing of Novipax and what that means in regards to excess power.

Council member Scarborough reported on a meeting between the Parks and Recreation Board and the Boys and Girls Club of the CSRA. This was a preliminary meeting to discuss that the Boys and Girls Club may possibly take over the operation of the Parks and Recreation Department. The Club could go after more grant money and offer more programs. Discussions between the two boards will continue.

Council member R. Armour reported that the Animal Shelter has absorbed the cut to its annual budget and is operating efficiently. Armour did urge all citizens to volunteer at the shelter.

Bill de Golian of the DDA reported on plans for Tuesday Market on the Square. De Golian reported that all businesses had been contacted by the DDA.

City Attorney Fleming reviewed with council proposed changes to City Ordinance 6-13, changing the hours of operation on Friday and Saturday nights to 1 AM. Council questioned why this change was proposed and was advised that it came from the Called meeting held on April 26 about recent random shootings. Council members voiced concern that this change would affect one business and that there was no documentation to support that recent activity was related to alcohol.

City Attorney Fleming also presented a proposed Juvenile Curfew ordinance limiting times that teens can be out, without parental supervision, from 11 PM until 6 AM and on Friday and Saturday nights from midnight until 6 AM. This will apply to all minors aged 17 and under. There are exceptions for church and community activities and job requirements. Council discussed what impact this ordinance might have on the sheriff department and requested that City Administrator Bailey get some feedback from the Sheriff and estimated dollar costs of this proposed ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT: Work Session concluded at 3:25 PM.

_____ MAYOR PRO TEM

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