

WORK SESSION
MARCH 11, 2019

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held their regular monthly Work Session on Monday, March 11, 2019, beginning at 3 PM at the Edward Pope Conference Center. Mayor Ames Barnett presided.

Present were: Mayor Barnett; council members Armour, Armour, Mahoney, Scarborough and Tutt. Council member Cullars was not present. Also present were City Administrator Bailey, City Clerk Danner and City Attorney Nelson.

Visitors present included Carol Cartledge, Janet Parker, Judy Anderson, Debra Denard, Bill DeGolian, Charles Jackson, Kendra Dill, Hilda Wright, Felicia Jackson, Loretta Fanning, Annie R. Wilkinson, Blake Thompson and Sparky Newsome of the News Reporter.

Mayor Barnett requested that council entertain an executive session to receive updates on a legal matter prior to the beginning of the regular meeting.

City Administrator Bailey advised council that she would seek approval to begin preliminary work gathering needs and cost figures for a proposed small business incubator project to be housed at the Pope Center.

City Administrator Bailey reviewed with council budget amendments for 2018 and 2019 for 911 services that were removed in 2018 when council approved rate reductions for Berry Plastics.

City Administrator Bailey advised that she would seek approval of the Cemetery Committee recommendation of the naming of the Tate Street cemetery to City West Cemetery.

Council member Mahoney advised that he is still interested in the welding program and is awaiting financial consideration figures.

City Attorney Nelson advised that he was working with Building Official Toto on proposed changes to the City's Zoning Ordinance Chapter 90 and would seek extension of the moratorium on some occupational licenses in the downtown district for one month.

City Attorney Nelson advised that he would read a prepared statement concerning possible conflict of interest in the 2019 CDBG grant application process. Nelson advised that Council member Cullars and City Billing Coordinator Kim Evans either works or lives in the target area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On motion by Scarborough, second by T. Armour, council approved 5 to 0 to enter into an executive session at 3:17 PM.

On motion by R. Armour, second by T. Armour, council approved 5 to 0 to re-enter open session at 3:38 PM.

Attorney Nelson gave report that one legal matter and one real estate matter was discussed in executive session with no final action taken.

On motion by T. Armour, second by R. Armour, council approved 5 to 0 to have Mayor Barnett sign an executive session affidavit.

Work Session adjourned at 3:39 PM.

_____MAYOR

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