**OCTOBER 4, 2021**

**CITY OF SENOIA**

**MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**505 HOWARD ROAD**

**6:00 PM Work Session**

**7:00 PM Regular Session**

**FULL COUNCIL PRESENT**

**WORK SESSION**

1. **DISCUSSIONS**

**A. SMART CITY STRATEGY**

Could possibly incorporate LCI Studyin proposal, broadband, future development. Councilperson Brady likes the idea of smart streetlights. Public Works Director, Curtis Hindman discussed sensors on lift stations. He will be adding three more next year. These sensors are extensive time and money savers.

**B. CITY HALL EXPANSION**

Lowest bid from Trammell Horton for $127,518 to add more restrooms and a few offices to the currently existing City Hall. Completion should take 3-4 months. Additional public restrooms are to be located at the new Welcome Center Train Depot.

**C. OVERLAY STATUS**

Development Director, Dina Rimi states the Overlay has been advertised and is going before Planning & Zoning. Letters to be mailed out this week.

**D. LAND DEVEOPMENT REGULATIONS**

Development Director, Dina Rimi would like staff to be able to approve landscape designs instead of them having to go before Planning Commission. It saves builders time from having to attend yet another meeting for approval. Will talk with Planning Commission.

**E. MORATORIUM FOR DOWNTOWN HWY. 16 OVERLAY**

The city has specific businesses that it would like to allow on the Hwy. 16 corridor. Would like to vote in a 60 day moratorium in order to tweek the ordinances.

**F. TRUCK ROUTE**

PPI placed the lowest bid of $166,490 to complete the new truck route. $60,000 to complete the dumpsters. Route will affect stormwater flow. Public Works Director, Curtis Hindman explained in full depth paving locations. The City is not losing parking spaces. In one month, the police flock cameras have captures 90,000 vehicles traveling through the Broad Street area and a total of 500,000 vehicles traveling through the City from all entrances. Traffic has increased tremendously.

Mayor Dub Pearman made a motion to adjourn the Work Session. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Eichorst and passed unanimously.

**REGULAR SESSION**

1. **WELCOME VISITORS/CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pearman welcomed those in attendance then declared this to be an open meeting duly convened under the Open Meetings Law after receiving confirmation from the City Clerk that all legal requirements were met. All those in attendance then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

1. **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 4, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

Councilperson Reeder made motion to approve the September 20, 2021, City Council meeting minutes as presented & was 2nd by Councilperson Eichorst. Motion carried 4 to 1.

1. **NO CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY**
2. **NEW BUSINESS**
3. **2nd Reading-Truck Ordinance 21-13 –Presented by City Manager Harold Simmons**

City Manager Simmons explained that the truck route as presented is currently the best option in attempt to keep tractor trailers from entering the downtown area and damaging roadways. Further, the police cannot enforce signage that does not have a law or ordinance. The City is trying to obtain permission from Peachtree City and GDOT for sign placement at Hwy. 74 as a deterrent for large trucks. This ordinance can be changed and tweeked when necessary. Motion to approve the 2nd reading of the Truck Ordinance 21-13 was made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Eichorst. Motion passed with 3 votes in favor with Councilpersons Reeder and Brady voting against.

1. **Piedmont Paving Proposal for truck route project-Presented by City Manager Harold Simmons**

Motion made by Mayor Pearman for project not to exceed $230,000 and seconded by Councilperson Eichorst. Motion passed with 3 votes in favor with Councilpersons Brady and Reeder voting against.

1. **2nd Reading – Ordinance 21-14 on Excise Tax on Short Term Room Rentals- Presented by the City Manager Harold Simmons**

Motion to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 21-14 on the Excise Tax on Short Term Room Rentals was made by Councilperson Grover and 2nd by Councilperson Reeder. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **2nd Reading-Ordinance 21-15 Noise Control Ordinance-Presented by the City Manager, Harold Simmons**

Motion to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 21-15 Noise Control Ordinance was made by Councilperson Grover and 2nd by Councilperson Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

1. **1st Reading – Ordinance 21-16 Insurance License Fee raised to $50-Presented by City Clerk, Lynn Carter**

The state of Georgia has mandated an increase in the Insurance license fee from $40 to $50. Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 21-16 Insurance License Fee increase to $50 made by Mayor Pearman and 2nd by Councilperson Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

1. **Road Closure Request for the DDA Alive After Five Events - Presented by Police Chief, Jason Edens**

The DDA has requested that road closures begin at 3:00pm and reopen at 9:00pm for safety reasons. Road closure from Johnson Street to City Hall. While the City does not have the resources to designate officers, the DDA can hire outside security to patrol during the event. DDA representative, Suzanne Helfman addressed council stating the event has grown and street closings is an additional safety measure for attendees and kids. Councilperson Grover made a motion to approve the road closure and times. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Brady and motion passed unanimously.

1. **Resolution 21-11 Moratorium for downtown Hwy. 16 Overlay– Presented by Community Development Director, Dina Rimi**

Motion to approve Resolution 21-11 Moratorium for the Hwy. 16 Downtown Overlay made by Councilperson Brady and 2nd by Councilperson Reeder. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**-Councilperson Brady stated that the cornhole tournament was a success. Mayor Pearman updated those present on the Keg Creek Water and Pollution Control Plant. The foundation is currently being poured.

Comments from Public: Stitt-57 Morgan Street-Request yield signage for pedestrians.

1. **ADJOURN**

Motion to Adjourn made by Councilperson Brady & 2nd by Councilperson Eichorst. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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William W. Pearman, III Mayor D. Lynn Carter, City Clerk