

M I N U T E S

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2017

Call to Order: The Development Authority Meeting of January 26, 2017, was called to order by Chairperson Lois Wright at 5:38 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Lois Wright and Board Members, Don Wright, Pamela Lake, Frank Brandon, Naeem Thobhani, Mayor David Lockhart, and Roy Lunsford.

Also present were City Manager Al Wiggins, Finance Director, Mike Blandenburg, Councilman Tommy Smith, and Councilwoman Sandra Bagley.

Public Comment: None

Announcements/Comments Mayor Lockhart stated that he just talked to Mr. Brandon regarding AGL's attempt to grab some URA property. Mr. Brandon misunderstood Mr. Eady's comments regarding when we usually don't charge for easements. The city charges for easements but not separately. We have a franchise agreement with the utility companies and for every foot of our property that they grab rights to, they pay a set amount. That doesn't come before the Council. It's a standing contractual agreement that we have. The reason AGL came to the URA is because they don't have that agreement with the URA for its property and it's not part of the franchise agreement so what AGL wants to do is steal some of the URA's land rights and not pay. Mr. Brandon has expressed to me that he's going to ask at the next URA meeting that the URA does, in fact, charge for folks that want to steal your property rights or have some of them. Mayor Lockhart stated that he will ask Mr. Wiggins to confer with our attorneys to see if we can ask for a price for the URA.

Old Business: Mr. Wiggins stated the Andrew Young School of Policy with Main St. Market Studies, Georgia State University has awarded us a grant to Analysis & help us out with our endeavors with creating a resurgence of Capstone Proj. Main Street. The approximate value of that grant is \$20k. Mr. Wiggins stated that he would like the students of the Capstone Project to take a look at the document that we

have so far to see what portion of the project they're able to take to reduce the cost of the overall proposal.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Development Authority of December 29, 2016, were presented for approval.

Mr. Brandon made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2016, meeting, seconded by Mr. Lunsford. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Open Discussion: Mr. Wiggins stated that cost of the abatement of 371 Central Ave. was going to run in the area of \$10k. The lot size exceeds the lot size requirement

made a motion to amend the agenda so that we can vote on whether UPS to sign a contract for the next year.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 23, 2017

Mayor Lockhart made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brandon seconded. Voting was unanimous.