

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020 AT 2:00 PM

PRESENT: Michael Browning, Chairman, District 1
Bill Brunson, Vice Chairman, District 4
Dr. Peter Murphy, Commissioner, District 2
Wayne Neal, Commissioner, District 3
Allen Booker, Commissioner, District 5
David O'Quinn, Commissioner, At Large Post 1
Bob Coleman, Commissioner, At Large Post 2

ALSO PRESENT: Alan Ours, County Manager
Aaron Mumford, County Attorney
Dhwani Patel, County Clerk
Kathryn Downs, Assistant County Manager
Will Worley, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Pamela Thompson, Director of Community Development
Dave Austin, Director of Public Works
Jay Wiggins, Chief of Police
Colin Scogin, Sergeant
Anna Trapp, Public Information Officer
Matthew Kent, Communications Director

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live streamed on the Glynn County Board of Commissioners Facebook page.

Discussion and consideration of voting on the following:

2. Discussion regarding the Proposed Airport Ordinance Amendments [REPORT](#)

Will Worley, Senior Assistant County Attorney, reported that Stambaugh Aviation and the Airport Commission are working on a resolution regarding the proposed airport ordinance language and have requested that the item be deferred.

5. Receive a presentation regarding the SSI Sector Study (P. Thompson) [REPORT](#)

Pamela Thompson, Director of Community Development, reported that she has been asked by some Commissioners to provide more information regarding population estimates. As the population estimates are related to items 5 and 7 on the agenda, she has requested that this item be added to the Board's Special Called Meeting in December.

7. Receive a presentation regarding the Capital Improvements Element (P. Thompson) [REPORT](#)

This item was not discussed and will be added to the Board's Special Called Meeting in December.

3. Receive a presentation regarding a Citizens Review Board (Pastor West) [REPORT](#)

Pastor West, from the Community First Planning Commission, which is composed of 18 churches, gave a presentation regarding creating a Citizens Review Board for the Glynn County Police Department (GCPD). He explained the difference between the proposed Citizens Review Board and the current Police Advisory Panel. He stated that the Citizens Review Board would help to create transparency and its role would be to oversee how the GCPD engages with the community. He introduced Pastor Campbell, Chairman of the Community First Planning Commission, who also outlined the need for a Citizens Review Board.

The Board held a discussion regarding the proposed Citizens Review Board.

1. Receive a presentation from the Revenue Study Committee regarding Beach Parking Fees (P. Schofield) [REPORT](#)

Paul Schofield, member of the Revenue Study Committee, reported on the proposed Beach Parking Fees for Coast Guard Beach and Massengale Park on St. Simons Island. Mr. Schofield outlined the purpose of the study, data used in the projections, county parking capacity, and visitor and revenue projections. He went on to explain that they are not proposing any charges for Glynn County residents.

4. Receive a presentation from the Police Department regarding Tasers, body cameras and in car cameras (C. Scogin) [REPORT](#)

Sergeant Colin Scogin, with the Glynn County Police Department, presented on the needs assessment of the GCPD for tasers, body cameras, in car cameras, and interview rooms outfitted with cameras and audio, which included technology, installation and training. Sgt. Scogin worked with various vendors and determined that Axon Enterprises met the needs of the Department. Sgt. Scogin explained that several Police Departments in the state of Georgia use

Axon. The contract with Axon would cost approximately 3.2 million dollars over the 5-year term. The contract with Watchguard would cost approximately 3.3 million with tasers being purchased through another vendor. No quote was received in time to be considered from Howard Solutions.

The Board held a discussion regarding the Axon contract. Alan Ours, County Manager, recommended that the Board could proceed immediately with the contract as there are CARES Act funds that could cover the initial year's portion. The consensus of the Board was to add the Axon contract to a future Board meeting agenda.

6. Receive a presentation regarding the Highway 17 utility relocation project (P. Thompson) [REPORT](#)

Pamela Thompson, Director of Community Development, reported on the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Hwy 17 Road Widening Project. She stated that there is a private utility line in the right-of-way that needs to be abandoned by January 21, 2021, in order for the project to proceed. Ms. Thompson gave a brief outline of the proposed plan and the proposed schedule. She reported that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would be required with the Joint Water and Sewer Commission (JWSC) and a Right-of-Entry Agreement required with Mr. Porch to proceed. The consensus from the Board was to add the item to their Thursday night meeting agenda.

8. Discussion regarding a request to rename the Veteran's Memorial Park [REPORT](#)

Commissioner Coleman submitted a request to rename the Veteran's Memorial Park to the Robert M. Torras Veteran's Memorial Park. Commissioner Browning opened the floor to the public for comments and Commissioner Coleman stated that he was informed that a public comment set up was not going to be provided.

Colonel Nick Hart and Daniel Harvey spoke in opposition to the request to rename the Park. Commissioner Browning asked Dave Austin, Public Works Director, for his input and he also opposed the request. Commissioner Brunson, Commissioner Murphy, and Commissioner Browning all spoke in opposition.

Commissioner Coleman requested the item to be added to the agenda for the first meeting in December to receive public input. Commissioner Browning indicated the item would be added to the December 3, 2020 meeting agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/POST EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION

The Board did not hold an executive session during this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Michael Browning, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Glynn County, Georgia

Attest:

Dhwani Patel, County Clerk