

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

DECEMBER 22, 2022 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Thursday, December 22, 2022**, at 5:11 pm at the City Hall Annex. to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Lisa Bright presided over the meeting and Dan Weinrib acted as recording secretary.

Those members present were as follows: Councilor President Lisa Bright
 Councilor Ben Short
 Councilor Alan Taylor
 Councilor Jaime Anderson

Those members absent: Councilor Perry H. Cook

Others present in official capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat
 Attorney Rick Stotser

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. Mayor Choat gave a summary of the proposed Redevelopment Reimbursement Agreement. Mr. Patel of MANSA-TRH, LLC, plans to build a four-story, 97-room Home-2-Suites hotel in front of the Misty Ridge neighborhood at Service Road. Mayor stated that under the proposed agreement, the city will rebate back four (4) cents on every city lodging tax dollar for the first five years, then three (3) cents on every such dollar over the subsequent five years, unless the full amount is reached earlier. Patel confirmed that is his understanding. He hopes to submit drawings and construction plans in January.

With no further business to discuss, the workshop adjourned at approximately 5:30 pm.

DECEMBER 22, 2022 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Thursday, December 22, 2022** at 6 pm at the City Hall Annex, with Council President Lisa Bright presiding over the meeting and City Clerk Dan Weinrib serving as recording secretary.

President Bright called the meeting to order. Councilor Anderson led the prayer. Councilor Taylor led the pledge to the flag.

The following answered present to roll call: Council President Lisa Bright
 Councilor Alan Taylor
 Councilor Ben Short
 Councilor Perry Cook
 Councilor Jaime Anderson

Others present in their official capacity: City Clerk Dan Weinrib
 Attorney Rick Stotser
 Mayor Buddy Choat

They reviewed minutes from the December 8 special session and workshop, as well as the December 22nd special session. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

President Bright then introduced the regular agenda and consent agenda. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda and regular agenda. **UNANIMOUS** President Bright then recognized new IDA member Tres Dotson, whose appointment was the only consent agenda item.

There were no public comments.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Anderson introduced a proposed proclamation declaring Trussville a Trafficking Free Zone over 2023. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2022-32**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed annexation ordinance then made a motion for unanimous consent to suspend the rules and bring the proposal up for immediate consideration. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Short then moved for approval, which Councilor Anderson seconded. **UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2022-029-ANX**

President Bright then called a public hearing for the proposed alcohol license for the incoming Velmas on Gadsden Highway. Owners Royce and Tammi Butler (7864 Winslow Crest) introduced themselves. Under questioning, she answered that

- This is their first time in the food-&-drink business
- With a club liquor license, they will only admit patrons 21 years or older
- They plan to serve some food, staying open from 11 am to 11 pm or midnight during the week and until 2 am on weekends
- They estimate 70% alcohol/30% food revenues
- All staff will go through TIPS and Responsible Vendor Program training with monthly follow-up sessions
- All patrons will get carded. Any employee who serves an underaged patron faces automatic dismissal
- They will employ bouncers and/or other forms of on-site security

Since nobody else in the audience spoke up, President Bright promptly closed the public hearing.

Councilor Cook then introduced a resolution approving Velmas alcohol license application. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-67**

President Bright then called a public hearing for the proposed Redevelopment Reimbursement Agreement between the City and MANSA-TRH LLC. Mr. Patel introduced himself to the public. He explained the proposed monetary deal, as detailed in the agenda workshop minutes. He already owns five hotels, with three additional ones already under construction and seven more in the pipeline. Since nobody else in the audience spoke up, President Bright promptly closed the public hearing.

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution approving the proposed Redevelopment Reimbursement Agreement. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-68**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a resolution approving a proposal to replace a fire truck transmission, under two exceptions to the State Competitive Bid Law. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-69**

Councilor Anderson passed at giving her committee reports.

Councilor Cook also passed at giving committee reports. He mentioned the passing of longtime Springfield City Councilor Wayne Tucker and asked for prayers for his widow Nancy.

Councilor Short also passed at giving committee reports.

Councilor Taylor also passed at giving committee reports.

President Bright acknowledged school board member Dr. Steve Ward, who was in attendance. The school board is giving the public an opportunity to answer survey questions regarding its superintendent search through January 12th.

Mayor Choat also passed at giving committee reports.

There were no audience comments, even with Richard Epstein in attendance.

With no further business, they promptly adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib, CMC
City Clerk