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# CITY COUNCIL
# SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
# SUMMARY MINUTES
## MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025
## 4:00 P.M.

**Mayor & City Council**
Mayor Anthony S. Ford
Mayor Pro Tem LaKeisha Gantt – Dist. 1
Councilmember Alphonso Thomas – Dist. 2
Councilmember Kyle D. Berry, Sr. – Dist. 3
Councilmember Yolanda Barber – Dist. 4
Councilmember Elton Alexander – Dist. 5

**Administration**
Vacant, City Manager
Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk
Frank Milazi, City Treasurer/CFO
Megan McCulloch, City Attorney

Mission: Is to provide visionary leadership and superior municipal services that enhance the quality of life for citizens while creating a welcoming business atmosphere focused on sustainability and expansion of tourism and cultural events.

The meeting was called to order at 4:56 p.m. by Mayor Ford.

Invocation by Mayor Ford

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all in attendance.

The City Clerk was asked to proceed with Roll Call. All the members were present except Mayor Pro Tem Gantt and Councilmember Thomas.

Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Berry The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt joined the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Council Consideration to approve the 2025 – 2026 Liability Insurance Policy. Presented by: Renee Wheeler, HR Manager & Matt Simmons of Gallagher

   Ms. Wheeler noted the request is to approve the pending renewal of the city's Liability Insurance Policy for the 2025 – 2026 period, and noted staff is currently conducting an audit of vehicles, and the premiums will be credited or adjusted upward based on the outcome of the audit; and noted the city must renew by June 19, 2025 to retain coverage.

   Councilmember Barber expressed concerns that the request to renew was being presented to the Council for approval with only three days prior to the policy's expiration, leaving the city no choice but to approve to remain covered; and asked if there was only one quote, or if there were other quotes for the Council to consider.

Ms. Wheeler noted Gallagher has presented one quote from Travelers Insurance for consideration; and noted there were discrepancies in the number of vehicles covered on the policy, and that the audit is necessary to verify the vehicles to be covered, and noted the bulk of the vehicles are from Public Works and the Police department.

Councilmember Alexander noted that it has been recommended that the city put the Broker Services out for solicitation every 3-5 years.

Mr. Simmons noted the plan is to renew the city's policy through December 31, 2025 and covert to a cancel/re-write to align the policy dates with the city's fiscal year effective January 1, 2026; and that upon completion of the city's inventory, there would be a credit issued or an invoice for additional premium.

Mayor Pro Tem referenced the net rate changes, noting there are items within the industry standard; and noted the employment claim activity has an increase of 46.2% and is an area the Council needs to address to find out what is driving the increase.

Councilmember Barber asked Mr. Milazi to weigh in with his recommendation on how to proceed.

Mr. Milazi noted the renewal was submitted with a $200,000 increase in premium, and requested an explanation from the broker/carrier, and was advised that the increase was due to a discrepancy in the number of vehicles the city had on file with Travelers, and therefore recommended an audit to confirm actual numbers. Mr. Milazi noted Travelers gave an initial extension from May 19 – June 19, however, the carrier would not grant an additional extension to July 19, and does not believe that the premium amount of $831,861 will change.

Councilmember Berry asked Ms. Wheeler what the timeline was to complete the audit. Ms. Wheeler confirmed the information would be completed by June 25th, and the results would be submitted to the governing body.

Councilman Alexander reiterated the need to present options from other brokers and carriers.

Motion to approve the renewal of the 2025-2026 Liability Insurance Policy with Travelers Insurance Company through December 31, 2025 in the amount of $831,861.00 (annualized) or adjusted premium based on the vehicle inventory audit, and to look at options for broker services and report the audit results of the credit/increase in premium to the City Council no later than June 25, 2025 was made by Councilmember Berry; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

2. To discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (6).

   Motion to convene Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate was made by Councilmember Alexander; Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

   Motion to adjourn Executive Session and sign an Affidavit was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

   Motion to reconvene the Special Called Meeting was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

   Motion to announce the sole candidate for the vacant City Manager position as Emmanuel Adediran was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed 3-0-1 (Alexander/Berry/Gantt Approved) (Barber Abstained).

   Motion to terminate the contract for Harold Young, Amphitheater Consultant due to breach of contract was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

   Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vanessa Holiday

Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk

Anthony S. Ford

Anthony S. Ford, Mayor