

City of Coolidge

Workshop – Speaker Appearance: Jimmy Smith; Discuss Agenda; Other business; Executive Session  
Official Minutes

March 8, 2022

5:30 P.M.

The Workshop was called to Order at 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Causey was unable to attend the Workshop and Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore, Council Member Gilligan was unable to attend the Workshop and Council Meeting in person but was able to be present via teleconference.

Prior to the Speaker Appearance, City Attorney, Tommy Coleman informed Mayor Pro Tempore, Council Member Gilligan of the necessity to go into Executive Session before the Workshop is adjourned.

Mr. Jimmy Smith, Jr., Landfill and Solid Waste Superintendent of Thomasville, came to speak to Council to address any questions and offer some clarification concerning the increase in rates for the Yard Trimmings pick-up service they offer. Council and Mr. Smith discussed the rates at length, and Mr. Smith answered all questions with a detailed explanation. Council will discuss further at a future meeting. Mr. Coleman thanked Mr. Smith for coming and speaking on behalf of Thomasville Utilities.

Council discussed the City Manager hiring process. Council Member Smith stated they just received copies of the applications and would like some time to review them before moving forward. City Attorney, Tommy Coleman suggested narrowing the applicants down to 3 or 4 to be interviewed and make a decision on the best candidate. Council will review the applications and will discuss further.

Council discussed partial payment of property taxes. Interim City Manager/Chief of Police, Drew Campbell has done research on the process of accepting partial payment on property taxes and informed Council there are some necessary steps the City must perform before being able to implement a policy for partial payment of property taxes. The City must first draft and adopt an Ordinance and follow the guidelines from the Department of Revenue and State Law for the collection of partial payments of taxes. There would have to be an agreement between the City Clerk and the taxpayer. The minimum payment that can be accepted is \$25.00 and cannot exceed 16 months of payments. More research needs to be done concerning accepting partial payment on delinquent taxes. Currently, we have turned over delinquent taxes to the Penn Credit Collection Agency for collection. Council will discuss further once more information is available.

The general subject of Nuisance Properties was discussed, but more specifically, properties that are dilapidated. Interim City Manager/Chief of Police, Drew Campbell and City Attorney, Tommy Coleman both stated the need for a Certified Building Inspector for such cases. Mr. Campbell suggested trying to put together an Intergovernmental Agreement with some surrounding small Municipalities to hire a Certified Building Inspector to service all towns involved. A small Municipality does not have a need to hire a full-time Building Inspector due to its size, so the position and time could be shared and divided by all. Mr. Campbell will make inquiries and make a presentation to Council with more information in the future.

**Executive Session**

At this time, the public was asked to leave the Council Room in order for Council to go into Executive Session for litigation.

Council Member Yarbrough made a motion to enter into Executive Session, second by Council Member Smith, Barlow-aye, Gilligan-aye, Johnson-aye, Leger-aye  
Unanimously approved.

O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the person presiding over such meeting or, if the agency's policy so provides, each member of the governing body of the agency attending such meeting, shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting, or the closed portion thereof, was devoted to matters within the exception by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

The subject matter of said meeting, or the closed portion thereof, was devoted to matters within exceptions to public disclosure provided by law. Those specific relevant exception are identified as follows. The only matter(s) considered or discussed during the closed portion or executive session of the meeting is/are:

(H.) Pursuant to the attorney-client privilege and as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1), a meeting otherwise required to be open was closed to the public in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial action brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved and the matter discussed was potential litigation.

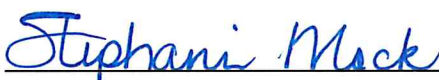
Council addressed and discussed the relevant subject matter.

A motion to close Executive Session was made by Council Member Smith, second by Council Member Barlow, Gilligan-aye, Johnson-aye, Yarbrough-aye, Leger-aye  
Unanimously approved.

**Adjourn**

Workshop adjourned.

  
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Mayor Pro Tempore, Adam Gilligan

  
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Asst. City Clerk, Stephanie Mock

**Present**

Mayor Pro Tempore, Council Member Gilligan (via teleconference)  
Council Member Barlow  
Council Member Johnson  
Council Member Yarbrough  
Council Member Leger  
Council Member Smith  
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman

**Absent**

Mayor, Diane H. Causey