

**Ashburn City Council Meeting
Thursday, November 2nd, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Sandra Lumpkin, City Manager Sedric Carithers, Councilmembers James Burks, Tommy Bateman, Andrea Pierce, Rhonda Walker, Howard Jordan, and City Attorney Tommy Coleman

Guest: Odis and Grace Reese, Albert Shepherd, Charles Jordan, Interim Fire Chief Jamie Turner, Captain Richard Purvis, James Davis, John Burgess, Police Chief Cliff Jordan

City Manager Sedric Carithers informed the Council about a GMA Lease Purchase Agreement for a new sewer machine and two new police cars.

Motion by Councilmember Jordan, second by Councilmember Pierce to approve the minutes of the October 5th, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes, the October 12th, 2017 Called Council Meeting Minutes, and the October 27th, 2017 Called Council Meeting Minutes. Ayes: Bateman, Burks, Walker, Jordan, Pierce

Motion was made by Councilmember Jordan, second by Councilmember Walker to accept the agreement for Offender Supervision Services with the Georgia Probation Management Company. This agreement also has to be approved by Municipal Court Judge Ray Holland. Ayes: Bateman, Burks, Jordan, Pierce, Walker

The City of Ashburn is requesting an exemption to the Conflict of Interest Regulations on CDBG Grant#17p-x-142-2-5920. Sedric Carithers is the City Manager for the City of Ashburn. He cannot vote on any issues before the Council. His parents, Mary Louise and Lee Carithers reside at 91 Taylor Street in the project area and this project doesn't propose direct benefit to any individual. The City request a waiver from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs based upon there being no direct financial benefit and that the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Carithers will receive the same benefit of an improved water system as other residents of the neighborhood. City Councilmember Andrea Pierce owns property (land only) located at 246 Taylor Street. The City also request a waiver from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs based upon the mere ownership of property by Ms. Pierce does not rise to the level of a personal interest as stated under Georgia law. She will receive the same benefits as all property owners in the project area will receive.

Councilmember Burks spoke to the Council and Citizens of Ashburn about raises for the Mayor and Council that would take effect on January 2019. The requested amount was \$1,150.00 a month for Mayor and \$850.00 a month for Councilmembers. A motion was made by Councilmember Burks, second by Councilmember Bateman, to approve the raises for Mayor and Council. A roll call vote was taken with Councilmember Pierce voting no and Councilmember Bateman, Burks, Walker, and Jordan voting yes. The second reading on Council raises will be at the December 7th, 2017 Council Meeting. Motion was made by Councilmember Jordan, second by Councilmember Pierce at adopt the Firefighters Policy Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement with GIRMA for cancer insurance. Ayes: Bateman, Burks, Pierce, Walker, Jordan

Motion was made by Councilmember Burks, second by Councilmember Jordan to approve a Beer and Wine License for Fred's Store #1015 located at 316 East Washington Avenue. Ayes: Walker, Bateman, Pierce, Jordan, Burks

Motion was made by Councilmember Burks, second by Councilmember Jordan to enter into a lease purchase agreement with GMA for a new sewer machine (\$66,965) and two new police cars (\$57,818) for a total of \$124,78 and enter into a lease purchase agreement with Tymco Company for a street sweeper at a cost of \$144,895.00 Ayes: Bateman, Burks, Jordan, Pierce, Walker

**Motion was made by Councilmember Jordan, second by Councilmember Bateman to leave Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. and enter into Executive Session as per O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(2) Personnel
Ayes: Bateman, Burks, Jordan, Walker, Pierce.**

Regular Session reconvened at 7:07 p.m. with two finalist chosen for Fire Chief. The Finalist are Interim Fire Chief James Turner and Adrian Hariston of DeKalb County. After disclosing names to the press, the council can appoint the Fire Chief in fourteen days. A motion was made by Councilmember Jordan, second by Councilmember Burks to only select one candidate for Fire Chief. Ayes: Bateman, Burks, Jordan. Roll call vote was taken with Bateman, Burks, and Jordan voting yes, Walker and Pierce voting no.

Motion was made by Councilmember Burks, second by Councilmember Walker to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Ayes: Bateman, Burks, Pierce, Walker, Jordan

City Clerk

Approved this 7th day of December 2017

Mayor