



**CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA
JUNE 2, 2020, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTION**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Watford called the regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Okeechobee to order on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, located at 55 Southeast 3rd Avenue, Room 200, Okeechobee, Florida. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-69 issued by Governor DeSantis on March 20, 2020, and extended by Executive Order No. 20-112 effective May 4, 2020, the meeting was conducted utilizing communications media technology (CMT) as provided by Florida Statutes 120.54(5)(b)2, by means of Zoom.com Meeting ID 2459713294. The Host computer was operated by Executive Assistant Brock. The video, audio, and digital comments were recorded and retained as a permanent record. The invocation was offered by Mayor Watford, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ATTENDANCE

City Clerk Lane Gamiotea called the roll. Mayor Dowling R. Watford, Jr., Council Members Wes Abney, Monica Clark, Bob Jarriel and Bobby Keefe were present in the Chamber.

CITY STAFF: City Attorney John Fumero, City Administrator Marcos MontesDeOca, Police Chief Bob Peterson, Fire Chief Herb Smith, Public Works Director David Allen, Deputy City Clerk Bobbie Jenkins, Finance Director India Riedel, and Executive Assistant Robin Brock were also present in the Chamber.

III. AGENDA AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Mayor Watford advised that New Business Item VI.I., Exhibit 8 was added to the agenda; the Exhibit was distributed via email earlier in the day. New Business Item VI.E. was withdrawn.

B. **Council Member Jarriel moved to adopt the agenda as amended; seconded by Council Member Abney.**

VOTE: Ayes-Mayor Watford, Council Members Abney, Clark, Jarriel, and Keefe. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

C. Clerk Gamiotea advised there were no agenda item forms or comment cards submitted for public participation for any issues not on the agenda.

IV. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. On behalf of the City, Mayor Watford and Police Chief Peterson presented Ms. Terisa Garcia with a Longevity Service Award of \$1,000.00 and a framed certificate which read **"In recognition of your 35-years of service, hard work, and dedication to the City, its citizens, and your fellow employees from June 7, 1985 through June 7, 2020."** Ms. Garcia is one of very few employees to have achieved this milestone with the City. She expressed her gratitude along with fond memories made over the years.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Keefe to approve the Consent Agenda Item A [May 5, 2020, Regular meeting minutes]; seconded by Council Member Clark.

VOTE: Ayes-Mayor Watford, Council Members Abney, Clark, Jarriel, and Keefe. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. An update was provided on COVID-19 by Mrs. Tiffany Collins, Administrator of the Okeechobee County Florida Department of Health (DOH). Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-131 extending the State to full Phase 1. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and DOH continue to encourage social distancing, large social gathering limitations, and hand washing.

Anyone with the symptoms (fever, coughs, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting, diarrhea, and sore throat) should be tested. As of June 2, 2020, Okeechobee County has 85 confirmed cases of COVID-19 ranging in age from 6 to 87 years old, has tested 1,793 individuals resulting in a 4.7 percent positivity rate, and has no deaths. Included in the total number of tests, were two rounds of testing at the Okeechobee Health Care Facility, and one round at Grand Oaks. Council Member Abney clarified the actual number of individuals tested in Okeechobee was approximately 900, since approximately 400 individuals were tested twice at the Okeechobee Health Care Facility. The State of Florida has over 57,000 confirmed positive cases with over 10,000 hospitalized and over 2,500 deaths, calculating an overall death rate of 4.4 percent.

She also provided the CDC example of how COVID-19 differs from the flu. The preliminary estimated number of individuals testing positive for the 2019-20 flu season, in seven months, is approximately 39 to 56 million people with an estimated 24,000 to 62,000 people perishing. Those numbers resulted in a .001 percent death rate. COVID-19's world-wide death rate is approximately 5.8 percent in a period of three months. There have been 62 COVID-19 antibody tests performed in Okeechobee County, resulting in two positives. Should an individual want to be tested for antibodies, it is recommended to wait a period of one to three weeks after exposure. There is no contact tracing or recommendations for individuals who test positive for antibodies. In response to Mayor Watford's request to explain the possibility of a second outbreak of COVID-19, she advised initially it was stressed quarantining provided the ability to "flatten the curve" which would reduce the number of additional daily cases. As the State, Nation, and other countries continue to re-open, individuals go back to work and begin traveling. They will be exposing themselves to others and increasing the chance of contracting the virus. The CDC has not been able to conclude whether one can contract the virus a second time. The Mayor thanked Mrs. Collins for the update. **No official action was required for this item.**

- B. Via Zoom, Ms. Jennifer Codo-Salisbury with the Central Florida Regional Planning Council provided a brief update regarding the two grants awarded from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020. One is the Competitive Florida Partnership Grant to prepare an Economic Development Strategy and Disaster Resiliency Plan; the other is a Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant to draft amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations to implement the Economic Development Strategy and Disaster Resiliency Plan.

A virtual community workshop will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2020, from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. to review the draft City of Okeechobee Economic Development Strategy and Disaster Resiliency Plan. Members of the community are asked to participate via <https://www.gotomeet.me/cfrpc/okeechobee-virtual-community-workshop> or by phone at 866-453-0405 using participant passcode 4275032. The draft Plan, including updates to the City's Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations, will be presented at the June 16, 2020, Council meeting. **No official action was required for this item.**

- C. Ms. Debbie A. Goode, Senior Auditor and Partner of Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC, reviewed the highlights of the FY October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, Audited Financial Statements [as provided in Exhibit 2] completed by her Firm under the Government Auditing Standards and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General. The Report reflects a clean Audit. The overall financial soundness of the City reflects total assets exceeding liabilities by \$20,400,951.00. The total revenues were \$7,166,137.00, less total expenses of \$6,942,746.00, which resulted in a \$223,391.00 increase in total net position.

The total net position is based on a \$685,155.00 increase in total assets (a \$444,633.00 increase in current assets, a \$538,219.00 increase in non-current assets, and offset by a decrease of \$297,697.00 in capital assets); and a \$4,847.00 decrease in total liabilities (a \$17,622.00 liability decrease related to timing of payables, and an increase to non-current liabilities from a \$4,849.00 increase in Other Post-Employment Benefits, and an increase in compensated absences of \$7,926.00, totaling \$12,775.00).

An overview of combining all Funds provided a Total Balance of \$11,495,123.00, which is \$458,977.00 more than the prior FY. This Total Balance provides \$8,433,872.00 for unassigned spending at the City's discretion; \$1,914,755.00 restricted for one subsequent year's expenditures, \$1,103,396.00 restricted for Public Facilities Improvement expenditures only, \$8,145.00 restricted for Law Enforcement expenditures only, and \$34,955.00 is non-spendable inventory.

Page 61 provided the Budget to Actual for General Fund which shows that of the \$1,761,596.00 amount projected to be required from reserves to cover expenditures was not used, but rather there was a revenue balance of \$422,972.00:

TOTALS	10/1/2018 BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	9/30/2019 ACTUAL	9/30/2019 DIFFERENCE
Beginning Fund Balances:	\$10,953,058.00	\$10,953,058.00	\$10,953,058.00	\$422,972.00
Revenues:	\$6,531,481.00	\$6,890,510.00	\$7,121,328.00	\$230,818.00
Sale of Capital Assets:	\$225,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$244,228.00	\$19,228.00
General Government Expenditures:	\$1,531,800.00	\$1,353,313.00	\$1,319,724.00	\$33,589.00
Public Safety Expenditures:	\$4,184,524.00	\$3,952,040.00	\$3,888,350.00	\$63,690.00
Transportation Expenditures:	\$1,480,107.00	\$1,150,350.00	\$1,113,299.00	\$37,051.00
Physical Environment Expenditures:	\$503,800.00	\$293,000.00	\$272,850.00	\$20,150.00
Capital Outlay Expenditures:	\$592,846.00	\$529,600.00	\$511,154.00	\$18,446.00
Current to Prior Year Encumbrances:	0.00	0.00	-\$11,391.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balances:	\$9,416,462.00	\$10,790,265.00	\$11,224,628.00	\$422,972.00

The increase in Net Pension Assets was a result of deferred outflows decreasing by \$795,682.00 and inflows decreasing by \$329,071.00. The Pension Funds were determined by the Actuary to be 106.68 percent funded for the Police Officers' Fund, 107.369 percent funded for the Firefighters' Fund, and 114.72 percent funded for the General Employees' Fund.

Mayor Watford thanked Ms. Goode for her presentation and then commended Finance Director Riedel, her staff, and the Department Heads for their hard work to ensure proper management of the City's accounts and procurement operations. He then opened the floor for public and Council comments; there was none. **No official action was taken for this item.**

- D. **A motion was made by Council Member Keefe to read proposed Ordinance No. 1211 by title only, amending the Sunday sale time and to allow for package sales of alcoholic beverages [as provided in Exhibit 3]; seconded by Council Member Jarriel.**

VOTE: Ayes-Mayor Watford, Council Members Abney, Clark, Jarriel, and Keefe. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

Attorney Fumero read proposed Ordinance No. 1211 by title only as follows: **"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA; AMENDING SECTION 6-1 OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL INCLUDING PACKAGE SALES WITHIN THE CITY AT CERTAIN TIMES EVERY DAY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE."**

A motion was then made by Council Member Clark to approve the first reading and set July 7, 2020, as a Final Public Hearing date for proposed Ordinance No. 1211; seconded by Council Member Keefe.

In a memorandum submitted by Attorney Fumero, it was explained that the City historically prohibited retail package sales of alcohol on Sundays and recently amended Chapter 6, Section 6-1 to allow alcohol sales except package sales beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday. As previously discussed by the Council, proposed Ordinance No. 1211 goes a step further to allow for the sale of alcoholic beverages from 7:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M. daily. Mayor Watford asked whether there were any comments from the public or Council; there was none.

VOTE: Ayes-Council Members Abney, Clark, Jarriel, and Keefe. Nays-Mayor Watford. Motion Carried.

- E. The consideration for a letter of support for the United States Cattlemen's Association to increase negotiated cattle purchases was withdrawn from the agenda.
- F. **A motion was made by Council Member Jarriel to review and approve the 2020-21 School Resource Officer Agreement for Okeechobee Christian Academy (OCA) [as provided in Exhibit 5, and correcting the date in Section B of Article III to reflect the commencement date of July 1, 2020]; seconded by Council Member Clark.**

Administrator MontesDeOca briefly explained OCA has requested Section C be added to Article III of the proposed Agreement, which allows for a reduction not to exceed \$20,000.00 on an annual basis should a local or state mandated school closure exist for a period of 30 consecutive days or more.

VOTE: Ayes-Mayor Watford, Council Members Abney, Clark, Jarriel, and Keefe. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

- G. **A motion was made by Council Member Clark to approve a Purchase Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the acquisition of 6,089-square feet, Parcel 125 from the City in the amount of \$12,200.00 [as provided in Exhibit 6, being a portion of the right-of-way located in PLAT 2 OF TAYLOR CREEK WATER SHED, Plat Book 3, Page 26, Okeechobee County public records, and is in relation to the State Road 710 By-pass Project]; seconded by Council Member Keefe.**

Administrator MontesDeOca explained at the May 5, 2020, meeting the Council approved the Statement of Offer from FDOT. This parcel is situated along the East side of Taylor Creek, West of the Okeechobee Utility Authority Ground Water Treatment Plant property, and immediately South of the North City Limits boundary. Mayor Watford opened the floor for public and/or Council comments; there were none.

VOTE: Ayes-Mayor Watford, Council Members Abney, Clark, Jarriel, and Keefe. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

- H. The matter provided on the agenda was to discuss the Fire Services Interlocal Agreement (ILA), with Exhibit 7 providing the proposed changes as discussed at the May 19, 2020, Council meeting. However, based on discussion at a Okeechobee Board of County Commission (BOCC) meeting held May 28, 2020, the content in Exhibit 7 was not considered for approval.

Mayor Watford read the following letter from Mr. Josh Borgstrom: "On behalf of the executive board and members of International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 2918 Professional Firefighters and Paramedics of Okeechobee, I write to advise you and the City Council Members of our opposition to the proposed ILA between Okeechobee County and the City of Okeechobee for fire services. As you are aware, the agreement as drafted would cease the employment of all firefighters who have honorably served the City of Okeechobee. IAFF Local 2918 asks the City Council to cease and desist any further negotiations with the County that causes the displacement of members that have unselfishly devoted their lives to this Council, the residents and visitors of this great City. Local 2918 represents the Firefighters of both the City of Okeechobee and Okeechobee County. Although we realize the value of a consolidated or regional approach to fire services, we can not support any action that does so by laying off firefighters and reducing staffing to your city residents. There are models all across South Florida that have moved to regional fire service delivery without harming the firefighters who have served those areas. This Local is more than willing to work with the City, if that is your goal. This plan is not the answer. In these times of the COVID-19 pandemic, your first responders have done all they have been asked to do, risking life, health and potentially even the health of our families we go home to. We do not back down, have been here to protect this City, and we have become stronger together to get through these tough times. We are asking for you and this Council to have our backs; to protect our jobs; our future; and our families, as we serve yours."

A letter signed by BOCC Chairperson Terry Burroughs was received just prior to the meeting, and read by Mayor Watford into the record as follows: "The BOCC of Okeechobee County, at the request of the City of Okeechobee, prepared and provided an ILA for fire services, without specific guidance from the City, other than acceptance of the cost proposed. The County submitted an initial draft agreement understanding that the City and the County would work together, collaborating on the agreement to reach a mutually beneficial arrangement. To that end, the County, in a spirit of cooperation, remains willing to honor the initial draft proposal and negotiate on terms in the initial draft proposal, except section 5 of the revised draft agreement provided to you by the City Administrator. The revised draft agreement before you from the City Administrator has various additional terms for your consideration. The terms in Section 11 service performance goals including penalties and reporting requirements are not mutually agreeable. We trust the City Council will diligently review these recommendations and changes, alongside the initial draft agreement submitted; considering each change carefully in the continuous spirit of cooperation that has been mutually beneficial to both the City and the County. Finally, to clarify any potential past misunderstandings, please understand the County has not made any decision one way or another as to a preference for holding a referendum concerning this matter. The initial draft interlocal agreement was prepared in such a way that a dual referendum would not be legally required, as the county would not be placing an assessment on the city properties; but that does not govern the ultimate decision of whether a referendum is held by the City. The County looks forward to continuing to work together in the best interest of all the citizens of Okeechobee County."

A letter dated June 2, 2020, signed by Jennifer Tewksbury as Executive Director of the Economic Council of Okeechobee (ECOK) was distributed at the meeting. Although the letter was not requested to be read into the record, it will be made part of the official minute file along with the supporting documents accompanying it. The letter cited their support to continue discussions to combine the fire services.

The Mayor and Council Members agreed that the BOCC and OCFR employees had taken a unwarranted and unprovoked brow beating throughout social media over the concept of contracting the fire services. The topic is very sensitive. Residents have been passionate expressing their individual opinions on whether this is a decision that should be provided on a ballot for City voters, the method of how the OFD employees will be ensured employment at the County, what the realistic tax savings are, and any effect it may have on their level of service. Following a lengthy discussion, **the consensus of the City Council was to ask the BOCC Chair to meet with the Mayor, both the City and County Attorney's and Administrator's, extending the meeting invitation to Tori Fatji (IAFF District 12 Field Service Representative) and Josh Borgstrom (IAFF Local 2918 President) to review the proposed ILA. This is not a formal appointed committee. No authority is being delegated that would require them to meet under sunshine laws. The meeting(s) will be fact-finding and/or information gathering for both parties to report back to their respective boards.** The Council suggested one specific item be discussed, would the County be interested in allowing the City to participate in their fire assessment study currently being conducted. If so, then whether the County would consider the outcome of the combined assessment as a benchmark for the City's annual cost for the fire services ILA.

The following public comments were made throughout the discussion:

Chief Smith stated there has never been an issue between him, OFD, or OCFR firefighters. They are equal in training, some just have more experience than others. He trusts OCFR like his own firefighters. He asked the Council not to rush a decision about the ILA, to take their time, and to exhaust all options. In addition to Captain Rodriguez's option of bringing the ambulance services (EMS) in-house at the OFD, there is an option of consolidating the OFD with the City Police Department to create a combined Public Safety Operations. Many municipalities have done this as a cost savings.

On behalf of his employees, he expressed his appreciation to the Council for agreeing to allow a group to attempt to work out the ILA issues. He confidently stated how proud he was of the OFD employees. They have had this issue hanging over their heads for a long time. It has almost destroyed the Department. Every day they have not given less. The professionalism the OFD employees have displayed while conducting their jobs, all the while not knowing whether the Department would be abolished, has been admirable. The addition of the COVID-19 pandemic and mandatory quarantine procedures have caused additional stress and complications for them to contend with as well. As essential personnel and first responders they have experienced some close calls. Several employees, including the Chief, have returned home at the end of shift with a mask and having to isolate themselves for fear of exposing their families to the virus. He asked that the Council have empathy toward his employees and put themselves in their situation. Many of them cannot start over in their firefighting careers, regardless of what the law states. In the real world it is only natural that the bigger departments hire the younger applicants; they do not have the baggage, wear, and tear of a seasoned firefighter, as the job takes a physical toll on their bodies. The OFD employees, which are your firefighters, have kept up their same high-level standard of care through all of this and will continue to do so until the day they are asked to leave. In closing, he again implored the Council to research and give each option the same consideration, taking their time to talk it all through. Out of respect for his employees who have many years of dedication to the City, he asked the Council to not just take whatever deal that can be struck with the County. Should a third party need to be hired, then do so. The expert data and direction they can provide is worth it.

Mr. Keith Walpole, President of the ECOK began his comments by extending appreciation to Chief Smith stating, "we thank you and your staff for your dedication to this community." He went on to agree this is an emotional issue. COVID-19 is a concern for everyone as the economic impact it is going to have is unknown. However, the Council has been prudent in looking at ways to save money in the future. It is his opinion that all sides could have communicated throughout this process better, and offered the availability of ECOK to facilitate the discussion as he hopes the County will agree to meet to have good, frank discussions on the issues. He was convinced that having one department will provide significant savings. In closing, he expressed his appreciation for the leadership the Council has provided, and it was his opinion that Okeechobee does not have the growth rate to sustain duplication of services. There are other areas the ECOK will be looking at that can use some shoring up.

Mr. Frank Wesley Williamson III, on behalf of the ECOK, stated he wanted to echo Mr. Walpole's comments. He then asked each Council Member to provide the Mayor with their individual position on the County hiring all OFD employees, as he would need to know this information going into discussions.

Mr. Lawrence Fipps addressed the Council stating he has been researching this issue over the last week or two. He stated to Mayor Watford that he respected his opinion on being opposed to the ILA, but did not understand the push for it. Using the information provided during the Audit earlier, the City has \$8 million unassigned in reserves. The Auditor applauded the strong financial system in operation. He then referred to Council Member Jarriel's comment regarding this issue being for the community and tax savings, and Mr. Walpole's comments about the savings the ILA will bring. He questioned the Council on why asking the residents who elected them by putting this issue on a referendum is not being considered; the residents are the ones paying for the services. The costs to keep the OFD should also be included in the referendum. He challenged the Council to ask the community about this first before making a decision.

Mr. Russell Cale addressed the Council by stating he arrived in this City in 1996, and became a part of the City Police Department in 1998. He appreciates the intent of the Council, as he is a City resident, but every December the Council takes the employees to the Fire Station for the annual Christmas dinner and calls them family. He asked the Council "Which one of your family members are you willing to let go? Why are you willing to make judgements without slowing down? We are affecting families and not really thinking it through."

Ms. Karyne Brass conveyed the duplication of services cited by materials distributed from the ECOK can be remedied by allowing EMS services to be performed by the OFD. She did not believe the savings, if any, was worth the extreme cost to any of the OFD employees losing their jobs. She asked that the Council slow down on making a decision to ensure they have explored all avenues before voting on something that cannot be taken back. She also watched the May 28, 2020, BOCC meeting, and it was clear to her that hiring all OFD employees was not part of their intended negotiations. Referring to the Audit Report presented earlier in the meeting, she noted the City has increased its net financial position by over \$200,000.00 in the last year. This was evidence to her that the OFD is not a drain of assets, nor are they at the top of a food chain (referring to the Department with the most expenses). Furthermore, the OFD would be more financially feasible should the chance to run their own EMS be given. She asked why the majority of the Council was fighting so hard for something that she believed the majority of the public was not supporting. From everything she has heard, this should be the City voter's decision to make. If the Council is going to give away the assets that City taxpayers paid for, then they deserve the chance to vote on that decision. In closing she asked, "please continue to consider, contemplate, and step back, look at what your constituents want. Be a representative of the City you were elected to be."

OFD Captain Lalo Rodriguez asked to make a comment to clarify a few issues. With Mayor Watford's approval he asked Council Member Clark to confirm that the \$1.2 million she referred to in an earlier statement during the discussion, was not to cover expenses specifically for the Fire Department but was actually a transfer-in to General Fund to cover operational expenses for all Departments from the Capital Improvement Projects Fund (providing a copy of the page 26 from the FY 2019-20 budget). She confirmed this information. He continued in regard to Council Member Jarriel's statement made earlier and at previous meetings that the City has had to go into the savings (reserves) every year to balance the budget. During the Audit Report earlier tonight, it was noted that for FY 2018-19, none of the budgeted reserves were used, but over \$400,000.00 in revenues were left over. He suggested some are not understanding that when the use of reserves is to be used to balance the projected budget, it does not mean they are actually going to be used, the amounts are all estimates. To substantiate his statement, he read excerpts from the Finance Director's memorandums presented at Council meetings for multiple FY's. "For FY 2017-18 none of the budgeted reserves of \$573,000.00 were utilized for the operational expenditures in the General Fund." For FY 2016-17, "none of the budgeted reserves of \$751,000.00 were utilized for the operational expenditures in General Fund." Then for FY 2015-16, it was projected that \$1,600,000.00 in reserves would be used, when just a little over \$430,000.00 was actually used. And in FY 2014-15, again it was projected to use \$832,962.00 from reserves when actually only \$118,412.00 was used. The current FY budget is projecting to use \$1.2 million in reserves. That is not saying the City is actually going to transfer it. Council Member Jarriel responded that he disagreed with the statements, but did not want to argue these points since he did not have a copy of the documents Captain Rodriguez was reading from, stating further that the **Administrator and Finance Director should bring this documentation to the next meeting to clear this issue up.**

Mayor Watford closed the discussion, noting that the County would be contacted as instructed. The item will come back at a later date.

- I. **ITEM ADDED TO AGENDA: A motion was made by Council Member Jarriel to extend the Landscape Maintenance Contract [Bid No. PW 01-10-01-16 with JMC Landscaping] for an additional 90-day period from May 8, 2020 to August 4, 2020; seconded by Council Member Clark.**

Administrator MontesDeOca provided a brief update on the forthcoming Landscape Maintenance Bid, as this extension will provide ample time to review, release, and award a new contract.

VOTE: Ayes-Mayor Watford, Council Members Abney, Clark, Jarriel, and Keefe. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

VII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Members Jarriel and Keefe's comments were directly related to New Business Item H, for which discussion/action was already concluded. Mayor Watford, Council Members Abney and Clark did not have any comments.

- VIII.** There being no further items on the agenda, Mayor Watford adjourned the meeting at 8:17 P.M. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2020, at 6:00 P.M.

ATTEST:


Lane Gamotea, CMC, City Clerk


Dowling R. Watford, Jr., Mayor

Please take notice and be advised that when a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. City Clerk media are for the sole purpose of backup for official records of the Clerk.