



**NOTES OF THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CITY OF DULUTH, GA
APRIL 23, 2018**

PRESENT: Mayor Harris, Council members Bomar, Carden, Jones, Kelkenberg and Whitlock, City Manager, Department Directors, City Attorney

5:30 - PM CALL TO ORDER

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

II. PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES

1. TITLE VI UPDATES

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City Engineer Margie Pozin came forward to explain the process. As part of the LAP (Locally Administered Project) certification, the City is required by the GA Dept. of Transportation to submit signed non-discrimination agreements annually and submit updated outreach plan every third year (prior to LAP recertification). Our current LAP certification expires 9/30/18. Staff is working on LAP recertification package at this time and will include all updated Title VI materials.

While the City's Title VI policies have remained strong and consistent over the past three years, the City's actions have progressed to be more inclusive with stronger outreach, and staff is prepared to highlight your successes over the past 2 years since the first outreach plan was developed.

2. ROGERS BRIDGE UPDATE

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Josh Earhart, Mark Grindstaff, Jimmy Garrison, and Kevin Collier of Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc. were on hand to answer questions.

City Engineer Margie Pozin explained that the design phase for the Rogers Bridge Project has been underway since June of 2016. The project is funded with a Federal "TAP" (Transportation Alternatives Project) Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for the preconstruction (design) phase. The City has partnered with Johns Creek and Fulton and Gwinnett Counties to match the preconstruction grant (\$100,000 local dollars split equally between the four entities to match the \$400,000 federal dollars as awarded by ARC).

The City applied for (and was preliminarily awarded) a construction grant in the amount of \$4,600,000. Similarly, this phase will require an IGA with our three partner agencies.

The federal funding requires that we follow GDOT's Plan Development Process. To date, this has included a comprehensive public involvement process, an in depth alternatives analysis, and a complete concept report. As well, this project requires a full environmental process which started with the design phase and will culminate in an approved NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) document at the conclusion of the preliminary design phase.

At this time, staff recommended moving forward with the Programmatic 4F approach for the next year and seeing how that process is received. Staff will meet with all partners to see if they still support, and report back to Council. The consultants felt that the scope and cost would be much more predictable with new construction rather than rehabilitation.

3. TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

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City Engineer Margie Pozin presented brief updates for ongoing transportation projects, including Buford Highway/Pleasant Hill Interchange, SR 120 Sidewalks (Phases I & II), Buford Highway medians, and Davenport Road. She then highlighted the five new 2017 SPLOST projects: Main Street Trail, signal SR120 @ George Rogers/Duluth HS, Main Street at Rogers Bridge Road, Pine Needle at SR120 intersection, Bunten Road sidewalks.

III. MATTERS FROM COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER

1. LETTER OF SUPPORT/GRANT APPLICATION – CONNECTED VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY

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City Manager James Riker explained a request from Gwinnett County Dept of Transportation. After discussion, staff is to move forward with support of the project.

2. AIR CONDITIONING UNIT – 2ND FLOOR CITY HALL

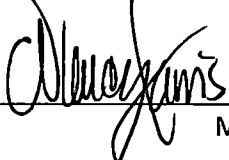
Mr. Riker explained the costly repairs needed. Authorization for funding will come before Council at the next meeting.

3. ARBOR DAY – Friday April 27th, 10am at Bunten Park.

4. CONNECT DINNER – positive overall; most discussion on walkability to downtown.

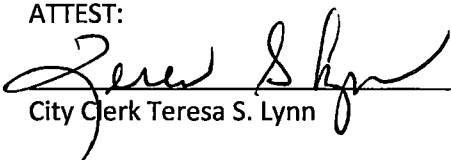
IV. ADJOURNMENT

Approved this 14 day of May, 2018.



Mayor Nancy Harris

ATTEST:



City Clerk Teresa S. Lynn

The next scheduled meetings of the Mayor and Council are budget work sessions set for April 30th and May 1st at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of City Hall. Additionally there will be a Gwinnett Municipal Meeting on May 2nd at 6:30pm at Lawrenceville City Hall.