



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – MARCH 20, 2023

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Piper called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Piper and Councilmembers Krause, Patterson, Penn, Thrasher and Venable.

Also Present: City Attorney Jody Campbell, City Clerk Ashya Fambrough and PD Personnel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Mayor Piper led the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked the Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice.

VOTING ITEMS

1. Purchase of Police Vehicles

Councilmember Patterson requested clarification from Mayor Piper on line items related to police vehicles and upfitting/ maintenance. Chief Underwood noted that a report showed \$114,000.00 in the vehicles line item and now it shows around \$76,000. He noted that there was a discussion to move \$10,000 to cover overages in other line items. Mayor Piper stated that he approved movement within funds and funds needed to be moved to cover the \$52,000.00 that the police department is overbudget and provide a buffer. It was determined that the last budget report did not tabulate correctly and did not account for deductions. Chief Underwood requested accurate budget report. Councilmember Patterson asked Chief Underwood for recommendation on the vehicle(s) for purchase. Chief recommended 1 black 2023 Ford Interceptor to be used as an admin vehicle and to upfit a Ford Taurus currently in the fleet. The police department has a no chase policy unless it's a known felony and the Taurus will be able to perform all day to day requirements of an officer. Councilmember Patterson made a motion to approve the purchase of 1 black 2023 Ford Interceptor and to upfit the Ford Taurus as long as it stays within the budget. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Meeting 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 as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).

At 6:46 p.m. Councilmember Venable made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session ended at 7:38 p.m. with Councilmember Krause making the motion to exit. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney Campbell stated that all discussions held in Executive Session are protected as Attorney/Client Privilege and that no votes were conducted during the session.

ADJOURN

At 7:39 p.m., Mayor Piper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Venable made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Thrasher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.