

Council Work Session Minutes

VIA Zoom

City of Trenton

March 4th, 2021

Mayor Calvin Woodrey called the Council work session to order at 6:03 pm. All members of Council except Councilwoman Harris were present along with all necessary administration present. Mayor Woodrey asked for an executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. Vice Mayor Perry made a motion to go into executive session for the previous stated reasons, followed by a second by Councilman Agee. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Council went into executive session at 6:05pm. Vice Mayor Perry made a motion to come out of executive session and return to the regular work session, followed by a second by Councilman Agee. Roll call was taken. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Council came out of executive session at 6:39pm Mayor Woodrey asked City Manager Nichols to begin with reports. City Manager Nichols asked for City Treasurer Mike Engel to begin with his reports. Mr. Engel began by explaining the correspondence regarding the fund balance status reports, explaining that all funds were within their balance policy amounts. He went onto explain that year to year the water fund was up due to the sale of land, the fire fund was down due to the purchase of the new truck, and that the police levy funds were at a good place to create a fund balance policy to protect these funds as well. He then went on to explain this new Covid relief package signed into effect. As of now, it is believed that the City could be receiving nearly 2.85 million dollars in funding, although there has been no clear mention as to what the funding can be spent on at this time. Councilman Agee stated so we could get up to 2.85 million dollars this time, what did we get last year in covid funding? Mr. Engel responded by stating that with the money from the County for the business relief grants, we received upward of \$900,000 dollars. He then explained it is a lot of money but we are hoping the restrictions for what the funding can be spent on will be lifted some. Councilman Montgomery asked on another note if the policy changing for the payments to certain employees being altered from lump sum payments vs. hourly will affect many employees. Mr. Engel explained that this will not be a major change for anyone.

City Manager Marcos Nichols reported that this evening will be the third reading for the annexation legislation. He explained we purchased the acreage and now need to have it annexed into the city and passing this legislation is the first step to doing so. Next he explained that there is language in in section 280.05 administration, under 280.18 compensation language may conflict with some changes that were made in 2016, and yet some of the new 250 language may make language even more conflictive so this will clarify all items under administrative items that were an issue. Finally he asked for an executive session to consider confidential information related to marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance. Vice Mayor Perry made a motion to go into executive session again at 7:03 for the purpose stated above, followed by a second by Councilman Agee. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. A motion to come out of executive session and adjourn the work session was made by Vice Mayor Perry and seconded by Councilman Agee. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Council came out of executive session and adjourned at 7:27pm.