

**City of Midway
50 Martin Luther King Boulevard
Midway, Florida 32343
Regular City Council Meeting
Minutes of March 07, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Midway City Council called to order at City Hall and via zoom teleconference by **Mayor Dickey** at 6:15 PM on Thursday, March 07, 2024.

Invocation done with the Lord's Prayer.

Council members present: Mayor Ella Parker-Dickey, Mayor Pro Tem Brahem Russ, NanDrycka King-Albert (via zoom), Charles Williams and Charles Willis (via zoom).

Council members absent: None.

Other staff present: Henry Grant (City Manager), Antonio Jefferson (KMR Senior Consultant), Harold Knowles (KMR Senior Consultant), Anthony Thomas (City Attorney) and Frances Harrell (City Clerk).

Agenda Modifications – None.

Adoption of Agenda – It was motioned by **Councilman Williams** and seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Russ** to adopt the agenda. The motion unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda – It was motioned by **Councilman Williams** and seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Russ** to approve the Consent Agenda Item. The motion unanimously approved.

Public Hearing

Second Public Hearing to Readopt Ordinance 2023-01 Amendment to City of Midway Comprehensive Plan Adopting Property Rights Element – Memo and drafted Ordinance provided and explained by **City Manager Grant**. Ordinance read by title only by Clerk. Floor was open for question and comments. It was motioned by **Councilman Williams** and seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Russ** to Adopt Ordinance 2023-01 and direct staff to transmit the adopted amend to the Florida Department of Commerce. The motion unanimously approved.

First Public Hearing for Ordinance 2024-01 Voluntary Annexation of Parcel 4-11-1N-3W-0000-00411-0100. Memo, drafted Ordinance, Annexation Petition and Maps provided and explained by **City Manager Grant**. Ordinance read by title only by Clerk. Floor was open for questions and comments. It was motioned by **Councilwoman Albert** and seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Russ** to Accept Ordinance 2024-01 on First Reading.

Direct staff to provide the Gadsden County Board of County Commission the required statutory notice of the Council's intent to approve the Voluntary Annexation of the referenced parcel and direct Staff to publish a notice in the newspaper of the Council's intent to consider the referenced Ordinance at the Council's next regular meeting. No vote required.

Monthly Financial Update – A written report provided and explained by **Mr. John Grayson (via zoom)**. Floor was open for questions or concerns. It was motioned by **Councilwoman Albert** and seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Russ** to accept the Financial Update for February 2024. The motion unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Authorization to Communicate with Flying J Corporation Chief Executive Officer Adam Wright on Local Store Annexation into City of Midway. – Memo provided and explained by **KMR Senior Consultant Antonio Jefferson**. Floor was open for questions and comments. It was motioned by **Councilman Willis** and seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Russ** to authorize **Mayor Dickey and Staff** to send an official letter to Pilot/Flying J CEO Adam Wright requesting a direct meeting to discuss voluntary annexation. Authorize the expenditure of up to \$4,500.00 for a delegation led by **Mayor Dickey** to travel to Pilot/Flying J's corporate headquarters in Knoxville, Tennessee. The motion unanimously approved. It was motioned by **Councilwoman Albert** and seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Russ** to amend letter to include their desire to meet in Midway. The motion unanimously approved.

Request to Approve Inter-Local Agreement with Gadsden County for Fire Services in Unincorporated Gadsden County – Memo and Fire Service Agreement provided and explained by **KMR Senior Consultant Antonio Jefferson**. Floor was open for questions and comments. It was motioned by **Councilwoman Albert** and seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Russ** to Authorize Mayor Dickey, City Clerk and City Attorney to execute Inter-Local Fire Service Agreement. The motion unanimously approved.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Grant provided an update on **Midway Septic to Sewer Project**; **Mr. Grant** explained Talquin Electric and City made final adjustments to the wastewater collection and treatment agreement that will be presented to Talquin Board. Mayor Dickey already been given approval to execute.

Update on Midway CDBG Road Paving Project. **City Manager Grant** explained paving would begin on March 11 on Imani Circle.

Update on Midway Street Lighting Project. **City Manager Grant** explained FDOT approved the lighting plan.

City Manager Grant reported Lamb Center agreement signed with architecture.

Update on City of Midway FY 2025 Florida Legislative Funding Request – City Manager Grant reported City of Midway is in the State Budget for \$1 million for a Fire Truck and the Federal Budget for \$750,000.00 for Police Station. The Police Equipment Grant with USDA Rural Development closed with the delivery of the Interceptor Truck. **Police Chief Cobb** provided a slide presentation and explained Police Equipment requested and received.

Police Department – Written Report provided

Fire Department Monthly Report – Written Report provided.

Public Works – Written Report provided.

City Attorney Report – No Report.

Council Reports

Councilman Williams reported the Stella Johnson problem resolved.

Councilman Willis thanked City Staff for working with his Imani Circle and Flying J requests and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

Councilwoman Albert thanked and suggested KMR, city staff and colleagues be celebrated for where the City is going; commended Police Chief Cobb for securing much needed items for the department.

Mayor Pro Tem Russ commended Police Chief Cobb and her staff.

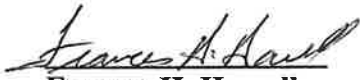
Mayor Dickey commended KMR and all employees of Midway.

Public Comments – Citizen Verda Owens asked for status of Public Record Request as her Attorney is in need of requested items. **City Attorney Thomas** stated that he would be in touch.


It was motioned to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

ATTEST:


Frances H. Harrell
Dated this 1 day of
April, 2024

City of Midway, City Council


Ella Dickey, Mayor
Dated this 4th day of
April, 2024