

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALL WORK SESSION MINUTES – JUNE 27, 2019

PRESENT: Council President Pro Tem Eugene Goolsby, District #2
Council Member Sonya W. Rich, District #1
Council Member Wallace “Al” Miller, Jr., District #4
Council Member Turner Townsend, District #5

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor William E. Cooper
Robert J. Dean, Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer
Rainer Cotter, Attorney
Beverly Sweeney, Assistant City Clerk
Donita Peters, Revenue Officer, Minutes
Jason Wright, Communications Director
Michelle Mann, Southeast Sun
Caroline Quattlebaum, Southeast Sun
Josh Richards, Enterprise Ledger

Council President Pro Tem Goolsby called the Special Session to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Council Members were present with the exception of Council President Perry Vickers who joined the Council in Session via conference call.

Council President Pro Tem Goolsby asked Robert J. Dean, Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer, to give the Council Members an update on the Sunday Sales Referendum matters and procedures.

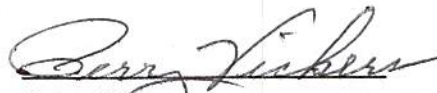
Mr. Dean reviewed the packet for the Sunday Sales election to be held, Tuesday, August 13, 2019. The voting will be held from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Enterprise Recreation Center. The voters are required to have a valid photo identification (ID). The photo identification can be an officially issued driver’s license, non-driver’s identification card, passport, or any other legally approved identification card. The voting machines have been secured for the election with support services. A gentleman, by the name of Mr. Charles Holmes, will certify and seal the voting machines. Mr. Holmes handles the elections in the local area and has maintained and secured the City’s voting machines for the last several elections. Council Member Rich asked Mr. Dean to explain Mr. Holmes’ role concerning support. Mr. Dean said that Mr. Holmes will be present to take care of the voting machines if any glitches or problems arise and will be available for the duration of the election. The voting machines are certified. One voting machine has to be on public display 30 days prior to election day. Seven machines are needed for the election; a machine is needed for each of the five districts, one for absentee voting, and one that is ADA compliant which is an auto mark machine. Each machine is \$250.00 which includes the certification, sealing, and technical support needed for that day. The registered voters list will be posted by Friday, July 12, 2019. The list will be posted at the following three locations: City Hall, the Civic Center, and the Recreation Center. Mr. Dean said that the citizens are reminded that if they are not registered to vote, they have to live within the City for at least thirty days before the election to be eligible. Citizens must be registered to vote at least ten days prior to election day, August 13, 2019. The ballots have been ordered and the absentee ballots are currently at City Hall. Mr. Dean asked the Council Members to review and inspect the language of the ballots.

Mayor Cooper asked Mr. Dean how the issue of identification is handled when a voter mails in his/her ballot. Mr. Dean said that if the voters do not have a photo ID there are compliance laws that come into effect with the absence of a photo ID. Mayor Cooper said that there are times where citizens in the nursing homes may vote and Ms. Sweeney, Assistant City Clerk, said that in those cases, a copy of the photo ID is accepted and is placed in the return envelope that is mailed back to City Hall. Council Member Rich asked what the procedure was for the absentee ballots and Ms. Sweeney answered by saying that the absentee voters will make an application and request an absentee ballot if they want to vote by mail. The packet will be mailed to the voter and the voter will fill out all information and then mail it back to the City along with a copy of their photo ID. The voters can come into City Hall and fill out an application also. Mr. Dean said that the citizens should be reminded that if they are qualified to vote by absentee ballot they should make an application for absentee ballot at least five days before the election. Voters are reminded that there are specific reasons in the law that allow individuals to vote by absentee ballot, such as, the person will be out of the city on the day of the election or other legal reasons. If it is necessary for a voter to vote by absentee ballot, they also must present a valid photo ID that is subject to some very limited exemptions. If any voter has questions concerning absentee ballots or whether the circumstances entitle them to vote absentee, they may call or e-mail Mr. Dean. The Council will be presented a resolution to appoint election officials during the Session that will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019. These officials are referred to as Poll Workers. The Poll Workers will undergo mandatory training by Election Systems & Software (ES&S) on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. All preparations for the election are on schedule. Mr. Dean asked the Council Members if there were any questions and there were none.

Council President Pro Tem Goolsby asked the Council Members for a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss Good Name and Character. Council Member Miller made a motion to move into Executive Session and a second was made by Council Member Rich. There was no further discussion. All were in favor with Ayes and the Work Session was adjourned and moved into Executive Session at approximately 12:12 p.m. The meeting returned from Executive Session and was adjourned without further business.



Robert J. Dean, Jr.
City Clerk/Treasurer



Perry Vickers
Council President