

**MINUTES
CITY OF MAULDIN
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS—5 E. BUTLER ROAD
AFTER COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Members present were Mayor Terry Merritt, Council members Taft Matney, Carol King, Jason Kraeling, Michael Reynolds, Frank Allgood and Mark Steenback.

City Administrator Seth Duncan was also present.

1. Call to Order- Mayor Merritt

- a. Welcome- Mayor Merritt
- b. Invocation- Councilman Reynolds
- c. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Reynolds

2. New Business

Committee of the Whole

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion consider the next items on the agenda informally as committee of the whole. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

a. Resolution 2024-10, Oak Park Drive Stormwater Project

This project will need more money than was originally funded. There is some additional ARPA money the South Carolina Office of Resilience is going to grant to the City to fund stormwater infrastructure improvements on Oak Park Drive. The City will receive \$2,883,851.50 in ASIP money. The City's match is still \$676,153.50 and will not increase with the additional funding.

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to adopt this resolution for additional funding. Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

b. Hurricane Helene response briefing

Mr. Duncan thanked department heads and a few other staff members for their response to the hurricane and the recovery efforts. He recognized Lt. Turner for his

professionalism and dedication. Mr. Duncan also mentioned Mr. Fleahman did not leave during the clean-up and was very dedicated. There will be other recognitions coming during a future meeting.

A few of our City buildings are still without phones or internet but remain open. The David Bates Greenway is closed while crews clear the walking trail. Friday Night Flicks will run as scheduled this week at the Cultural Center.

A contracted hauler is helping with debris pickup and the State released a MOU with DOT to allow us to piggyback with their contractors.

Motion: Chairman Kraeling made a motion to authorize the use of \$500,000 in ARPA funding for debris removal and authorize the City Administrator or Mayor to enter into agreements or Memorandums of Understanding with entities necessary or able to do such work. Councilman Matney seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

Mayor Merritt said the City's response to the hurricane began at the top. Mr. Duncan was on top of the response and sent out large amounts of correspondence to Council to keep them apprised of everything that was happening. He thanked Mr. Duncan for the exceptional job.

c. Motion to enter into Executive Session

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to go into executive session for the two items below. Councilman Allgood seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (7-0).

1. Executive Session to consider an economic development matter related to Bridgeway Station as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)
2. Executive Session to consider an economic development matter related to City Center as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

Mayor Merritt reconvened the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Councilman Matney reported no decisions were made and no action taken in executive session.

d. Possible action on items discussed in Executive Session- None

3. Council Requests- None

4. Adjournment- Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk