

FEBRUARY 10, 1997

9:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
109 SOUTH KING STREET

PRESENT: JOHN D. MEADOWS, III, MAYOR  
JOHN D. SHELTON, MAYOR PRO-TEM  
PAUL MCENTIRE, COUNCILMAN  
JIMMY PALMER, COUNCILMAN  
RONALD H. WOODS, COUNCILMAN

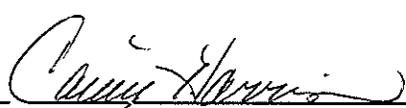
ALSO: WILLIAM P. BAILEY, CITY ATTORNEY  
KELLY CORNWELL, DIRECTOR UTILITIES/PUBLIC  
WORKS  
EDDIE PETERSON, ASST. DIRECTOR UTILITIES/  
PUBLIC WORKS  
CATHY HARRISON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. District Attorney Joe Campbell reviewed the efforts by his office to bring the Walter Harrell case to a Grand Jury over the past several months. He stated the original Grand Jury had been reluctant to indict based on the small dollar amount of the case, and based upon the conflict in testimony of the witnesses. Following discussion by the City Attorney and the Mayor and Council in which they stated the actions of the District Attorney's Office would have no bearing on a previous personnel hearing and dismissal of the employee, that the Council would have no problem with a failure on behalf of the District Attorney's Office to pursue the matter further.
2. The City Attorney reviewed the City's efforts to settle the MEAG Lawsuit, and reviewed the reasons for the City's request to change part of MEAG's original proposal which was broad and vague in some areas. The city staff and City Attorney felt that it was possible that the MEAG Board might construe the agreement to have the authority to cancel the City's earlier notice to opt out of supplemental power purchases. Attorney Bailey stated that if the Council agreed, he would pursue a request through Mike Dever and MEAG Attorneys, in which the City would approve the agreement as forwarded by MEAG, provided a separate written notification was obtained by the City, stating that the MEAG Board recognized the City's notice to opt out of supplemental power purchases as filed earlier. The Mayor and Council asked Mr. Bailey to proceed on those grounds, and to notify Mr. Dever of their wishes.
3. In reference to a request from Glenn Forester for the City to build USDA Regional Offices located in the City of Calhoun in which a five year lease would be signed providing \$8.50 per sq. ft. lease rental payments, with an option to renew for an additional five years with an option to opt out of the contract with 120 days notice. The Mayor and Council stated they would not be interested in the proposal with the inclusion of the 120 notice provision.
4. In reference to discussions for a price to be offered to the County for purchase of the City's downtown annex building located on Piedmont Street adjoining the County Annex Building, the Mayor and Council settled on a price of \$300,000.00 including the lot.

Approved:

Submitted:

  
John D. Meadows, III  
Mayor

  
Cathy Harrison  
City Administrator