



**CITY OF DAHLONEGA
WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 21, 2017, 4:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Mayor Gary McCullough called the Work Session to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Gary McCullough and Councilmembers Roman Gaddis, Bruce Hoffman, Ron Larson, Mitchell Ridley and Joanne Taylor were present.

Staff Present:

City Manager Bill Schmid, City Attorney Doug Parks, Community Development Director Kevin Herrit, Finance Director Melody Marlowee, Public Works Director Mark Buchanan and City Clerk Kimberly Smith were present. Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority Jan Harris was present.

FY2017 4th Quarter Budget Amendment:

City Manager Schmid said the proposed amendment was in the agenda packet and Finance Director Marlowe was present to answer questions. There were no questions.

FY2017 Budget Re-appropriations:

City Manager Schmid said the proposed amendment to reallocate funds from Fiscal Year 2017 to Fiscal Year 2018 is in the agenda packet. Finance Director Marlowe is present to answer questions. There were no questions.

DNR Recreational Trails Program Application for Funding Grant Application Resolution:

City Manager Schmid said the deadline for the first round of applications for this grant is January 2, 2018 and asked Community Development Director Herrit to explain the details.

Mr. Herrit presented a handout to Council showing the three phases of the project. The first phase would be funded if the grant is received.

Mr. Herrit reviewed the following: application and process; grant funding through Georgia for \$200,000; requires a 20% match from the City; is a reimbursable grant; and the more boxes checked on the grant application will increase the probability of the City being awarded the grant.

There was discussion regarding the course the trail will follow including a trail, parking area, platform, gang plank, floating dock and bridge that will begin at Wimpy Mill Road.

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Discussion continued regarding green space development provisions in the grant gaining extra points towards approval; Reservoir Management Plan allowances and revisions, the possibility of one of the phases including restrooms and project completion time if the grant is awarded.

Discussion of Outdoor Lighting Ordinance

City Manager Schmid said there is currently no ordinance governing the use of outdoor lighting or light pollution. The issue has been brought forth because there are some businesses that have greatly increased their outdoor lighting.

Discussion ensued regarding regulation of lumens and color of outdoor lighting; preservation of night sky while maintaining safety; the Dark Sky Association at UNG; and ordinances from other jurisdictions that regulate outdoor lighting.

City Manager Schmid said staff would research and make a recommendation to Council.

Update on Streetscapes Crosswalks

Public Works Director Buchanan made the following presentation: As streetscapes progresses, there have been some discussions regarding crosswalks along South Chestatee Street. Three locations have been discussed:

- 1) The raised crosswalk at the Flower Mart. This will remain unchanged.
- 2) The potential for a crosswalk near Papa John's at the UNG entrance. After careful consideration, we have chosen not to include this crosswalk and the associated sidewalk along the east side of Chestatee from Schultz northward to the Papa John's stairs. There simply doesn't appear to be enough foot traffic in this area to give up the softened approach into town that we can create by vegetating the existing paved strip in front of the pizza place. The existing lane will be converted to low level vegetation by our contractors. The existing curb and gutter will be removed and replaced with new curb and gutter near where the existing white line is currently. Staff will select more permanent vegetation at a later date.
- 3) The crosswalk at the Continuing Education (CE) building. This crosswalk will be moved slightly downhill to align with the southernmost exit of the building, about 20' from its existing location. Plans indicate a raised crosswalk similar to what is currently found on West Main near the UNG Dining Facility, although slightly taller and more "aggressive". The escalation of this crosswalk from the simple painted variety to the raised style is contingent on funding from UNG. The crosswalk primarily serves UNG students, faculty and staff and their representatives have led us to believe there may be a commitment to fund the raising. One alternate location for this crosswalk, near the intersection of South Chestatee and Schultz Street, doesn't offer the level of pedestrian safety the City is comfortable with and is not recommended.

Given this, staff recommends a formal request be made to UNG for funding assistance for the southernmost South Chestatee crosswalk at the Continuing Education building.

There was discussion regarding options available for the crosswalk at Papa John's and location of the crosswalk at the Continuing Education building.

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Reinstating the Office of the City Marshal

City Manager Schmid explained that this resolution is a part of the approval process by Peace Officer Standards and Training.

City Attorney Parks said this resolution is necessary to obtain a new ORI number which is a requirement prior to Uniform Traffic Citations being utilized.

Mayor McCullough adjourned the Work Session at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Smith