



## **Minutes of the City of Calera Council Meeting – October 5, 2020**

The Council of the City of Calera met in the Council Chambers of the City Hall at 7901 Highway 31 on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., in a regular meeting. Mayor Graham presiding.

### **Mayor and Council Members Present:**

Jon G. Graham, Mayor  
David Bradshaw, Council Member  
Chris Bunn, Council Member  
Philip Busby, Council Member  
Ernest Montgomery, Council Member  
Kay Snowden Turner, Council Member  
Alan Watts, Council Member

### **Guests:**

Kelly Ellison, James Fuller, Dennis Torrealba, David Hyche, Arianne Turner, Kenneth D Cost, Calvin Morgan, Jackie Batson, Sean Kendrick, Bill Hilyer, Stephanie Busby, Chris Pappas, Seth Gandy, Reggie Darden, Alison Powers, Cynthia Russell

### **Mayor Graham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**

### **Word of Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:**

Alan Watts opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Council Member Bradshaw made a motion to approve and dispense with the reading of the following minutes:

Regular Meeting – September 21, 2020  
Work Session – September 21, 2020

Council Member Watts seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Bradshaw, Bunn, Graham, Busby, Montgomery, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

### **Old Business:**

No action taken. Dennis Torrealba and Jackie Batson gave update on the Cosby Property

### **New Business:**

#### **Authorization to Purchase Two Portable Digital Speed Limit Signs with Tag Readers - \$16,000 Capital and \$5,500 annually**

Council Member Bradshaw made a motion to authorize the purchase of Two Portable Digital Speed Limit Signs with Tag Readers. Council Member Turner seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Bradshaw, Bunn, Graham, Busby, Montgomery, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

#### **Resolution No. 2020-33 Cost of Living Adjustment in Lieu of Anniversary Step Raises**

Council Member Bunn moved that Resolution No. R-2020-33 is adopted. Council Member Turner seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Bradshaw, Bunn, Graham, Busby, Montgomery, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Motion Passed - Adopted this 5th day of October, 2020

## **Ordinance No. 2020-06 – Amending Zoning Ordinance – No Minimum Parking Requirements in the City’s Main Street District**

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Council Member Bunn moved unanimous consent of the Council is given for immediate action upon said Ordinance. Council Member Turner second said motion and upon vote the results was as follows:

AYES: Montgomery, Watts, Bradshaw, Graham, Bunn, Busby, Turner

NAYS: None

The Mayor declared said motion carried and unanimous consent given.

Council Member Busby moved Ordinance No. 2020-06 be adopted. Council Member Turner seconded said motion and upon vote the results was as follows:

AYES: Montgomery, Watts, Bradshaw, Graham, Bunn, Busby, Turner

NAYS: None

Motion Passed – Adopted this 5th day of October, 2020

### **Guest :**

Jennifer Flournoy, Kensington Place HOA President address the Mayor and Council Members.  
(See attached handout)

Council Member Busby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

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Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

Jon G. Graham, Mayor  
David Bradshaw, Council Member  
Chris Bunn, Council Member  
Phillip Busby, Council Member  
Ernest Montgomery, Council Member  
Kay Snowden Turner, Council Member  
Alan Watts, Council Member

Calera City Mayor and Council Lady and Gentlemen,

October 5, 2020

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak with you tonight regarding some challenges we have in our neighborhood. I am the President of the HOA Board and representative for Kensington Place Subdivision, located off of Highway 70. Recently we were informed that the City of Calera had taken over management of the streets within our subdivision. When our group was elected to serve our community, we were made aware of several issues. We do not have speed signs, adequate stop signs, and street lights within our subdivision. We would also like to bring to your attention that our street name signs and roads need to be replace and repaved. We would like to inquire about the 19 acres that was given to the City by the Rime Holdings LLC, the Developer in 2011 for \$10.

One of the first concerns we learned about from our residents was speeders flying through the streets of our subdivision. We reached out to Calera PD about speed limit signs and speed bumps being posted throughout our area and they sent someone out to assess the proper speed limit, which was determined to be 20 MPH. When we reached out again in June for an update, we were directed to the City Public Works Department, who in turned directed us back to Calera PD. We eventually spoke to someone at City Hall who said she would get the two departments together to speak with each other about a solution and get back to us. We haven't heard from anyone since.

We also have been trying to get better lights and complete the repaving of our 1<sup>st</sup> three streets that the developer did not do before turning the streets over to you, the City. We would like to have adequate street lights, like LED, to better illuminate our neighborhood. We were told that the current positions of our light poles were sufficient, but they are not. We'd like better light poles or light buds for better illumination. The 1<sup>st</sup> three streets, Kensington Court, Kensington Boulevard and Kensington Way, need to be repaved, due to the last construction being done for the last phase of our subdivision. We asked that to be done before and was told it would get done. But now it's the City's responsibility to repave them. We need those done to keep from having more damage to our streets, property and vehicles.

The street signs that indicate the street names in the older portion of the neighborhood are made of wood and have deteriorated quite a bit over the last ten years. The new section of the subdivision has metal signs. We would like to see about the possibility of getting the older, wood signs replaced with matching signs in the same fashion as the new section in order to create a uniform look throughout. Perhaps a cost analysis of replacing the signs versus repainting and repairing them would be beneficial.

Lastly, we need to know what will be developed, if anything, on the 19 acres that is within our subdivision; where we were told our amenities would be by the developer and the builders. We want to know what the City can do to help us get those amenities that were promised, by Rime Holdings LLC, DR Horton, E-Signature and Douglas Smith. At this point it has been vacant and not adequately cut and maintained. It is an environmental issue due to the overgrowth, that allows snakes, rodents, and coyotes to roam behind and within our yards and homes. We have called several times to have it cut, but it needs to be put on a maintenance schedule. It needs to be cut adequately and at least 20ft back away from the homes behind it.

We do understand a delay considering all that has been going on lately with the pandemic as well as the City elections and transition. Now that those elections and transition are completed, we would really like to see the City follow through with getting speed limit signs placed throughout our neighborhood, as well as strategically placed STOP signs to help slow the flow of traffic on our streets and make them a much safer place. The HOA Board for Kensington Place is happy to work with City representatives to decide where best to place this street signage, as well as with all our request.

Again, the HOA Board for Kensington Place will be happy to work with City representatives in any way we can and we look forward in doing so.

Thank you again for your time and for your consideration.

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Mayor Graham introduced the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-33**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CALERA, ALABAMA**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council adopted the last Cost of Living Adjustment in October 2018;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council will include a Cost of Living Adjustment for citywide personnel in the proposed 2020 / 2021 budget; in lieu of Anniversary Step Raises

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council amends the current pay scale by a 3% Cost of Living Pay Adjustment effective October 1, 2020:

Council Member Bunn made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R-2020-33. Council Member Turner seconded said motion and upon vote, results were as follows:

AYES:           Montgomery, Watts, Bradshaw, Graham, Bunn, Busby, Turner

NAYS:           None

The Mayor declared Resolution No. R-2020-33 adopted this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

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Jon G. Graham, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

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Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

Mayor Graham introduced the following Ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-06**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CALERA, ALABAMA:**

(1) **WHEREAS**, the Code of Ordinances of the City of Calera, Alabama is hereby amending the Zoning Ordinance Sections 5.14 B-2 General Business District and 5.15 B-3 Historical Business District and making the following additions to sections: 5.14.3 Additional Regulations (When Applicable) and 5.15.3 Additional Regulations (When Applicable)

Adding: 3. No minimum parking requirements apply in the City's Main Street District (bounded by 13<sup>th</sup> Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, State Route 25 and the CSX Railroad (to the north and east))

Council Member Bunn moved that unanimous consent of the Council be given for the immediate action upon said Ordinance. Council Member Turner seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Montgomery, Watts, Bradshaw, Graham, Bunn, Busby, Turner

NAYS: None

The Mayor declared said motion carried and unanimous consent given. Council Member Busby moved that Ordinance No. 2020-06 be adopted, which motion was seconded by Council Member Turner and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Montgomery, Watts, Bradshaw, Graham, Bunn, Busby, Turner

NAYS: None

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

Mayor Graham declared Ordinance No. 2020-06 adopted.

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Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

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Jon G. Graham, Mayor