Mayor Garrett called the Regular Meeting of the Decatur City Commission to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2020.

PRESENT: Mayor Garrett, Mayor pro tem Powers; and Commissioners Dusenbury, Mayer and Walsh; and, City Manager Arnold.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of January 21, 2020 were approved on a motion by Mayor pro tem Powers, second by Commissioner Mayer; and, all voting “aye.”

MINUTES of the Executive Session of January 31, 2020 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Walsh, second by Mayor pro tem Powers; and, all voting “aye.”

MINUTES of the Annual Retreat of January 30-31, 2020 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Mayer, second by Mayor pro tem Powers; and, all voting “aye.”

PRESENTATION - DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM SIGNEEES.
Active Living Director Greg White introduced and congratulated the Decatur High School Baseball Team Signees: Drew Jordan, Jaxson Sprull, Jayden Pade, Eddie Galatas, Lukas Clark, Jordan Walker and Ben Smith.

Mayor Garrett thanked everyone who attended the meeting to support the students.

PRESENTATION - BEECATUR BEE CITY PROGRAM AND MONARCH PLEDGE PROGRAM.
City Arborist Kay Evanovich introduced Peter Helfrich from Bee City USA.

Mr. Helfrich presented the highlights from the Bee City USA-Decatur 2019 Annual Report and gave an overview of several upcoming events in 2020 that would raise awareness on the Bee City program and Monarch Pledge program. He thanked staff for its work and support.

Mayor Garrett thanked and commended Mr. Helfrich for his work and presentation.

Mayor pro tem Powers congratulated Mr. Helfrich on his efforts with the innovative programs.

Commissioner Walsh thanked Mr. Helfrich and encouraged residents to take the Decatur Pollinator Pledge.

Commissioner Mayer thanked Mr. Helfrich for his presentation.
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE.
City Manager Arnold stated that the Police Department recommended the issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for the retail sale for consumption on premises of beer and wine and spirituous liquors to Meredith Ford for Cremalosa, LLC, 2657 East College Avenue, Suite B3. She stated that the application had received approval from all required departments and all fees had been paid.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Powers, second by Commissioner Walsh; and, all voting “aye,” the alcoholic beverage license was approved as recommended.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS.
Mayor Garrett opened the meeting for public comment.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Garrett closed the public comment period.

ALLEN WILSON STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.
Assistant City Manager David Junger recommended establishment of a construction budget and award of a contract for the Allen Wilson Storm Drainage Improvements to the low bidder, GS Construction of Lawrenceville, in the amount of $1,144,460. He stated that the work was necessary to replace collapsing storm water pipe segments on the Allen Wilson property, which was owned by the Decatur Housing Authority (DHA.) He stated that Atkins Engineering had designed a replacement to the existing high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe system with reinforced concrete pipe. He added that during construction, a geotechnical analysis would guide construction and replacement of unsuitable soils, where necessary.

Mr. Junger recommended approval of change order No. 1 in the amount of $365,000 for modification of the original plans to provide an undisturbed space between the storm drainage construction and the existing DHA Oliver House building. He explained that the option was developed subsequent to bidding and would minimize potential impacts to the Oliver House building. He stated that funds for the project were available in the Storm Water Utility Fund budget and the General Fund budget.

Deputy City Manager Hugh Saxon concurred with Mr. Junger and further explained the project.

Mayor Garrett commended staff for its thorough review and analysis.

Commissioner Dusenbury thanked Mr. Junger for the detailed presentation.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walsh, Mr. Saxon explained the meaning of grouting with reference to the project.

In response to a question from Mayor Garrett, Mr. Junger stated that work was expected to commence in March 2020 and would take six months, if the project were approved.
On a motion by Mayor pro tem Powers, second by Commissioner Walsh, and, all voting “aye,” the contract was authorized and the budget was approved as recommended.

**BID AWARD FOR FIRE STATION #1 INTERIOR PAINTING.**

Facilities Superintendent Felix Floyd recommended the establishment of a project budget in the amount of $15,000 and award of a bid in the amount of $12,500 for the painting of the interior of Fire Station #1 to the low bidder, AW Paint and Decorating of Lawrenceville. He stated that the lowest bid met all specifications and AW Painting and Decorating, LLC had performed similar services for Forsyth County, State of Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice and numerous construction companies. He stated that funds for the project were available in the fiscal year 2019-2020 Capital Improvement Fund budget.

In response to a question from Mayor pro tem Powers, Mr. Floyd stated that the hours for the painting work would be defined in a way that would minimize disruptions and would adapt to the department’s shift scheduling.

In response to a question from Mayor Garrett, Mr. Floyd stated that low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) paint options would be selected to maintain the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) building certification.

On a motion by Commissioner Mayer, second by Mayor pro tem Powers, and, all voting “aye,” the bid award and project budget were approved as recommended.

**REQUESTS AND PETITIONS.**

There were no requests and petitions.

**REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS.**

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Powers, second by Commissioner Dusenbury, and, all voting “aye,” Resolution R-20-03 confirming the Executive Session of January 31, 2020 was adopted.

Mayor Garrett presented a proclamation to Ms. Evanovich in recognition of Arbor Day 2020.

Ms. Evanovich thanked the City Commission and invited the community to celebrate Arbor Day on February 22, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the Decatur Square.


Mayor pro tem Powers thanked Mr. Madison and his team for being proactive and transparent in its financial reporting.

In response to a question from City Manager Arnold, Mr. Madison stated that the report would be made available online soon.
Mayor Garrett thanked Mr. Madison for his work and for going over the report on a quarterly basis.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Powers, second by Commissioner Walsh, and, all voting “aye,” Resolution R-20-04 supporting legislation for the Georgia Local Government Infrastructure Finance Authority Act (SB309) was adopted.

City Manager Arnold explained the positive implications of supporting SB309.

Mayor Garrett stated that Resolution R-20-04 would be made available on the City website.

City Manager Arnold announced the names of the staff members at the Police Department who had recently been promoted.

City Manager Arnold stated that the Georgia Municipal Association had awarded the inaugural Visionary City award to the City for the Better Together Initiative.

Mr. Junger presented an update on the structure located at 901 South Candler Street that was demolished due to property violations.

Mr. Junger stated that the DeKalb County Division of Family and Children Services (DFACS) office has moved from its location at 178 Sams Street to 2300 Parklake Drive Northeast in Atlanta.

Commissioner Mayer thanked Mr. Helfrich for his work and presentation.

Commissioner Mayer shared her experience from the City Commission’s annual retreat.

Commissioner Mayer encouraged everyone to celebrate Black History Month through the various community events.


Commissioner Dusenbury concurred with Commissioner Mayer and lauded the work done by Mr. Helfrich and his team.

Commissioner Walsh stated that she enjoyed the City Commission’s annual retreat and noted that she valued the learning from the two-day exercise.

Commissioner Walsh commended the partnership between the City and the City Schools of Decatur that demonstrated a dedication to supporting young athletes.

Commissioner Walsh thanked Mr. Madison for his presentation and work.

Commissioner Walsh thanked Mayor Garrett for the State of the City address.
Mayor pro tem Powers reminded everyone that the next City Commission meeting would be held on February 24, 2020.

Mayor pro tem Powers invited everyone to the Generational Jig organized by the Decatur Youth Council on February 29, 2020 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Decatur Recreation Center. He added that the tickets would be available on freshtix.com.

Mayor pro tem Powers commended Mayor Garrett for the State of the City address.

Mayor pro tem Powers stated that he appreciated the time that was invested towards the City Commission’s annual retreat by the Commissioners and staff.

Mayor Garrett stated that the Oakhurst Neighborhood Association quarterly meeting would be held on February 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Garrett thanked Ms. Evanovich for organizing Arbor Day and encouraged everyone to participate.

Mayor Garrett concurred with Commissioner Mayer and encouraged everyone to celebrate and recognize Black History Month.

Mayor Garrett reminded everyone that the Strategic Plan’s Citizen Roundtables were underway and encouraged everyone to participate.

Mayor Garrett thanked the City Commission and staff for the highly informative and productive annual retreat.

The City Commission congratulated the Police Department staff members on their recent promotions.

The City Commission congratulated the baseball signees and wished them well.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Meredith Roark
City Clerk