

**MINUTES
DECATUR CITY COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting
May 17, 2021
Via Video Teleconference: 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Garrett called the Regular Meeting of the Decatur City Commission to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of May 3, 2021 were approved on a motion by Mayor pro tem Powers, second by Commissioner Walsh; and, all voting “aye.”

PROCLAMATION.

Mayor Garrett read a proclamation in recognition of the Center for Disease Control’s Active People, Healthy Nation Initiative. She recognized the role of Decatur resident and Acting Chief of the CDC’s Physical Activity and Health Branch Ken Rose who invited the City to participate. She thanked Active Living Director Greg White and Assistant Director Cheryl Burnette for their input in bringing the proclamation forward. She added that the Active Living division would share information regarding participation.

PRESENTATION – DECATUR YOUTH COUNCIL.

Mayor pro tem Powers acknowledged graduating Decatur Youth Council (DYC) members Erin Gaul, Sydney Fessenden, Charlie Wheelock and Alden Wright. He also acknowledged DYC members Amani Saleem, Ana Villavasso and Salmoncain Smith-Shomade who were present at the meeting. 2020-2021 DYC Chair Erin Gaul and Vice-Chair Sydney Fessenden presented an annual report on the DYC’s accomplishments in 2020-2021.

Mayor Garrett thanked the DYC for its presentation and added that she hoped that Decatur’s youth would return and want to live in the City after graduating college.

Mayor pro tem Powers stated that he was thrilled to work with the DYC and to watch them grow. He also stated that he looked forward to seeing who would pick up the torch for the upcoming year.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walsh, Ms. Gaul stated that Decatur was an excellent place to grow up that exposed her to a lot. She added that she viewed the City as a microcosm of all the world’s beauty and as well as many of the world’s problems.

Commissioner Walsh stated that the graduating DYC members were going to serve as great ambassadors for the City of Decatur and thanked them for their service.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walsh, DYC member Charlie Wheelock stated that the City was an enclave within the greater City of Atlanta. He added that the City had

the feel of a small town and the resources of a big city. He stated that Decatur had been one of his favorite cities to live in.

Mayor Garrett thanked the 2020-2021 Decatur Youth Council.

PRESENTATION – 2020 DECATUR DESIGN AWARD WINNERS – HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.

Planner Aileen de la Torre presented the 2020 Decatur Design Awards in recognition of projects and individuals promoting excellence in preservation, design, sustainability and advocacy.

Mayor Garrett thanked the Historic Preservation Commission for its work and stated that she was looking forward to seeing the medallions on various structures around the City.

PRESENTATION – REVISED 2020-2021 AND PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGETS.

City Manager Arnold presented the revised 2020-2021 and the proposed 2021-2022 budgets to the City Commission. She provided a brief summary of the proposed budget and announced the public hearing dates on the budget and the millage rates. She stated that there would be an expanded budget work session with the City Commission on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. which would be open to the public to observe online. She recommended that the City Commission establish budget public hearing dates on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. and Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. She added that the cover of the budget document featured an original work of art by Decatur artist Adam Pinsley.

Mayor Garrett stated that she was excited about the concept of the budget as art and that she was excited to delve into the proposed budget in the coming weeks.

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT TO REDEVELOPMENT PLAN – TAX ALLOCATION DISTRICT NO. 1 – EAST DECATUR

City Manager Arnold stated that in 2015, the City adopted the Tax Allocation District (TAD) Redevelopment Plan for East Decatur. She also stated that the proposed amendment was to make it clear that the City could use TAD proceeds on infrastructure specifically for affordable housing. She added that the amendment included changes to the parcel IDs in the TAD based on parcel subdivisions and a proposed redevelopment project. She stated that the requirement for legal notice of an amendment to the plan had been met.

Mayor Garrett opened the public hearing for comment.

Michael Black, 115 Ansley Street, spoke in support of the proposed amendment.

Hearing no additional comments, Mayor Garrett closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Mayor Garrett opened the meeting for public comment.

Michael Black, 115 Ansley Street, spoke in support of the Clean Energy Plan and Phase Two of the GEFA Solar Resiliency Program. He commended everyone involved and stated that he looked forward to the City's responses to climate change.

Hearing no additional comments, Mayor Garrett closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE 2021 MILLAGE RATES.

City Manager Arnold stated that there were three ordinances establishing tentative millage rates. She also stated that state law required tentative establishment of millage rates prior to final adoption. She added that the presented budget was built on the millage rates the City Commission was going to be asked to adopt. She stated that despite small adjustments between various funds, the millage rate was going to remain at 13.92 mills. She recommended reducing the debt service millage by 0.12 mills and shifting it over to the capital improvement fund millage rate for capital infrastructure needs. She added that the change was going to result in a shift in capital improvement fund millage from 2.15 to 2.27 and a shift in debt service fund millage from 2.58 to 2.46. She also stated that the millage rates assumed a 5% increase in the real property tax digest from the DeKalb County Board of Tax Assessors that had not been received yet.

City Manager Arnold stated that in 1999 the Georgia General Assembly enacted what was commonly referred to as the "Truth in Taxation" legislation. She stated that the purpose of the legislation was to require local governments to either rollback the millage rate equal to the total value of increased reassessments on real property; or, to provide advertisements, notice and public hearings if the local government intended to adopt a millage rate in excess of the "rollback" rate. She stated that the City had not received the report from the County with the value of reassessments. She added that if the proposed millage rate of 13.92 mills exceeded the rollback rate, a series of public hearings would have to be held and the calculated increase would have to be advertised. She stated that if the proposed millage rate of 13.92 mills exceeded the rollback rate, public hearings were to be held on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and Monday, June 21, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. She added that the times were subject to change. She added that the Truth in Taxation legislation required that the City Commission adopt Ordinances O-21-10, O-21-11 and O-21-12 establishing tentative millage rates. She added that adoption of the final millage rates would be presented for consideration on Monday, June 21, 2021.

In response to a question from Commissioner Dusenbury, City Manager Arnold stated that the budget document was built off of the proposed millage rates. She also stated that the estimated tax increment was going to be distributed from the general fund, the capital fund and the DDA fund and into the TAD fund. She stated that it had already been taken into consideration. She stated that there was a line item displaying a transfer of TAD funds.

In response to a question from Mayor pro tem Powers, City Manager Arnold stated that it was common to have not received the tax digest by this time. She also stated that there was a chance that the number could be higher than estimated from the County. She added that she expected some level of adjustment to the digest following appeals.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walsh, City Manager Arnold stated that the ability to reduce the debt service fund millage drove the ability to increase the capital improvement fund millage. She also stated that the annual debt service was a fairly constant amount into the foreseeable future. She added that if the millage rate remained the same but the digest increased, the City would bring in more than needed to fund debt service. She stated that the debt service fund had a small fund balance to be spent and shifted to capital improvement.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walsh, City Manager Arnold stated that the capital improvement fund millage rate was a part of the general fund and was split apart for budget purposes.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Powers, second by Commissioner Dusenbury; and, all voting “aye,” Ordinance O-21-10 tentatively establishing the General Fund tax rate was adopted.

On a motion by Commissioner Walsh, second by Mayor pro tem Powers; and, all voting “aye,” Ordinance O-21-11 tentatively establishing the Bond Fund tax rate was adopted.

On a motion by Commissioner Dusenbury, second by Commissioner Mayer; and, all voting “aye,” Ordinance O-21-12 tentatively establishing the Downtown Development Authority Fund tax rate was adopted.

FACE COVERING ORDINANCE.

City Manager Arnold stated that on July 20, 2020, the City Commission adopted Ordinance O-20-09, as amended, requiring face coverings to be worn in public during the COVID-19 public health emergency. She stated that the ordinance had been extended a number of times and was in effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 17, 2021. She also stated that on May 13, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued advice that people who were fully vaccinated against COVID-19 could discontinue wearing masks in most settings. She added that on the same date, the vaccine rollout was expanded to include children ages 12-15 years old. She stated that according to the CDC’s Vaccine Data Tracker, as of May 17, 2021, 20.3% of the DeKalb County population over the age of 12 was vaccinated. She stated that this figure was compared to 43.9% of the U.S. population over the age of 12. She stated that following the increased vaccine accessibility, it was prudent to wait approximately 4-5 weeks to provide an opportunity for all people ages 12 and up to become fully vaccinated. She stated that the extended window provided an opportunity to re-visit the face covering ordinance at the June 21, 2021 City Commission meeting. She recommended that the face covering ordinance be extended through June 21, 2021 through the adoption of Ordinance O-21-13.

Mayor pro tem Powers stated that he was encouraged by mask compliance in the community. He also stated that the City had an obligation to provide those in the 12-15 age range the same opportunity afforded to all other communities who have had the opportunity to become fully vaccinated.

Commissioner Dusenbury stated that the numbers were disappointing and shared his hope for increased vaccinations.

Mayor Garrett stated that the State was sending zip code-specific data on vaccinations soon.

Commissioner Walsh stated that she supported giving those in the 12-15 age group more time for full vaccination and broader, more equitable access. She also stated that she appreciated the community's commitment to public health.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Powers, second by Commissioner Walsh; and, all voting "aye," Ordinance O-21-13 was adopted.

CITY OF DECATUR TAX ALLOCATION DISTRICT NO. 1 – EAST DECATUR.

City Manager Arnold stated that the Tax Allocation District (TAD) No. 1 – East Decatur was created in 2015 as a part of the redevelopment plan, which anticipated broad use of tax proceeds. She stated that eligible uses of TAD proceeds included parks, streets, sidewalks, roads, signage and more on public or private development. She added that it included paying for public amenities. She stated that the state redevelopment powers law and the redevelopment plan were fairly generous in opportunities for infrastructure improvements funded by TAD proceeds within the district. She also stated that an amendment to the redevelopment plan was proposed because of a redevelopment project that was brought forward requesting use of TAD proceeds to cover partial infrastructure costs that would result in 70 affordable housing units for seniors.

City Manager Arnold that the original development plan gave the City Commission flexibility to use TAD proceeds for infrastructure and that the amendment was to make it explicitly clear that the proceeds could be used on infrastructure in support of affordable housing. She also stated that there were other minor changes to the plan including: recognition of subdivision of parcels and full description of the redevelopment project presented. She stated that the project was envisioned as part of the original Columbia Park transit-oriented development (TOD); however, it was a general plan. She recommended including the proposed housing development as part of the redevelopment plan now that there was a specific project. She added that there was a subsequent agenda item related to the project requesting funding from the TAD. She stated that adoption of the resolution amending the plan did not approve the project funding.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walsh, City Manager Arnold stated that the City Schools of Decatur property referenced in the 2015 redevelopment plan was Talley Street Upper Elementary School.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Powers, second by Commissioner Walsh; all voting "aye," Resolution R-21-09 was adopted.

TAX ALLOCATION DISTRICT N. 1 – EAST DECATUR FUNDING REQUEST.

City Manager Arnold recommended conditional commitment of \$438,100 in grant funding from the Tax Allocation District No. 1 – East Decatur to cover infrastructure costs in support of the affordable housing development, Decatur East Phase II. She stated that the developer was Columbia Residential and introduced Christina Davis from Columbia Residential who was present to answer questions. She also stated that Columbia Residential had developed East Decatur Phase I comprised of 92 units of affordable housing for seniors located at East

College Avenue and East Freeman Street. She added that Columbia was requesting funding from the TAD in East Decatur for proceeds toward the development of East Decatur Phase II located between Sams Street and East Freeman Street on the backside of Phase I. She stated that the proposed development was composed of 80 units, with 70 of the units set aside to be affordable housing units; of that, 61 units were up to 60% of the area median income (AMI) and 9 units were up to 50% of the AMI. She noted that the remaining 10 units were at market rates. She added that while Columbia Residential was requesting a grant from the tax proceeds in the amount of \$428,100, the total project costs were estimated to be over \$21 million.

City Manager Arnold stated that the TAD was created by the City Commission in 2015 to leverage tax digest growth from private investment in the district. She also stated incremental tax proceeds were invested back into the district to advance the redevelopment plan. She added that the request was for infrastructure for affordable housing, which was allowed by the redevelopment plan and the state Redevelopment Powers law. She stated that this was an opportunity for the City to achieve 70 units of affordable housing at roughly \$6,260 per unit compared to up to \$260,000 per unit at market rate for new construction. She also stated that Columbia Residential was seeking funds from a variety of sources including the City and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). She added that local government support was part of the DCA criteria for assessing Low Income Housing Tax Credit applications and that the City was asked to conditionally commit the proposed amount.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mayer, City Manager Arnold stated that the funding was conditional upon Columbia Residential producing the project it said it would produce. She stated that a letter of support from the City would be included in the application process. She added that it would detail the grant amount and expectations for pricing of units at AMI levels. She stated that it also depended on their ability to garner funds from other sources.

Columbia Residential Development Manager Christina Davis stated that receipt of funds would be conditional upon the receipt of the low income housing tax credits. She also stated that it was a competitive application. She added that it would also be dependent upon Columbia Residential's ability to restrict properties at AMI levels as indicated by City Manager Arnold.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mayer, Ms. Davis stated that decisions were up to DCA. She stated that if the application was unsuccessful this year, they would try again the following funding round. She added that it would be up to the City to specify the funding round in the conditions to refrain from committing funds for the future. She stated that it was a helpful component of the application in a rising cost market.

Commissioner Mayer stated that she was concerned about affordability being age-restrictive. She added that she was always thrilled to have more affordable housing added in Decatur.

Ms. Davis stated that the development was adjacent to an existing senior community. She added that the low income housing tax credit program required developers to focus on either seniors or families as target residents.

Mayor pro tem Powers stated that he was excited for the new model for senior housing and that he was excited to see generational diversity in the City with Columbia Residential's offering.

In response to a question from Mayor Garrett, Ms. Davis stated that if approved, the funds would be received through the Decatur Housing Authority.

In response to a question from Commissioner Dusenbury, Ms. Davis stated that the housing would be affordable for 30 years. She stated that the receipt of public subsidy was a typical part of funding affordable housing. She also stated that the 9% tax credit allowed for a carryover letter that would allow the developer to take advantage of the tax credit at the Federal level if they delivered what they said they would. She added that there was a Georgia tax credit that mirrored the federal program. She stated that Columbia Residential worked with developed relationships to find the right investors for communities and competitively bid and sold the tax credits. She stated that it helped them buy down the first mortgages and offer housing at lower costs.

Commissioner Dusenbury stated that there was some pushback in the community regarding the City giving the funds to developers in addition to concern over the use of the land if the deal fell through. He stated that Mayor Garrett offered context and guidance on the complexities of the situation. He stated that it seemed that the property was going to be developed regardless and the City had an opportunity to provide a subsidy that would guarantee more affordable housing than would be provided otherwise. He encouraged the City Commission to be proactive in assessing possible quality of life investments for the future.

In response to a question from Commissioner Dusenbury, City Manager Arnold stated that DeKalb County and City Schools of Decatur were not participating in the TAD. She also stated that there were a number of opportunities on a project-by-project basis for school system participation despite lack of full participation.

Commissioner Dusenbury stated that while he was not typically in support of providing subsidies to developers, he believed that the outcomes of the investment to benefit of the City were substantial.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Powers, second by Commissioner Mayer; and, all voting "aye," the conditional commitment from the Tax Allocation District No. 1 – East Decatur was approved as recommended.

OAKHURST TENNIS COURT RESURFACING.

Deputy City Manager Hugh Saxon recommended establishment of a construction budget of \$15,000 and award of a contract for repairs and resurfacing of the Oakhurst Park tennis courts to Southeastern Tennis Courts of Lilburn, in the amount of \$11,800. He stated that the work included repairs to the base surface and structural cracks with acrylic cement, application of resurface material and the acrylic playing surface, striping the courts, resetting the nets and clean up. He also stated that the project was an interim plan to last 2-3 years, as the objective was to rebuild the entire court facility with new lighting, fencing and surfacing. He added that the City

was reevaluating the initial plan due to cost estimates. He stated that if the City tore up the existing slab for replacement, the City would have to provide on-site storm water retention per the City's storm water management requirements, increasing project costs. He also stated that the Active Living staff approached four tennis court contractors and received one responsive bid.

Commissioner Dusenbury encouraged the City Commission to look holistically at the City's situation as part of the upcoming recreational facilities master plan process.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walsh, Mr. Saxon stated that the City asked four total tennis court contractors for quotes. He added that the City received one proposal that was not responsive to the City's request and did not receive responses from two contractors. He stated that the only responsive bid was from Southeastern Tennis Courts. He added that a responsive bid entailed a bid submitted following a site visit that ensured familiarity with site conditions.

Commissioner Walsh stated that she was happy that the City found the contractor but was disappointed that the City could not pursue the larger project at the time. She stated that she wanted to ensure that the contractor was the only contractor who could complete the job.

Mr. Saxon stated that the work would last 2-3 years. He added that a more long-term improvement would require reconstruction or an alternative approach. He stated that there was a possibility of a surface similar to the one present at Scott Park or Glenlake Park. He added that members of the tennis community in Decatur indicated their desire for a faster surface.

In response to a question from Mayor Garrett, Mr. Saxon stated that the resurfacing was going to take place during the summer and would be complete in time for the fall season. He added that the courts were in use, but some of the teams were shifted to Glenlake Park for their spring season.

On a motion by Commissioner Dusenbury, second by Commissioner Walsh; and, all voting "aye," the budget and contract award were approved as recommended.

CLEAN ENERGY PLAN.

Lead for America Fellow David Nifong recommended establishment of a project budget of \$260,000 and approval of a contract in the amount of \$247,097 to Southface Institute for clean energy planning services. He stated that the work was expected to be complete by summer 2022. He also stated that the clean energy plan under the contract would guide the transition to clean energy sources for both City operations and the Decatur community. He added that upon establishment of goals, the plan would identify the most impactful actions that the City and community could take to reach clean energy targets. He stated that the scope of work was divided into 3 phases: baseline assessment and goal setting, action identification and prioritization and plan development and adoption. He also stated that in March 2021, the City released a request for proposals for clean energy planning services. He added that the City received four sealed proposals that met the outlined requirements on April 21, 2021. He stated that a seven-person panel evaluated the proposals, conducted interviews with all four firms and recommended Southface Institute because of its detailed approach to the project, demonstration

of necessary expertise and experience on related projects across the state of Georgia. He added that Southface was joined on the project by Greenlink Analytics (Greenlink) and the Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE). He stated that Greenlink Analytics was a leading energy research and advisory firm based in Atlanta. He also stated that the Center for Transportation and the Environment was a 501(c)(3) nonprofit planning and engineering organization advancing clean, sustainable transportation technologies. He added that Southface, Greenlink and CTE had successfully collaborated on a number of similar projects, including the City of Atlanta's 100% Clean Energy Plan and ongoing work on the Athens-Clarke County Clean Energy Plan. He stated that funding for the project was available in the FY 20-21 budget and that additional funding was requested in the FY 21-22 budget.

In response to a question from Mayor pro tem Powers, Mr. Nifong stated that the plan was not going to get down to the level of evaluating leaf blowers and would focus on evaluating fleets for transporting waste. He stated that the City could explore the costs of an add-on to the project and added that a revision of the City's sustainability policy as it related to equipment purchasing was due soon.

Assistant City Manager for Public Works David Junger stated that evaluation of options for blowers was a part of the budget process for buildings and ground maintenance.

Commissioner Walsh stated that the request for proposals was well written and attracted the right engagement. She also stated that she was excited for the community clean energy toolkit featured in phase three of the plan to be used by households, businesses and institutions.

Mayor Garrett stated that she thought it was helpful to provide additional information on the contents of the request for proposal to City Commission due to the significance of the financial commitment. She stated that the City would be receiving a lot of data and tools to use.

In response to a question from Mayor Garrett, Mr. Nifong stated that the City identified eight facilities for solar usage assessment in the scope of the plan: Fire Stations 1 and 2, Beacon Municipal Complex, City Hall, Public Works building, Ebster Recreation Center, Decatur Recreation Center and the Legacy Park administration building. He added that the plan was going to focus on facility audits and solar assessments in addition to roof mount solar photovoltaic and ground mount and parking canopies for those buildings.

Mayor Garrett thanked Decatur Environmental Sustainability Board Chair Michael Black for his participation in the selection and interview process.

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

PHASE TWO – GEFA SOLAR RESILIENCY PROGRAM.

Mr. Nifong recommended authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) as part of phase two of GEFA's Solar

Resiliency program. He stated that in June 2020, the City of Decatur was accepted to participate in phase one of the Solar Resiliency program, which provided technical assessments for the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) arrays and battery storage systems at the Decatur Recreation Center and the Public Works building. He added that in March 2021 the City Commission approved an application to phase two of the program, which aimed to incentivize the installation of solar and battery systems at critical facilities. He stated that the City submitted an application detailing the installation of a roof-mounted 100 kW solar array and 35 kW lithium-ion battery at the Public Works Building. He also stated that in April 2021, the City was accepted to participate in phase two of the Solar Resiliency program. He added that execution of the agreement the City would begin a competitive bidding process for design, engineering and installation for the system with an approximate total cost of \$500,000. He stated that upon completion of the installation, the City would invoice GEFA for reimbursement of \$200,000 of equipment and labor. He added that the net cost to the City was going to be approximately \$300,000.

In response to a question from Mayor Garrett, Mr. Nifong stated that the GEFA reimbursement was capped at \$200,000 or 85% of the total project costs. He added that after close of the bidding process, there would be an updated recommendation made to the City Commission.

On a motion by Commissioner Dusenbury, second by Mayor pro tem Powers; and, all voting “aye,” the authorization was granted as requested.

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS.

Jillian Eller of the Sierra Club thanked the City Commission for its support of the Clean Energy Plan and the Solar Resiliency Program.

REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS.

Mayor pro tem Powers presented appointments to the Lifelong Community Advisory Board. He stated that Susan Messing and Daniel Wirth were selected after an interview process.

On a motion by Commissioner Walsh, second by Mayor pro tem Powers; and, all voting “aye,” the following appointments were made to the Lifelong Community Advisory Board:

Susan Messing Appoint to 1st term through 12/31/2022

Daniel Wirth Appoint to 1st term through 12/31/2023

City Manager Arnold congratulated several staff members who had recently graduated: Affordable Housing Fellow Kristin Allin with a Master’s degree in Urban Studies from Georgia State University, Acting Police Chief Scott Richards with a Master’s degree in Public Safety Administration from Columbus State University and Communications Manager Renae Madison with a Master’s degree in Writing and Digital Communication from Agnes Scott College.

Planning and Economic Development Director Angela Threadgill presented an update on the Strategic Plan process. She stated that the City was in the drafting phase, and the consulting team was distilling input received by the City over the course of 17 months. She also stated that the team was drafting recommendations in the categories of mobility, housing, civic trust, economic development, climate action and equity and racial justice. She added that the first

round of feedback was being hosted over a period 6 weeks and that the community was invited to participate via online survey questions on a weekly basis. She also stated that various community boards and commissions were also asked for feedback. She stated that the initial draft of the strategic plan document was going to be presented at a joint work session with the Planning Commission on June 21, 2021. She added that there were going to be additional feedback opportunities for 5 ½ weeks following the work session. She stated that the DCA was conducting concurrent review of the document during that time period. She also stated that a second draft was going to be presented at a work session on August 2, 2021. She added that there were plans to receive final draft recommendations from the Planning Commission on August 10, 2021 and to present the final document for City Commission consideration on August 16, 2021.

In response to a question from Mayor Garrett, Ms. Threadgill stated that the full document was going to be released on June 22, 2021 along with draft recommendations for additional public comment.

Mr. Junger stated that the City was making improvements on the South Candler corridor. He stated that the City Commission recently approved a contract for construction of the new pedestrian crossing at Agnes Scott College. He also stated that the project was complete and was in a 30 day monitoring period.

Mayor Garrett stated that she was glad to have the pedestrian crossing.

City Manager Arnold stated that the City would be releasing information on reopening plans in the near future in small pieces. She added that outdoor pools were going to be reopened over Memorial Day weekend at limited capacities. She stated that the Oakhurst indoor pool would be reopened on June 1, 2021. She also stated that the Decatur Recreation Center, Ebster Recreation Center and Decatur Legacy Park facilities would be open for children's recreation activities at limited capacities. She added that there were plans for a broader reopening in August.

Commissioner Mayer stated that she was excited to hear about the phases of the reopening plans and added that the City's planned communications would be helpful for parents.

Commissioner Mayer stated that she was impressed by the accomplishments of the youth of Decatur over the last year.

Commissioner Mayer stated that she appreciated the art by Adam Pinsley featured on the 2021-2022 budget front cover.

Commissioner Mayer stated that she had several neighbors who were excited for the progress being made at the Oakhurst tennis courts.

Commissioner Dusenbury stated that he was excited about the passage of the Clean Energy Plan funding and the phase two GEFA Solar Resiliency program.

Commissioner Walsh congratulated families graduating young people.

Commissioner Walsh stated that she was grateful for the opportunity to make major decisions related to affordable housing and the environment.

Commissioner Walsh invited the public to participate in Truckin' Tuesdays.

Mayor pro tem Powers stated that along with Truckin' Tuesdays at Decatur Legacy Park on Tuesday, May 18th, the DYC movie night was beginning at 8:15 p.m. and that they had selected to show Disney's Lilo and Stitch.

Mayor pro tem Powers recognized the outgoing senior members of the DYC and stated that he enjoyed working with them and looked forward to learning of their future accomplishments.

Mayor pro tem Powers stated that he was pleased with the outcomes of the meeting.

Mayor pro tem Powers encouraged the public to view the chalk art in downtown Decatur.

Mayor Garrett stated that the City was recognized by the Walk Friendly Communities Program as a Gold Level Walk Friendly Community.

Mayor Garrett invited the public to participate in the 'Police on the Path' bike ride in honor of bike month. She stated that the gathering was at 1:00 p.m. on May 18, 2021 at the Decatur Police Department.

The City Commission congratulated Acting Chief Richards, Ms. Madison and Ms. Allin for their recent graduations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Meredith Roark
City Clerk