

**MINUTES  
TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009  
8:30 a.m.**

The Mayor and City Council met in a Special Meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the Court Chambers of the Municipal Complex after having recessed from their meeting of September 15, 2009. Mayor Smith presided over the meeting and all Council Members were present except Council Member Mickens, along with the General Counsel, the COO and the CFO.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION:**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. Council Member Taylor offered the Invocation.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss/approve matching funds for the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drainage Project.

**II. DISCUSS/APPROVE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE DRAINAGE PROJECT**

- A. Discuss/Approve authorization for the Federal Programs Director to request funds.

George Irby approached the Mayor and Council regarding matching funds for the 592 Grant, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drainage Project. Mr. Irby reported that the Home Improvement Fund account has a large enough balance to loan the funds from that account to the City's General Fund. Mike Bernsen suggested the following options: one, is to wait and see how the cash is flowing in the general fund; and, two, is for the General Fund to borrow from the Home Improvement Fund. The budget will need to be amended. The 592 matching funds for the project is \$275,000. Council Member Karriem made a motion to go forward with the 592 Grant Application and commitment for matching funds for the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drainage Project with the options discussed. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed.

- B. Discuss/Approve advertising for request for Engineering Proposals for the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drainage Project.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to advertise for Engineering Proposals for the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drainage Project and authorize George Irby to sign off. Council Member Karriem seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed.

**III. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Smith asked if there was any additional business to come before the Council. There being none, Council Member Stewart made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Karriem seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed.

**Approved by:**

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Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

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Mike Bernsen  
Secretary-Treasurer

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