

BUDGET WORKSHOP – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 26, 2018

The February 26, 2018 Workshop Meeting was called to order immediately following the regular meeting in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street by Mayor Booker T. Gainor. Present were Mayor Pro tem Robert L. Gwaltney and Council Members Demario J. Byrden, Jerry L. Cox, James H. Douglas, and Lannis Thornton. Staff Members present were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Carolyn Lee. Also in attendance were Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, and Times Enterprise Reporter, Jordan Barela.

City Manager Addleton reviewed the updated mission, goals, and values of the City, presenting his 2018 Strategic Plan for improving the financial condition of the City, maintaining and improving City infrastructure, improving overall City appearance, developing a growth plan for the City, and improving the quality of life in Cairo.

City Manager Addleton presented a power point of historical graphs showing ad valorem tax, the net tax digest and net millage rates, total revenue for all funds, and long-term debt reduction.

Also shown and discussed were FY 2018 and FY 2019 Capital Budget Priorities. In addition to those completed and incomplete at this time for 2018, the 2019 priorities included the rehabilitation of MacIvor Water Plant, new Police Station, WWTP Dewatering/Sludge Press, CDBG 15th St., SW/Legion Blvd. Match, Little Tired Creek Water Main Loop, Public Works Dump Truck, Phase 7 Street Resurfacing, Landfill G&T Cell Closure, and Public Works Building.

A summary of funding sources included SPLOST 2014, balances in the MEAG Short-Term Portfolio Flexible Operating Accounts EOY 2010 to 2017, as well as Landfill Closure/Post Closure Restricted Funds, Various Grants, and the Annual Budget.

(A copy of the presentation is being made a part of and included with these minutes).

Council discussed various items, with Councilman Douglas noting that the Grant Ave. Stormwater Project was not included, and City Manager Addleton advised that it was pushed out to another fiscal year. Councilman Douglas wanted it put in the Capital Budget Priorities for 2019. He also wanted to go ahead and start planning for the purchase of new Christmas Decorations for 2018. He suggested that a TSPLOST for paving, in cooperation with Grady County, could be something to consider as well.

In closing, City Manager Addleton handed out copies of the Budget Calendar, and the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

BOOKER T. GAINOR, MAYOR

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK