

## **JUNE 29, 2020**

A Special Called virtual meeting was held at the M.S. Bailey Center at 6:00 PM with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Cook, Jenkins, Kuykendall, Neal, Roth and Walsh along with the Martha Dendy Community Center, Inc. The members of this committee are Velma Austin, Ernestine Simpson, Costell Little, Pamela Peake, Ricky Johnson, Timothy Gary, and Anthony Sims. The City Manager was also present. No Local news media was present. An invitation was sent to all local news media on June 18, 2020. The virtual meeting was live streamed on the City's Facebook

### **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Councilmember Cook.

### **MARTHA DENDY**

Mayor McLean stated that Council and the Martha Dendy Community Center, Inc would discuss the Martha Dendy property. Mayor McLean stated that Councilmembers Cook and Jenkins along with the Mayor met several times with the Martha Dendy Community Center regarding the Martha Dendy property. Mayor McLean stated that Council has passed a Resolution transferring the property to the Martha Dendy Community Center and this group has acquired their non-profit status. Mayor McLean stated that the City would have to close out the grant for this property before the transfer is complete. Mayor McLean stated that during these meetings some terms discussed were the Martha Dendy Community Center Inc would receive \$50,000 the first year and \$10,000 the next five years and the City would also maintain the landscape for five years. Mr. Little stated that at the last Council meeting it was determined to put a shelter at the Martha Dendy property but that has not been done yet. Mr. Little stated that the City was to cut the grass for five years and give the Martha Dendy Community Center \$50,000 for five years. Mayor McLean stated that he could not promise these funds without the vote of Council. Councilmember Jenkins stated that she would make a motion to give the Martha Dendy Community Center \$50,000 the first year and to cut the grass for five years and seconded by Councilmember Walsh. Councilmember Jenkins stated that she knows Council would have to vote on the \$50,000 every year. Mayor McLean stated that an issue is if the current Council could bind a future Council to this agreement. Mayor McLean stated that Council may have to visit this contract in two years because there may be new Councilmembers. Councilmember Jenkins amended her motion to the City would give the Martha Dendy Community Center \$50,000 for two years plus cut the grass for five years and Councilmember Walsh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Councilmember Kuykendall asked what would be the total amount and Mayor McLean stated \$100,000. Councilmember Walsh asked if the proposed shelter would be for picnics and Mr. Little stated yes. Mr. Ricky Johnson stated that Carolina Concrete has pledged to pour a 16X20 concrete pad.

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Mr. Johnson stated that the Mayor stated the City would have enough funds to build the shelter. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if the location for the shelter has been designated. Councilmember Jenkins asked if the City would have funds to build a shelter and what is the cost of the shelter. Mayor McLean asked how much would the materials cost for the shelter and Mr. Johnson stated about \$1,000. Mr. Johnson stated that citizens in the Community could construct the shelter. Councilmember Roth asked if the Martha Dendy Community Center wanted electricity to the shelter and Mr. Johnson stated yes. Mr. Johnson stated that this is just the materials to build the shelter and this cost does not include lights or wiring. Mayor McLean asked if Mr. Johnson could give the City a list of the needed materials and Mr. Johnson stated yes. Mr. Johnson stated that the recent storm caused some damage to the Martha Dendy roof and Mayor McLean stated that the City would look into the problem. Ms. Austin stated that the committee would like Wi-Fi at some point and would the City or the School District help with that project. Mr. Higgs, Assistant City Manager, stated that the City would have to contact Charter to see what would be involved with the project. Ms. Austin asked how long of a partnership would the City have with Martha Dendy Community Center. Councilmember Walsh asked if the committee had a website that citizens could access in order to help or donate funds to the project and Ms. Pamela Peake stated yes. Mayor McLean stated that the City could put the information on the City's website as well as put the information in the utility bill statement. Mr. Higgs stated that the City would have to seek legal advice in regards to the partnership. Mr. Higgs stated that current Council has to be careful not to bind future Councils to this project.

**ADJOURN**

With there being no further business before Council Councilmember Walsh made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

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**MAYOR**