

MINUTES
WORKSESSION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012
6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Ralph Moore, Councilmembers Shirley Jackson, Brian Jones, Angelette Mealing and Vince Williams, City Attorney Dennis Davenport, City Manager Steve Rapson, City Clerk Jacqueline R. Cossey and Assistant City Clerk Tameca White

I. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

Swearing-in of Councilmembers Brian Jones and Vince Williams (Incumbents)

City Clerk receives CMC Designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC)

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Worksession Meeting, None
Regular Council Meeting, 12/12/2011

The minutes were added to the consent agenda as written.

Councilmember Williams stated that on page 1 of the minutes states that Tarsha Patterson received the financial award which sounds made up.

Mr. Rapson stated that the award is actually called the Comprehensive Financial Annual Review (CFAR) Award.

II. OLD BUSINESS: None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS: *(Determine Items for Consent Agenda)*

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Council, and will be approved by one motion. No separate discussion will take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration.

1. Council to consider re-appointment of the City Clerk, Jacqueline R. Cossey.

This item was added to the regular agenda.

2. Council to consider re-appointment of Department Directors:

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| City Attorney: | McNally, Fox, Grant & Davenport |
| Fire Chief: | Donald Leasher |
| Jail Chief: | John Mansch |
| Police Chief: | Charles Odom |

Public Services Director: Sylvester Alexander
City Engineer: Keck & Wood

The annual appointments were added to the regular agenda.

Councilmember Mealing asked how much work does the City Engineer perform for the City, now that Mr. Alexander is on board as an employee.

Mr. Rapson stated considerably less. He added that he has decreased Keck & Wood's year to date expenditures substantially within the last year and a half. He added that it is primarily in Public Works due to bringing Sylvester on board.

3. Council to consider appointment of Mayor Pro-tem for 2012.

Mayor Moore stated that it is Councilmember Jackson's turn to serve as Mayor Pro-tem.

This item was added to the regular agenda.

4. Council to consider approval of request to initiate a text amendment to amend the sign ordinance.

City Planner Ann Lippmann stated that it was recently brought to her attention that our sign ordinance, as it deals with window signs, prohibits illuminated signs so in order to assist our business community she would like to allow them to have up to two square feet which would be equivalent to the size of an open sign. She added that some people were sited because by the time it was brought to her attention Code Enforcement had issued citations. Ms. Lippmann continued that this is a good opportunity to take a look at the sign ordinance and get some feedback from the Planning Commission, so if it is the Council pleasure, she would refer this item to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Moore suggested that Ms. Lippmann ask the Planning Commission to consider an overall square footage of signage regardless of what type of sign it is. He added that there could be a minimum and a maximum of free standing. He concluded sometimes you may not want to dictate signage to the business community when they know best what gets their message out and let them decide how they want to allocate the signage.

Ms. Lippmann was agreeable to the suggestion.

This item was added to the regular agenda.

5. **Public Hearing** to consider a petition submitted by Tri Luong Bui for on-premise consumption of malt, vinous and spirituous liquors with Sunday Sales for Citizens Lanes, LLC located at 5100 Goodson Connector, Union City, GA.

Mayor Moore stated that he thought that it was still Gladys Knight Lane.

Mr. Rapson stated that the street name is actually still named after Gladys Knight, but he just received a pending request from Citizens Lane and that request will appear on the agenda in February.

Councilmember Jackson stated that the address needs to be corrected until the request is approved.

Councilmember Williams stated that the other name is throughout the document.

Mr. Rapson stated that the name is actually correct because he will be putting the sign back up in the interim, but it will be changed again.

Mr. Williams asked if the name would return to Goodson Connector again.

Mr. Rapson stated that they would like to change the sign to Citizens Lane if the Council approves of it. He added that this is what should be on the business license for the alcohol business license.

Councilmember Williams stated that for now it should be Gladys Knight Lane because the request is to change the name in February, possibly. He then reiterated that for now it should remain Gladys Knight Lane in order to be correct.

Mr. Rapson agreed.

Mayor Moore informed Mr. Rapson to leave the name as Gladys Knight Lane until Council approves another name.

This item was added to the regular agenda.

6. Council to consider reappointing Shayla Nealy to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission.

City Planner Ann Lippmann stated that this is just a house keeping matter. She added that Ms. Nealy replaced Edward Allen and Mr. Williams replaced Mr. Tucker. She further added that Mr. Allen's position is up for re-appointment in January 2012, so as a point of housekeeping; the Council needs to appoint Ms. Nealy to a 3 year full term.

This item was added to the consent agenda.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. **Public Hearing** to consider a map amendment to the Official Zoning Map for rezoning of 49.655 acres of property located along Stonewall Tell Road from R-3 to TCMU by Stonewall Three, LLC.
Planning Commission recommendation – approval

City Planner Ann Lippmann led this discussion and stated that this is the tract of property that Ornstein- Schuler Capital Partners annexed last year and they have submitted a request to have this rezoned from R-3 to TCMU. She added that she notified Fulton County and did not receive an

objection. She further added that it also went to the Planning Commission in December and they recommended approval of the request.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

City Manager Reports:

Mr. Rapson provided an update regarding the following:

- Trail Grant Exercise Equipment should be installed this month

He stated that the equipment is currently being installed. He added that there are 5 different units and three are already installed and they will be installing the remaining two by the end of this week. He concluded that Public Works has done an outstanding job getting the equipment installed.

- American Gem Profiles film release

He stated that we should have the recorded segment back at the end of the month and we will have one opportunity to change just the photos and there will not be any more changes to the script or the video after that it will run within six to eight weeks. He concluded that once he receives the date that it will run, he will inform the Mayor and Council as well as obtain a copy to view.

- Grand Opening of the Trail

He stated that he sent an email requesting that the grand opening of the trail to be February 13. He added that he only heard back from Councilmember Mealing, but if the Council is agreeable to that date, he will schedule the grand opening for February 13, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. prior to the Worksession.

Mayor Moore stated that he will consider the agenda set.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Councilmember Jones seconded by Councilmember Williams and carried, the meeting adjourned.