

MINUTES
 WORKSESSION MEETING
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013
 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Ralph Moore, Councilmembers Shirley Jackson, Brian Jones, Angelette Mealing and Vince Williams, Interim City manager Sonja Fillingame, City Attorney Dennis Davenport and Community Development Director Ann Lippmann

Absent: City Clerk Jacqueline R. Cossey and Assistant City Clerk Tameca White

I. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Ralph Moore's State of the City Address (*February 19, 2013 Regular Council Meeting*)

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:	Worksession Meeting, 01/07/13
	Regular Council Meeting, 01/15/13

No corrections or amendments were made. The minutes were added to the consent agenda as written.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

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 items is desired, the item will be moved to the Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration.

1. Council to consider request by Christopher Lloyd Dwyer regarding an alternative payment method for the alcoholic beverage license for Signature Sports Bar & Grill.

Interim City Manager Sonja Fillingame stated that this item should be pulled from the agenda at this time. Payment has been made and a license issued. Item was not added to the agenda.

2. Council to determine potential actions regarding revocation of the occupational tax permit held by Tire Mart LLC pursuant to Code of Ordinance Section 9-11 (c).

City Attorney Dennis Davenport stated that he had reviewed the information in the book and had additional information to share with Council. There are revocation procedures for occupational tax certificates in the Code. He added that for due cause, after holding a public hearing, you can revoke a license. To paraphrase the Code due cause is defined as a violation of state law. Council is familiar with this from Alcoholic Beverage License procedures. For example a clerk gets cited for selling alcohol to a minor, they go to Municipal Court and if they are found guilty Council is notified and hold a public hearing and because they were found guilty the license is revoked. The difference with this case is they haven't gotten to the stage of being found guilty. They aren't even charged so anything can

happen at this point. They could be found guilty, not guilty or plea bargain. Ultimately there will be some sort of judicial disposition. At that stage if they did violate a State and/or Federal law that is grounds for due cause revocation after holding a public hearing. Council can do that in the future if they are found guilty of violating a law but is good to be put on notice now that it is an option to consider down the road when judicial disposition has taken place.

Councilmember Jackson asked that in other words this is a little premature.

City Attorney Davenport replied, "Yes".

Mayor Moore asked if Council had any objections to removing this item from the agenda. There were no objections and the item was removed.

3. Council to consider request to amend the Charter pertaining to compensation for members of the Mayor and Council. (First Reading)

Mayor Moore stated that this is the First Reading of a Charter amendment and Council will need to take action tonight.

City Attorney Davenport stated, "Yes".

Mayor Moore asked if there were any questions after reading the proposed amendment.

Councilmember Jones asked if a motion was needed for the first or second item.

City Attorney Davenport stated, "Both".

On motion of Councilmember Jones seconded by Councilmember Williams and carried to approve amending the Charter was made. Vote was unanimous.

4. Council to consider request to amend the Code of Ordinances to revise provisions pertaining to compensation for members of the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Moore stated that the next item which needs action tonight is to amend the Code of Ordinances pertaining to compensation for members of the Mayor and Council.

On motion of Councilmember Jones seconded by Councilmember Williams and carried to approve amending the Code of Ordinance was made. Vote was unanimous.

5. Council to consider request to reappoint Jo Croom to the Planning Commission.

Community Development Director Lippmann stated that both Jo Croom and Robert Williams have expressed an interest in serving additional terms on the Planning Commission.

Council placed this item on the consent agenda.

6. Council to consider request to reappoint Robert Williams to the Planning Commission.

Council placed this item on the consent agenda.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

City Manager Reports:

- LCI Supplemental Mall Study

Interim City Manager Sonja Fillingame brought attention to a public workshop to be held on February 13th. She stated that a stakeholder meeting had been held and the public is invited on the 13th to provide input on strategies for redevelopment of the Mall.

Mayor Moore asked Community Development Director Lippmann if a charette would be conducted. Community Development Director Lippmann stated that she believed it was more of a public presentation.

Councilmember Jackson asked what time the meeting will be. Interim City Manager Fillingame stated, "7:00 pm".

Councilmember Jones noted that staff is getting the word out - fliers were being handed out in Shannon Villas on Friday evening.

Interim City Manager Fillingame stated that the meeting is being advertised on the website and social media in addition to fliers.

Mayor Moore asked if the Flat Shoals Park and Ride being relocated to the mall area is still under consideration. Community Development Director Lippmann stated that yes it is still very much under consideration and MARTA representatives are on the stakeholder committee. Mayor Moore asked that GDOT be contacted since they own the current Park and Ride lot.

- Mayors' Bike Race

Interim City Manager Fillingame stated that the annual Mayors' Bike Race is scheduled for March 16-17 and additional times will be provided in the future.

VII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

At the request of Councilmember Jackson two members of the American Legion introduced themselves and discussed plans to purchase the former Toys 'R' Us building to relocate from East Point and rent out retail space.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

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