



3. Council to consider approval of request to fix and publish qualifying fees for City Council for the 2015 Election. Qualifying fees for Councilmembers, \$292.00. (3% of the total gross salary)
4. Council to consider re-appointment of the City Clerk, Jacqueline R. Cossey.
5. Council to consider approval of the revised Employee Handbook.
6. Council to consider approval to move forward with Transportation Enhancement (TE) Pedestrian System Phase I Project (644).
7. Council to consider approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Fulton County for consolidated Emergency 911 Communications.
8. Council to consider approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Fulton County to grant the City a revocable license to use 150 radio units on the County's System for four years.
9. Council to consider approval of the Proposed 2015 Municipal Court Fine/Fee Schedule.
10. Council to consider approval of the Proposed 2015 Fire Department Fee Schedule.
11. Council to consider approval of the Proposed 2015 Police Department Fee Schedule.

***On Motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.***

V. OLD BUSINESS: None.

VI. REGULAR/NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council to consider appointment of Department Directors:

City Attorney:	McNally, Fox, Grant & Davenport
Fire Chief:	TBD
Police Chief:	Charles Odom
Public Services Director:	Cedric Clark
City Engineer:	TBD
Medical Director:	Dr. Kenneth E. Jones

At this time Mayor Williams stated that the City will retain the services of McNally, Fox, Grant & Davenport, Dr. Kenneth Jones, Cedric Clark and Charles Odom. He then stated that Fire Chief reads "to be determined" but he would like to add the name Joe Maddox to that position who is currently serving as our interim Fire Chief and the Council would like to make him the Fire Chief.

Councilmember Robinson asked Chief Maddox to stand so everyone could see him.

***On motion of Councilmember Mealing seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the Council agreed to approve the appointments for the City Attorney, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Public Services Director and Medical Director. Vote was unanimous.***

At this time Mayor Williams turned to City Manager Fillingame to discuss the City Engineer.

At this time City Manager Fillingame stated that we have outsourced our City Engineering services with Keck & Wood for the last several years. She added that she has received a rate increase proposal from Keck & Wood which is approximately 14 % to 15 % based on their hourly rate. She added that she believes that we should move towards a more competitive environment for our engineering services, given the nature of development in the City right now as well as project management requirements that we have as well as our infrastructure needs. She then recommended that the City continue services with Keck & Wood until we can get a competitive bid process in place for our engineering services.

At this time Councilmember Jones asked how long staff would need to write an RFP, put it on the street and make a decision.

Finance Director Tarsha Calloway stated that she would need from 60 to 90 days.

Mayor Williams asked Mrs. Calloway what was best for her.

Mrs. Calloway stated that 90 days would be best.

Mayor Williams asked if there was anyone from Keck & Wood present.

No one came forward.

***On motion of Councilmember Jones seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, Council agreed to release a Request For Proposal over the next 90 days for a City Engineer. Vote was unanimous.***

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None.

City Manager Reports:

- Mayor's Bike Race (March 21-22)
- Georgia Cities Week (April 19-25)

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

IX. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilmember Robinson spoke regarding the following:

- Congratulations were expressed to all appointments and re-appointments

- Acknowledgement was give to Dr. Martin Luther King’s Birthday and the struggle to continue “The Dream”

Councilmember Mealing spoke regarding the following:

- Thanks was given to the citizens for coming out
- Congratulations were expressed to appointments and re-appointments
- Thanks was given to staff especially public safety
- She noted for the record that she appreciates public safety as they were there when she needed them
- She noted that Council puts the citizens best interest at heart

Councilmember Jones spoke regarding the following:

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year
- Congratulations were given to all appointments and re-appointments
- Thanks was given to staff
- He noted that he accompanied staff in Public Works, Code Enforcement, Fire Department and the Police Department to see the dangers first hand
- Thanks was given to each Department Head for the ride-a-long and an eye opening experience
- He noted that some of our departments need additional equipment and staff to be successful

Mayor Williams spoke regarding the following:

- Thanks was given to everyone for coming out to attend the meeting
- He noted that we should be fair with Chief Maddox regarding his salary
- Birthday wishes were given to Councilmember Mealing
- Reflection was given to Dr. Martin Luther King’s Birthday
- Thanks was given to all Department Heads

At this time City Attorney Davenport stated that he needed to provide a report in addition to a few items for Executive Session to include three items of threatened litigation and review of the Executive Session Minutes from December 16, 2014.

City Attorney Davenport reported that the update is regarding an arrangement that was established with Fulton County in 2013 for the usage of the Jail. He added that in 2014 that arrangement was extended through the end of 2016. He further added that during negotiations the use of the kitchen was addressed because the City had not used the kitchen in quite some time and Fulton County assured us that they did not need to use the kitchen as their meals would be brought in from downtown. Attorney Davenport stated that their circumstances have changed and now they need to use the kitchen. He added that our jail maintenance guy received three quotes to see what it would take to get the kitchen back online and the lowest of the three quotes was from D&D Services Inc. and their quote was \$15,638.03. He further added that he spoke with Steve Rosenberg, County Attorney for Fulton County, and informed him that the City did not anticipate this cost because the kitchen was not needed and after speaking with his people at Fulton County, Mr. Rosenberg said that they understand the City’s position and if the City should approve the quote from D&D Services, Fulton County will absorb 50% of the cost. Attorney Davenport stated that Fulton is offering to pay half of the cost to bring the kitchen back online if the City would absorb the other half.

He added that the City would bill Fulton County and the County will pay the City in one lump sum for half of the cost to fix the kitchen.

***On motion of Councilmember Robinson seconded by Councilmember Mealing and carried, the Council agreed to split the cost with Fulton County to fix the kitchen. Vote was unanimous.***

At this time City Attorney Davenport thanked the Mayor and Council for the reappointment of his firm.

***On motion of Councilmember Mealing seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council entered into Executive Session to discuss three items regarding threatened litigation and review the Executive Session Minutes from December 16, 2014. Vote was unanimous.***

***On motion of Councilmember Mealing seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Council reconvened to Regular Session. Vote was unanimous.***

***On motion of Councilmember Mealing seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the Executive Session Minutes from December 16, 2014 were unanimously approved.***

At this time City Manager Fillingame stated that she wanted to address the salary for Chief Maddox and take care of this matter tonight.

After a brief discussion Council agreed to award Chief Maddox with the salary of the previous Fire Chief.

***On motion of Councilmember Mealing seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, Fire Chief Joe Maddox's salary was increased to \$88,247 as of December 1, 2014.***

X. ADJOURNMENT:

***On motion of Councilmember Mealing, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried, the meeting was adjourned.***

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Jacqueline R. Cossey, City Clerk

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Vince R. Williams, Mayor