

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Thursday, May 17, 2012

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

1. Meeting Called to Order

Present for the meeting were:

*Mayor Gene Hobgood
Councilman John Beresford
Councilman Bill Bryan
Councilman Hooky Huffman
Councilman Jack Goodwin
Councilman Glen Cummins
Councilman Bob Rush
Scott Wood – City Manager
Bobby Dyer – City Attorney
Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer
David Cangemi – Director of Streets and Parks
David Hatabian – Reservoir Manager
Mark Crosby - Building Official
Ken Patton – Community Development Director
Camille Wehs – Director of Technology
Susan C. Stanton – City Clerk*

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

Mayor Hobgood led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Goodwin gave the invocation.

3. Guests and Visitors**4. Consideration To Approve Agenda**

Councilman Cummins made a motion to approve the Agenda, the motion was seconded by Councilman Beresford.

Councilman Huffman pointed out that Item 8D in Old Business, which addresses approval of a budget amendment to provide for funding of firefighters, should be removed from the Agenda because the amendment had been previously approved.

Following discussion it was determined that the matter would be discussed as an Agenda Item.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays So approved

5. Ten Minute Public Input

Resident Andy Bonner thanked the Council for the directional signs that have been placed at the Heritage Park walk/ride path.

Resident Bill Macgruder spoke against the rezoning requested by Wes Latimer.

Resident Mark Walker spoke in favor of the rezoning requested by Wes Latimer.

Business owner William Llop announced his candidacy for Congress.

Executive Director of the Cherokee Arts Center Mary Martin Akers spoke in regard to future Arts Center events.

Resident John Rust spoke in regard to his disappointment that signs had been posted at Heritage Park without Council and citizen input.

6. Consideration to Approve Minutes

- A. Approval of May 03, 2012 Minutes

Attachments: [May 03, 2012 Minutes](#)

Councilman Cummins made a motion to approve the May 03, 2012 minutes; Councilman Beresford seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays So approved with Councilman Bryan abstaining due to his absence from that meeting.

7. CONSENT AGENDA - Items to Consider for Consent Agenda

- A. Approval to Amend Fiscal Year 2012 Budget to Provide for Funding a Canton Theater Manager

Councilman Cummins made a motion to approve the budget amendment to allow funding for a Canton Theater Manager; Councilman Rush seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays So approved.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Senior Services and Benefits - Councilman Rush

Councilman Rush asked that this matter be postponed until the work session due to changes in the City's circumstances; Councilman Beresford seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays So approved

- B. Decision on Planning Commission Recommendation - Case Z1203-001 - Wes Latimer, Request to Rezone 2.15 Acres From O-P (Office Professional) to R-2A (Two Family Residential) 2nd Reading, Action Requested

Following discussion Councilman Bryan made a motion to approve the rezoning request with agreed upon conditions; Councilman Huffman seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays So approved

C. Approval of Open Records Request Policy and Procedure

Attachments: [Open Records Requests Revised Policy and Procedure](#)

Councilman Cummins made a motion that approval of this policy be postponed and that discussion of the policy be placed on the work session agenda; Councilman Beresford seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays So approved

D. Approval to Amend Fiscal Year 2012 Budget to Provide for Funding of Two Additional Firefighters for the City

Councilman Cummins made a motion that the previous vote to hire 2 additional firefighters and amend the 2012 budget be rescinded; the motion was seconded by Councilman Beresford.

Roll call vote:

<i>Councilman Beresford</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>Councilman Bryan</i>	<i>No</i>	
<i>Councilman Huffman</i>	<i>No</i>	
<i>Councilman Goodwin</i>	<i>No</i>	
<i>Councilman Rush</i>	<i>No</i>	
<i>Councilman Cummins</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Motion fails</i>

Councilman Huffman then made a motion to postpone "it" indefinitely; Councilman Rush seconded the motion. ("It" was never described by Councilman Huffman, later discussion referred to "it" as "the Item" and "the budget amendment")

Vote: 5 ayes 1 nay So approved with Councilman Cummins voting nay

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

James Bence presented the Council with a summary of the Maudlin and Jenkins Annual Audit.

B. Request for a Beer and Wine Pouring License for Romeo's Canton LLC, 1453 Riverstone Parkway, Outlet Manager James Heaney

Councilman Beresford made a motion to approve the issuing of a beer and wine pouring license to Romeo's Canton LLC; the motion was seconded by Councilman Bryan.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays So approved

10. **City Manager's Report**

Mr. Wood reported as the the status of several city projects.

11. Council Introduced Items

Councilman Bryan expressed appreciation for Mr. Wood's initiative to proceed with City projects.

12. Mayor's Report

The Mayor stated his intention to nominate new members for the Planning and Zoning and Downtown Development Authority committees.

A. Discussion of Council Procedure for Agenda Items

Attachments: [Procedure for Agenda Items](#)

Councilman Cummins made a motion to adopt the agenda procedure as proposed; Councilman Beresford seconded the motion.

Following discussion the Council voted.

Vote: 4 ayes 2 nays So approved with Councilmen Bryan and Huffman voting nay

13. Adjourn

Councilman Goodwin made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Councilman Beresford.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays So approved

Gene Hobgood, Mayor

Susan C. Stanton, City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved