

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Thursday, March 5, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

1. Meeting Called to Order

*Mayor Gene Hobgood
Councilman John Rust
Councilman Hooky Huffman
Councilman Jack Goodwin
Councilwoman Sandy McGrew
Councilman Farris Yawn
City Manager Glen Cummins
Bobby Dyer – City Attorney
Mark Mitchell – Police Chief
Dean Floyd - Fire Chief
Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer
Ken Patton – Community Development Director
Matthew Thomas - Economic Development Coordinator
David Hatabian – City Engineer
Susan C. Stanton – City Clerk*

Councilman Bill Grant was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hobgood and the invocation was given by Councilman Goodwin.

3. Guests and Visitors

None.

4. Consideration to Approve Agenda

Mayor Hobgood moved Items F and G under New Business to be discussed following the 10 minute public input; City Manager Cummins asked that Item H under Old Business be moved to the April Work Session; Councilwoman McGrew asked that Item A under Council Introduced Items be moved to after Items F and G; Councilman Rust asked that he be allowed to speak before Old Business is discussed; Councilman Huffman asked that a discussion and first reading of the Nuisance Ordinance be placed under Council Introduced Items.

Councilman Goodwin made a motion to approve the Agenda; Councilman McGrew seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

5. Consideration to Approve Minutes**A. Consideration to Approve Minutes - Attachment 5A**

Attachments: [February 19, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Councilman Rust asked that the Minutes be amended to add " and construction management" to his motion at Item A under Old Business.

Councilman Goodwin made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended; Councilman Rust seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

Council discussed that management services were needed in addition to architectural services. City Manager Cummins suggested that the term "construction administration services" would be the correct terminology. Council agreed that they wanted both architectural and construction management services.

6. Acknowledgement of Financials

There were no questions or comments.

A. January 2015 Financials - Attachment 6A

Attachments: [FY 2015-Jan.pdf](#)

There were not questions or comments.

Councilman Rust thanked Canton Theatre, Bob Segan, Michael Buckner with Audio Intersection, and DDA and Wanda Roach for the support and assistance in the airing of the film "8 Days".

7. Ten Minute Public Input

Mayor Hobgood limited each side of the Laurel Canyon/Soliel controversy to 15 minutes.

Ted Clark, Dan Casey, and Allen Shulman, residents of Laurel Canyon/Soliel, spoke regarding the need for increased amenities, a second entrance, and the relocation of the Soliel gate.

Ray Deluca with Rockcreek Homeowners Association, spoke against the use of Honeydew Road as an emergency entrance/exit for Laurel Canyon/Soliel.

Bruce Ayer, with Point at Puckett Creek Homeowners Association, spoke advising that the homeowners supported use of Honey Dew Road as an emergency entrance/exit only.

Doud Dillard, attorney with Pursley, Friese, Torgrimson LLP, representing Lifestyles at Laurel Canyno LLC, requested that Council support Lifestyles' Master Plan Revisions requests.

8. CONSENT AGENDA - Items to Consider for Consent Agenda

None.

Items F and G under New Business and Item A under Council Introduced Items were moved to be heard earlier in the meeting at the request of Mayor Hobgood and Councilwoman McGrew respectively.

- A. Acknowledgement of Extraordinary Efforts of Canton Fire Department - Councilwoman McGrew

Councilwoman McGrew spoke of the heroic efforts by the Canton Fire Department for saving the lives of two dogs which had been overcome by smoke in a residential fire.

- F. Discussion of Planning Commission Recommendation - MP 1501-011, Laurel Canyon Master Plan Amendments - City Manager Cummins, Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 10F

Attachments: [Planning Commission Recommendation.pdf](#)

Community Development Director Ken Patton outlined the Planning Commission recommendations in regard to Master Plan amendments requested by the developer. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

- G. Discussion of Request to Abandon Portion of Laurel Canyon Parkway - City Manager Cummins, Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 10G

Attachments: [Road Abandonment in Laurel Canyon.pdf](#)

Council heard the statements of Ted Clark and Doug Dillard and did not discuss the matter further.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Reports and Updates on City Goals:

Master Plan for Downtown/Entire City - Councilmembers Grant and McGrew

Economic Development - Mayor Hobgood, Councilmen Goodwin, and Huffman

Improved Management of Parks and Recreation - Councilman Huffman

Debt Management - City Manager Cummins

Due to the expected length of tonight's meeting, this item was skipped.

- B. Discussion of Heritage Park Master Plan - City Manager Cummins, Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 9B

Attachments: [Heritage Park Presentation.pptx](#)

Community Development Director Ken Patton presented the first proposed rendition of the renovation of Heritage Park.

- C. Discussion of Growler Ordinance Amendment - City Manager Cummins - Attachment 9C

Attachments: [Growler Revision Ordinance.docx](#)

This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a second reading and vote.

- D. Discussion of Proposed Utility Deposit Policy - City Manager Cummins, Chief Financial Officer Nathan Ingram - Attachment 9D

Attachments: [Utility Deposit Policy.pdf](#)
 [Deposit Refund Application.pdf](#)

CFO Ingram explained the Policy and the reasons for the particular elements. Based upon discussion of Council, the Policy will be revised as requested and presented for a vote at the next City Council meeting.

- E. Discussion of Canton's Offer of Land Swap to Cherokee County Board of Education - Councilman Huffman

Council agreed that any decision regarding the land swap would need to be voted on by Council.

- F. Discussion of Requirements for Mandatory 2nd Subdivision Entrances - Mayor Hobgood

Mayor Hobgood expressed concern regarding the lack of enforcement of the City's requirement for second entrances.

- G. Discussion of Irrigation Meter Charges - Base Monthly Charge and Reconnection Fee - City Manager Cummins - Attachment 9G

Attachments: [Water Rates Effective October 2014.pdf](#)

City Manager Cummins recommended that the fee to restore irrigation water service be raised to \$50.00. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

- H. Update on Fire Station Architect Selection Process - City Manager Cummins

City Manager Cummins announced that the RFPs were sent out to 5 architects and are due in back by March 24, 2015.

- I. Update on Downtown Parking Solution - Councilmembers Grant and Yawn

Attachments: [Downtown Parking Recommendations.pdf](#)

Councilman Yawn presented Council with a diagram of proposed parking resolutions that would allow for both short and long term parking. Yawn recommended an online payment system and that the signage be made and installed even if enforcement does not begin immediately.

- J. Discussion of Streelight Approval Authority - City Manager Cummins, Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 9J

Attachments: [Northside Street Lights.doc](#)

City Manager Cummins asked Council to clarify who should approve changes in lighting plans. The Department of Planning and Zoning, Board of Zoning Appeals, or Council?

This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Discussion of End of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget Amendment - City Manager Cummins, Chief Financial Officer Nathan Ingram - Attachment 10A

Attachments: [Year End Schedule.pdf](#)
 [BA # Year End.docx](#)

CFO Ingram explained the particulars of the Budget Amendment. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

- B.** 1st Reading and Discussion of Request for Alcohol License from Chon Ngern for Business Chon Ngern Located at 269 Marietta Highway - City Manager Cummins - Attachment 10B

Attachments: [CHON NGERN.xlsx](#)

This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a 2nd reading and vote.

- C.** Update on Waste Water Treatment Plant - City Manager Cummins, City Engineer Dave Hatabian - Attachment - 10C

Attachments: [WWTP Revised Cost Summary.pdf](#)
 [Progress Photos Jan - Feb 2015.pdf](#)

City Engineer Dave Hatabian presented Council with the update.

- D.** Discussion of Engineering Strategies, Inc, Change Order No. 1 - City Manager Cummins, City Engineer Dave Hatabian - Attachment 10D

Attachments: [ESI Change Order 1.pdf](#)

This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

- E.** Discussion of LED Lighting by Canton Businesses - Mayor Hobgood

Council discussed undesirability of LED lighting in the windows of Canton businesses and plans to develop an ordinance to address the issue.

Items F and G were moved to be heard earlier on the Agenda.

- H.** Update on Inflow and Infiltration Study Kickoff - City Manager Cummins, City Engineer Dave Hatabian

This Item was removed and will be placed on the April agenda.

11. City Manager's Report

- A. Discussion of Completion of Etowah River Park-Heritage Park Trail - City Manager Cummins

City Manager Cummins will report on the route for the Etowah River Park to Heritage Park in April. Northside Hospital has submitted more than a million dollars in fees. They have asked for a waiver of the construction index fees, as well as a 50% reduction in sewer and water tap fees. Staff recommends denial of the sewer and water tap fee waiver, the index fee waiver is being looked into. Rental car tax is estimated to be \$70,000 a year. The LCI planning grant of \$104,000 has been received. Canton was voted the 11th safest City in Georgia.

12. Council Introduced Items

Item A was moved to be announced prior to Old Business.

Councilman Huffman spoke regarding the need for ordinances which would give the City authority to clean up blighted properties. This is the first reading of the ordinances. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a second reading and a vote.

13. Mayor's Report

None.

14. Adjourn

Councilman Rust made a motion to adjourn; Councilman Yawn seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

Gene Hobgood, Mayor

Susan C. Stanton, City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved by Council