

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Thursday, July 7, 2016

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

1. Meeting Called to Order

Present for the meeting were:

Mayor Gene Hobgood

Councilmember John Rust

Councilmember Bill Grant

Councilmember Jack Goodwin

Councilmember JoEllen Wilson

Councilmember Sandy McGrew

Councilmember Farris Yawn

City Manager Billy Peppers

Jeff Rusbridge – City Attorney

Mark Mitchell – Police Chief

Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer

Ken Patton – Community Development Director

Tom Gilliam – Parks and Recreation Director

Matthew Thomas – Economic Development Coordinator

David Hatabian – City Engineer

Camille Wehs – Chief Information Officer

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hobgood and the invocation was given by Councilmember McGrew.

3. Guests and Visitors**A. Proclamation for Monarchs**

Presented by Mayor Hobgood.

B. Recognition of New Employees - Police Chief Mark Mitchell - Attachment 3B

Attachments: [Employee Recognition](#)

New employees, Officer Joshua Canada and Officer Gregory Ayers, were presented by Police Chief Mark Mitchell.

4. Public Announcements

None.

5. Consideration to Approve Agenda

Mayor Hobgood amended the agenda to include an executive session for discssion of personnel.

Councilmember Rust made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended;

Councilmember Goodwin seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

6. Consideration to Approve Minutes

- A. Minutes - Attachment 6A

Attachments: [June 16, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Councilmember Yawn made a motion to approve the Minutes; Councilmember Goodwin seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

7. Acknowledgement of Financial Statement

- A. Review of May Financials - CFO Nathan Ingram - Attachment 7A

Attachments: [FY 2016-May](#)

Councilman Yawn asked and was informed that the income from the "Sales of Assets" was due to the sales of the former Board of Education properties as well as from the annual auction of surplus City assets.

8. Ten Minute Public Input

Resident Andy Bonner asked that Council keep Heritage Park dog free. Matt Winters, resident on Wooded Mountain Trail, asked that Council continue with its efforts to resolve the stormwater problems on his street.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on Academy Street Project - Harris Group

Attachments: [GreenbergFarrow Concept Plan.pdf](#)

Liz Cole with GreenbergFarrow gave an update for the Academy and West Main Street properties.

- B. Discussion of the Implementation of the Recently Approved LCI Masterplan - City Manager Billy Peppers, Community Development Director Ken Patton

This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a recommendation of tasks that can be grouped and handled by committees.

- C. Discussion and Possible Action on Wooded Mountain Trail Drainage Improvements - City Manager Billy Peppers, City Engineer Dave Hatabian - Attachment 9C

Attachments: [Wooded Mtn Trail Recommendation Memo](#)

Councilmember Grant made a motion to approve the low bid of \$420,922.88 as submitted by Tri Scapes, Inc. and not to exceed the bid price, asks that staff work with the bidder to bring costs down, and require that work not proceed

until all rights of entry are received by the City; Councilmember Rust seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- D. Wastewater Treatment Plant Schedule Update - City Engineer Dave Hatabian

City Engineer Dave Hatabian informed Council that at least 70-75% of the plant expansion is complete.

- E. Discussion of Mowing and Maintenance Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation Regarding School Beacon at State Route 20 and Riverbend Way - City Manager Billy Peppers - Attachment

Attachments: [Mowing Agreement with GDOT.pdf](#)

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of City Acceptance of Private Streets - Must Meet Current Development Standards - Mayor Gene Hobgood

Council agreed that the City needs to define the process of acceptance of private streets for city maintenance.

- B. Discussion of Blight Management Plan Development - City Manager Billy Peppers - Attachment 10B

Attachments: [Blight Management Memo](#)

City Manager Billy Peppers provided information regarding blight and possible resolutions. Council asked for a plan on how to move forward with the effort. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

- C. Discussion of Case AX1605-001, Lifestyle at Laurel Canyon, Request to Annex 3.309 Acres for 2nd Entrance Road - City Manager Billy Peppers, Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 10C

Attachments: [Laurel Canyon 2nd Entrance Annexation Memo and Ordinance.pdf](#)

Due to the volume and variety of content, Councilmember Grant suggested that Items 10C - F be discussed at a special called meeting. All agreed and a date will be determined.

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

- D. Discussion of Case Z1605-001, Lifestyle at Laurel Canyon, Request to Zone Property from Cherokee County AG (Agriculture) to City PD-MU (Planned Development-Mixed Use) - City Manager Billy Peppers, Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 10D

Attachments: [Laurel Canyon 2nd Entrance Zoning Memo and Ordinance.pdf](#)

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- E. Discussion of Request to Abandon a Portion of Laurel Canyon Parkway, Lifestyle at Laurel Canyon, Request to Abandon 4.467 Acres (1,976 lineal feet) - City Manager Billy Peppers, Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 10E

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

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- F. Discussion of Request by Lifestyle at Laurel Canyon, LLC to Move the Existing Gate to New Location on Laurel Canyon Parkway - City Manager Billy Peppers, Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 10F

Attachments: [Laurel Canyon Request to Move Gate.pdf](#)

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- G. Review of Finance Policy - City Manager Billy Peppers, CFO Nathan Ingram - Attachment 10G

Attachments: [Finance Policy](#)

CFO Nathan Ingram asked that a committee be appointed to review a recommended policy. Mayor Hobgood will appoint a committee at the next Council meeting.

- H. Discussion and Council Direction on Mixed Drink Audit Follow Up - CFO Nathan Ingram - New Attachment

Attachments: [Action Memo](#)

CFO Nathan Ingram presented a summary of the study's findings. Ingram requested that Council provide its preferred method to approach the 16 restaurants that are not complying with the alcohol tax requirements.

- I. Discussion and Action on Intergovernmental Agreement with Cherokee County Regarding Resurfacing of Ivey Drive - City Manager Billy Peppers

- Attachment 10I

Attachments: [Ivey Dr. IGA](#)

Councilmember McGrew made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign; Councilmember Rust seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

Councilmember Goodwin abstained from voting due to his ownership of property on Ivey drive.

- J. Discussion of Hours of Operations for City Parks/Trails - City Manager, Billy Peppers, Tom Gilliam, Parks & Recreation Director - Attachment 10J

Attachments: [Park Hours](#)
[Memorandum - Park Hours](#)

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

- K. Discussion of Dogs in Parks & on Trails - City Manager, Billy Peppers, Director of Parks & Recreation, Tom Gilliam - Attachment 10K

Attachments: [DOG ORDINANCES](#)
[Memorandum - Dogs in Parks](#)

Councilmember Rust made a motion to allow Resident Andy Bonner to speak to Council; Councilmember McGrew seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

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

- L. Discussion of Netting in Heritage Park - City Manager Billy Peppers, Director of Parks & Recreation, Tom Gilliam - Attachment 10L

Attachments: [Memorandum - Netting in Heritage Park](#)

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

- M. Discussion on Concession Stand Operations (Update) - City Manager Billy Peppers, Director of Parks & Recreation, Tom Gilliam - Attachment 10M

Attachments: Concessions Update.docx
Memorandum - Concessions.docx

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

- N. Discussion on Drones, Unmanned Aerial Systems, Engine-Powered Models, and Toys - City Manager Billy Peppers, Director of Parks & Recreation Tom Gilliam - Attachment 10N

Attachments: [Drones - Policies & Procedures](#)
[Memorandum - Drones in Parks](#)

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

- O. Discussion on Types of Vehicles Allowed in the Parks and on the Trails - City Manager Billy Peppers, Director of Parks & Recreation Tom Gilliam - Attachment 100

Attachments: [Vehicles in Parks](#)
 [Memorandum - Vehicles in Parks](#)

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

11. City Manager's Report

City Manager Peppers reported that the paving projects are moving forward throughout the City.

12. Mayor's Report

13. Adjourn

Councilmember Rust made a motion to adjourn to executive session; Councilmember Goodwin seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

Gene Hobgood, Mayor

Susan C. Stanton, City Clerk

July 21, 2016
Date Minutes Approved by Council