

**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**JUNE 5, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on June 5, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor William S. Hatcher, Council Members Will Britt, Tommy Blicht, Gary Lewis, and John Morris. Absent was Councilman Joe Brannen. Also present were City Manager George Wood, Director of Finance and Administration Judy McCorkle, City Attorney Sam Brannen, Planning Director Jim Shaw, and City Engineer Maz Elhaj.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2007.**

Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to approve the minutes of May 15, 2007. Councilmen Britt, Blicht, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

Mayor Hatcher recognized Heath Seymore, new Director of the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority.

Chief Stan York recognized Officer Nathan Bolton, Officer of the Year; Officer Brandy Lee, Rookie of the Year; Detective Rob Bryan, Detective of the Year; Advance Patrol Officer Jake Wynn, Firearm Excellence; and, Renata Peavey, Support Person of the Year.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**APPLICATION RZ 07-05-01; STATESBORO BLUES, LLC REQUESTS A ZONING CHANGE FROM R-15 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-10 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION FOR 61.25 ACRES LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF PACKINGHOUSE ROAD 450 FEET SOUTH OF ACORN LANE.**

Planning Director Jim Shaw stated the applicant is requesting R-10 zoning with a lot total of 144 lots on 61 acres. He stated the development will have a single access off of Packinghouse Road. The staff feels the request will match the existing development in the area. Staff and Planning Commission recommended approval. Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blicht, to approve application RZ 07-05-01 Statesboro Blues LLC. Councilmen Britt, Blicht, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**APPLICATION RZ 07-05-02; BERNARD OLLIFF, ON BEHALF OF V. TAYLOR, J. BIRD, W. BRANTLEY, AND P. BRANTLEY; REQUESTS A ZONING CHANGE FROM R-15 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO CR (COMMERCIAL RETAIL) TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR A 21.27 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY APPROXIMATELY 1,300 FEET SOUTH OF BRANNEN STREET.**

Planning Director Jim Shaw stated this property is forested with major wetlands. He stated the applicant is requesting rezoning so this property can be combined with the larger tract to the north. He said out of the 21.27 acres only 7.75 acres at the east corner is viable for development. Mr. Shaw

stated the frontage for the property is along the bypass which is a limited access highway. He said the only access is from the commercial property adjacent to the north and the property fronts on Brannen. Mr. Shaw stated the wetlands surrounding the property provide a buffer from the closest residential property from the south and the west. Staff and Planning Commission recommended approval.

Steve Rushing, an attorney with Franklin and Taulbee, stated the tract is divided into three different zones; commercial, R-15, and R-20. He said there are two tracts between this property and Edgewood. One is owned by the City and the other by Georgia Southern University, neither property is in use for residential purpose. He said the property should be zoned all commercial. Mr. Rushing stated this development will be in line with the other developments in the area and will address other commercial and retail needs of the community. He said as far as suitability, the property is only suited for commercial use on the Veterans Memorial side. Mr. Rushing said the property is always vacant and changing the zoning to commercial will make this property productive.

Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt, to approve application RZ 07-05-02, Bernard Olliff. Councilmen Britt, Blich, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**APPLICATION T 07-05-04; AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE XVI, OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING, OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD PROVISIONS FOR DRIVE-UP WINDOWS AND MODIFY THE DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR PARKING LOTS.**

Planning Director Jim Shaw stated there have been some changes to the provisions: (1) stacking area for drive thru facilities, and; (2) the design requirements for parking lots. He said the problem is that it is not sufficiently explicit and this will spell out the requirements for construction and design standards. He said this removed the option of other hard surfaces and states asphalt and concrete are the surfaces aloud for a parking lot. Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Morris to approve application T 07-05-04, for off-street parking and loading. Councilmen Britt, Blich, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**MOTION TO ADOPT ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE #2007-16: AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF STATESBORO, GEORGIA (CJV, LLC).**

City Manager George Wood stated this is the triangular piece of property on Stambuck Lane. He said he would explain item “6” and “7” together. Mr. Wood stated this backs up to a wetland area and that is why staff had no problem with recommending reduction in the buffer. He stated item number “7” is the rezoning of the property to a PUD with a retail commercial overlay and a reduction of the landscape buffer from ten feet to three feet and a six foot high wooden fence. Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to adopt Ordinance 2007-16. Councilmen Britt, Blich, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE ZONING OF PROPERTY OF CJV, LLC ANNEXED INTO THE CITY BY ORDINANCE #2007-16 TO PUD/CR WITH REQUIRED LANDSCAPE**

**BUFFER REDUCED FROM 10 FEET WIDE TO 3 FEET WIDE AND CONTAINING ONLY A 6-FOOT HIGH WOODEN FENCE.**

Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to approve the zoning of CJV, LLC, property annexed into the City of Statesboro by Ordinance 2007-16 to PUD/CR with the required landscape buffer reduced from 10 feet to 3 feet wide and containing a 6 foot high wooden fence. Councilmen Blicht, Britt, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**MOTION TO ADOPT ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE # 2007-17: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE STATESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ZONING ORDINANCE.**

City Manager George Wood stated this Ordinance has already been passed.

**MOTION TO ADOPT ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE #2007-18: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE STATESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING OCCUPATIONAL TAXES.**

City Manager George Wood stated this is a second reading and the Council went over it in detail at the last meeting. He said this is the recommendation of a committee made up of five people from the City and five people from the business community. Councilman Blicht made a motion, seconded by Councilman Morris, to adopt Ordinance 2007-18. Councilman Morris asked when stating the number of employees do the owners count themselves. City Clerk Judy McCorkle stated yes. Councilmen Blicht, Britt, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**MOTION TO ADOPT ON FIRST READING ORDINANCE #2007-19: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE STATESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING WRECKING AND TOWING SERVICES.**

City Manager George Wood stated this is an amendment to the Ordinance regarding the annual fees. He said this is a reminder so every year the City adopts the annual fees as required by state law. Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt, to adopt Ordinance 2007-19. Councilmen Britt, Blicht, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2007-28: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF LOT #12, 306 TENNER STREET, AND LOT #25, 18 MORRIS STREET, IN STATESBORO POINTE SUBDIVISION TO THE STATESBORO-BULLOCH COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY FOR SALE TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF BULLOCH COUNTY, INC FOR \$5,000 EACH.**

City Manager George Wood stated in the packet was a memorandum from Vicki Davis, Executive Director Of Habitat for Humanity, explaining they want to draw down the next two lots under our agreement. He said the terms are \$5,000.00 per lot. Mr. Wood said Habitat is able to get a grant from the National Habitat to pay the \$5,000.00 and that money is put into the housing trust fund, and then borrowed to help pay for the Habitat houses. Councilman Blicht made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to adopt Resolution 2007-28. Councilman Lewis stated that this is Tenner Court, not Tenner Street. Councilmen Britt, Blicht, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote. Mayor Hatcher stated Habitat plans to have a Build-a-

Thon on September 14 and 15 in an effort to raise some funds for construction and do some construction. He said he hopes the City will have one or more teams to work in the Build-a-Thon.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR UP TO \$3,000,000 FROM THE GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AGENCY FOR INSTALLATION OF PHASE 1 INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSOCIATED COSTS FOR THE CCR DISTRICT # 1: SOUTHEAST QUADRANT AREA.**

City Manager George Wood stated the City recently put an Ordinance into effect authorizing the establishment of a Capitol Cost Recovery Fee District. He said the City will finance the construction of major water and sewer lines with a 20 year GEFA Loan. He said the property owners within the new development will pay their pro-rata share of the cost through the CCR fee at the time they apply for a building permit. Mr. Wood stated following the adoption of the Ordinance the Council approved a Resolution establishing the first CCR district in the Southeast Quadrant Area. He said the Council has already authorized HGBD, Inc to prepare detail plans and specifications for constructing Phase 1 with the water and sewer infrastructure.

Mr. Wood stated there are two steps remaining before construction can begin: (1) borrowing the money from GEFA to pay for the infrastructure and possibly some of the subdivision incentives to develop the area; and, (2) bid out the contract for the water and sewer lines. Mr. Wood stated he is recommending the Council authorize the staff to file a GEFA loan application in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000. He stated this was discussed in detail at the budget planning retreat and the principle and interest payments on this debt have been included in the F/Y 2008 through 2013 Budget and CIP. Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an application for up to \$3,000,000 from the Georgia Environmental Facilities Agency. Councilman Britt asked about the time limit. Mr. Wood stated around 16 months. Councilmen Britt, Blich, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**MOTION TO AWARD A BID ON LOT A FOR THE POLICE STATION FURNISHING TO CONTRACT INTERIORS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$167,314.37.**

City Manager George Wood introduced the City's consultant, Barbara Ratchford, Director of Interior Designs for Stewart, Cooper, and Newell Architects, to present her recommendation. Ms. Ratchford stated there were several differences in the furniture that was submitted. Ms. Ratchford stated she spoke with the local vendor and the vendor in Atlanta and made them aware the stock number they bid did not match the product specified. She stated the panel heights were not the same and they were fabric panels as opposed to segmented tiles which would provide a wood exterior that was specified. She stated there are several technical differences. She said the elements in the panel need to be in sequential order which requires additional labor. She stated the local vendors did not submit the proper product number for this bid and because they do not have a substantial dealership that distributes this line of furniture it was necessary to broker it out of Atlanta. Ms. Ratchford recommended the original vendors, Contract Interiors, in the best interest of the City's police station.

Councilman Blich stated Ms. Ratchford noted that LA. Waters and GSI withdrew from the bid. Ms. Ratchford stated those companies made her aware they bid the wrong products and it would cost them way much to substitute the correct product numbers, so they withdrew. Councilman Blich

stated LA. Waters had no knowledge of their withdrawal. Ms. Ratchford said she spoke with Mike Lewis, the customer rep. for CSI, and Marcie Lang at LA. Waters and, she asked to have the withdrawal submitted in writing but she had not received it.

Mr. LA. Waters stated he was not aware of the withdrawal of their bid. He stated everything that was bid was under Ms. Ratchford's guidelines. Sandy Killgo with LA. Waters stated on larger projects they partner with GSI to give the buyer the best product available. She said she went back to Mike Lewis from Alsteel and they have agreed to meet all the specifications except a 72 inch panel; they offer a 69 inch panel, which is within the industry standards. Ms. Killgo stated she was told no other company does the 72 inch panel except for the original vendor. Councilman Morris asked about the self tapping screws. Ms. Killgo stated Mr. Lewis agrees with everything else except the 72 inch panel. Councilman Morris stated the City hired Ms. Ratchford to compare all the products to get a quality product. Mayor Hatcher asked Ms. Killgo if they had ever installed products in a police station which has extraordinary wear and tear. Ms. Killgo stated no, however, they have installed furniture in high traffic areas. Ms. Ratchford stated she never asked anyone to withdraw their bid; also, the specifications state the system requires a metal to metal connection. She said the door in the cubicle unit requires an 81 inch panel; however, the internal panels are 72 inches.

Councilman Morris made a motion to award the bid on lot "A" to Contract Interior for \$167,314.37. The motion dies for lack of a second. Chief Stan York gave a slide presentation on pictures of various police station cubicles. Chief York stated the 81 inch panels provided privacy with a door that can be shut and locked. Tim Moore with GSI Office Environmental showed the fabric panels. He said there is no space and no privacy. Mr. Wood asked does the Alsteel product come with a door. Ms. Ratchford said yes, a barn door which is a sliding door. She said the Alsteel is 16 gauge and the Teknion is 20 gauge. Mr. Wood asked if Alsteel offered 81 inches. Ms. Ratchford stated no, they offer 69 inches.

Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to award the bid to LA. Waters. Councilman Lewis stated Ms. Ratchford was lead to say an 81 inch panel; she should have said it in the beginning. Ms. Ratchford stated it is in the specifications. Mr. Wood stated he asked her for the height and that was 81 inches. Councilman Britt said after seeing the presentations from Ms. Killgo, Ms. Ratchford, and the pictures there is a big difference. He asked if Mr. Waters can offer something close to the pictures with an 81 inch panel and door that locks. Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Morris, to table this item until the next Council Meeting. Councilmen Britt, Blich, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**MOTION TO AWARD A BID TO SAVANNAH COMMUNICATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$249,788.31 UNDER STATE CONTRACT FOR THE 911 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS IN THE NEW POLICE STATION.**

Councilman Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to award a bid to Savannah Communication in the amount of \$249,788.31 for the 911 communications center electronic equipment and furnishings in the new police station. Councilmen Britt, Blich, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 TO THE WEST GRADY STREET CONTRACT WITH ALLIED UTILITIES, INC. TO “TRUE-UP” UNIT QUANTITIES, RESULTING IN A DEDUCT TO THE CONTRACT PRICE OF \$7,075.00, FOR A FINAL PRICE OF \$276,541.00.**

Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt, to approve Change Order #1 to the West Grady Contract with Allied in the amount of \$7,075.00 for a final price of \$276,541.00. Councilmen Britt, Blitch, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A STANDARD WATER AND SEWER USE AGREEMENT WITH LACEY CONSTRUCTION, INC., WHICH INCLUDE A PROVISION FOR THEM TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR THE DESIGN OF A REGIONAL LIFT STATION AND FORCE MAIN BY HGBD, INC.**

City Manager George Wood stated item 16 and 17 should be considered together. He said the developers are responsible for putting in the lift station. Mr. Wood said the City wants it designed to our specifications by our consulting engineers so that it matches the City’s other lift stations. He said item 17 is the proposal from the City’s consulting engineers to do the design work. Councilman Blitch made a motion, seconded by Councilman Morris, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a standard water and sewer agreement with Lacey Construction. Councilmen Britt, Blitch, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH HGBD, INC. USING THEIR NORMAL FEE SCHEDULE, WITH A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$28,500.00 FOR TASKS A AND TASK B, AND A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$2,200.00 FOR TASK C AND NORMAL HOURLY RATES FOR TASK D, FOR DESIGN OF THE LACY REGIONAL LIFT STATION AND FORCE MAIN.**

Councilman Blitch made a motion, seconded by Councilman Morris, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with HGBD, Inc for the Lacy Regional Lift Station. Councilmen Britt, Blitch, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION BY CITY FORCES OF 1,000+/- LINEAR FEET OF 8” WATER MAIN ON DELOCH STREET TO REPLACE A SUBSTANDARD WATER LINE THERE, PRIOR TO REDEVELOP TAKING PLACE THERE.**

City Manager George Wood stated the City has a contractor who is looking at redeveloping the area. He said currently there is a 2 inch PVC water pipe and it needs to be upgraded for development to an 8 inch PVC water pipe. Councilman Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to authorize the installation of an 8 inch water main on Deloch Street. Councilmen Britt, Blitch, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

**DISCUSSION OF LETTER FROM DR. NORMAN WELLS DEALING WITH THE NAMING OF A PARK.**

City Manager George Wood stated Dr. Wells has requested the naming of the park in the Edgewood area to be Alvin Rocker Park or Rocker Park. Councilman Britt suggested a notice go out to the residents in the area regarding the parks name and allow them to add any comments. Mr. Wood said the City can get a mailing list from the utilities department and mail them out to Edgewood Acres residents.

**MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2007-29: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL RECORDS.**

Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to adopt Resolution 2007-29. Councilmen Britt, Blich, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BULLOCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CANAL WOOD, LLC TO HAVE A PORTION OF TIMBER CLEAR-CUT AND A PORTION OF TIMBER THINNED AT THE STATESBORO AIRPORT.**

City Manager George Wood stated the Airport committee has discussed this matter and they agree that the timber needs to be clear-cut and thinned out. Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with Bulloch County Board of commissioners and Canal Wood to have a portion of timber clear-cut and thinned at the Statesboro Airport. Councilmen Britt, Blich, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH INS, INTERGRATED NETWORK SOLUTIONS, FOR THE PURCHASE OF THEIR PROPOSED SOLUTION INCLUDING ALL VOICE AND DATA ELECTRONICS AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$221,000 FOR THE STATESBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, AND OTHER MAJOR CITY FACILITIES.**

City Manager George Wood stated Elert and Associates was hired to recommend a telephone system for the City. He said on May 29, 2007 the City held interviews with vendors. Mr. Wood stated out of the three vendors the recommendation from Elert and Associates and City staff is INS. He said the estimated cost is \$221,000; however, Pat Daniels, Elert and Associates, indicated the City could negotiate a few items at a lower cost. Mr. Wood said the cost will be financed over a ten year period. Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Morris, to authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiations with INS. Councilmen Britt, Blich, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE BULLOCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A PRE-DESIGN STUDY AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTER AT LUETTA MOORE PARK.**

City Manager George Wood stated the City and County would jointly fund a pre-design study by a firm that specializes in Parks and Recreation Facilities and Programs. He said this would be a study to determine what it would be used for and then construction is done on what the study reveals.

Councilman Blitch made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to authorize the pre-design study and needs assessment for construction with the County for Luetta Moore Park. Councilmen Britt, Blitch, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

## **REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

**CITY MANAGER GEORGE WOOD:** He stated the budget hearing will be on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. There is no property tax increase. What “no tax increase” means is the City will drop the millage back to the rate it would have been if there had been no re-evaluation. He said the City is entitled to the growth in the tax base from new construction. The City does not know what the millage rate will be at this time. However, whether or not an individual will pay more or less depends on the amount his individual property value increased or decreased.

Mr. Wood said Luke Martin, with the Statesboro Herald, wrote an article for the City on water restrictions. There is also a printed copy in the packet for the Council Members.

Mr. Wood said the Adecco building and Walnut Street parking lot swap was already approved; the City was waiting until the records were removed. The agreement was to vacate the building by September of 2007; however, Lee Ann Joy, with the Records Management Program, has completed the project well ahead of schedule. He said the City is getting back with the DSDA shortly to finalize the swap.

Mr. Wood said Planning Director Jim Shaw has some dates from the Planning and Zoning Board for training. The dates are July 31, 2007 or August 2, 2007 from 8:30 to 4:30. He said they do intend to invite members from other cities and counties, and planning board members in a three or four county area. The instructor will come from the Institute of Government at the University of Georgia. Mayor Hatcher suggested July 31, 2007. All Council Members agreed.

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION/CITY CLERK JUDY MCCORKLE:** Ms. McCorkle stated the City’s annual tax sale will be held on Tuesday, July 3, 2007. She stated the GMA travel folders will go out with the next Council agenda.

**CITY ENGINEER MAZ ELHAJ:** Mr. Elhaj stated the traffic signal on HWY 80 will be completed today. Mayor Hatcher stated West Gentilly is now open and he asked how the round about is working. Mr. Elhaj replied great.

**PLANNING DIRECTOR JIM SHAW:** Mr. Shaw stated the period for the Transportation Enhancement Grant from the D.O.T. has opened again. The City is able to apply for additional funds on Phase 2, which is the West Main Project. He said in the last round the City received \$300,000 which was less than half the projected cost. He said he completed an application for another \$300,000 which will get us closer to the 80% the City could use on the Federal funds side. He said this needs the Mayor’s signature and he requested the Council authorize him to submit the application. Councilman Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to authorize

Planning Director Jim Shaw to proceed with the application. Councilmen Britt, Blich, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

John Kinley the Cities Planner for over a year is going to be leaving the City to go back to North Carolina. His wife has been given an outstanding opportunity for a position up there. Mr. Kinley has been a great asset for the City and he will be missed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Councilman Britt stated he did not know if everyone had the opportunity to read the article Mr. Wood submitted called Keeping Atlanta Wet. He said that was an awesome article and needs to go to other cities and counties. He said it captures what everybody in a smaller city is trying to say. Mr. Wood said he did send it to other City Managers and he got positive responses.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.