

COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2007

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on March 20, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor William S. Hatcher, Council Members Tommy Blicht, Gary Lewis, John Morris and Joe Brannen. Also present were City Manager George Wood, Director of Finance and Administration Judy McCorkle, Planning Director Jim Shaw, and City Engineer Maz Elhaj. Absent was Council Member Will Britt and City Attorney Sam Brannen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2007.

Councilman Blicht made a motion, seconded by Councilman Morris, to approve the minutes of March 6, 2007. Councilmen Blicht, Brannen, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

RECOGNITIONS:

Marty Waters, Principal of Statesboro High School, stated the Student Government Association has requested to name the planned street entering the High School from Northside Drive. Hanna Couch, a student representing Statesboro High School, stated on behalf of the Student Government Association they are requesting the name of the planned street to be # 1 Blue Devil Alley. Mayor Hatcher stated a resolution has been prepared for this street. Councilman Blicht made a motion, seconded by Councilman Morris, to adopt Resolution 2007-16. Councilmen Blicht, Brannen, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Hatcher stated the second request comes from Ray Hendrix who was unable to attend the meeting. City Manager George Wood stated Mr. Hendrix talked to the City, County, and Congressman Barrow about starting a Veterans Outpatient Clinic in Statesboro. He stated Mr. Hendrix has given us a map that shows the number of veterans in a 10 County area. Councilman Blicht made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to authorize the mayor to send a letter of support to Congressman Barrow. Councilmen Blicht, Brannen, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0

MOTION TO ADOPT ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE #2007-10: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 62, REGARDING THE RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

City Manager George Wood stated the concern when we started this program in December 2001 was we did not receive many requests. He said this upcoming fiscal year we may have as many as three requests and we can not fund that many. This ordinance will set up a system of objective criteria that the Staff and Council will use to look at and try to decide which project to fund. Mr. Wood stated the goal is to bring higher level housing with R15 and R20 lots back into the City. Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to adopt Ordinance 2007-10. Councilmen Blicht, Brannen, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2007-17: A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION #2007-13.

City Manager George Wood stated Captain Wendell Turner has requested the City Council to rescind the effective date of his resignation as he wishes to continue employment. Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to adopt Resolution 2007-17. Councilmen Blich, Brannen, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2007-18: A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR THE STATESBORO HOUSING AUTHORITY.

City Manager George Wood stated the Housing Authority is suppose to make a payment to the City equal to what the property taxes would have been. He stated each year the Council waives the taxes provided they use the money to maintain their facilities. Mr. Wood stated the amount they are requesting is \$16,490.05. Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Brannen, to adopt resolution 2007-18. Councilmen Blich, Brannen, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2007-19: A RESOLUTION DECLAIRING PERSONAL PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSAL.

City Manager George stated this is a mobile home that was used in the past for an office and training facility. He stated both the City and County Staff recommend the two boards agree to dispose of the trailer. He said the City and County owns the landfill and transfer station jointly and that is why the recommendation is coming from Public Works Director Bobby Colson. Mr. Wood stated Tom Coach at the County is going to request the County to take similar action. Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Brannen, to adopt Resolution 2007-19. Councilmen Blich, Brannen, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR 35 CONDOMINIUM LOTS AND COMMON AREA ON 3.56 ACRES FOR TILMAN PARK CONDOMINIUMS.

Planning Director Jim Shaw stated this property was rezoned to PUD with an R4 overlay in June of 2005 to allow condominiums to develop on the property. He stated there was an amendment to the PUD to allow the two buildings at each end to go above the previous set height limit. He stated the plat before the Council now is of the original units within the development and the plat is in substantial compliance with the plan that was approved. Mr. Shaw stated the most significant modification is the reduction of the number of units from 40 to 35 along Tillman Road. Staff and Planning Commission recommended approval. Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to approve the preliminary and final subdivision plat for Tillman Park Condominiums. Mayor Hatcher asked what does parking not completed mean? Mr. Shaw replied that a surveyor put a note on there stating the parking was not completed. He said the Engineering Department still holds the certificate of occupancy on each unit, so the parking will be completed. Mayor Hatcher asked is there going to be parking or just a street? Mr. Shaw stated there will be

parking on one or both sides depending on the section and some of the units have garages at the rear. Councilmen Blicht, Brannen, 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 AMENDED AGREEMENT TO INSTALL SUBDIVISION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR GROVE SUBDIVISION.

City Manager George Wood stated this is an agreement that changes from R15 to R20 on the residential incentive program. Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an amended agreement to install subdivision infrastructure for Grove Subdivision. Councilmen Blicht, Brannen, 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 ELERT AND ASSOCIATES FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT SERVICES.

City Manager George Wood stated this contract in the amount of \$13,320 is for phase one and two with three site visits from the consultant, and an additional \$5,130 for the implementation and inspection. He stated they are going to implement a new phone system for the entire City and all of our facilities beginning with the new police station. Councilman Brannen made a motion, seconded by Blicht, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with Elert and Associates. Councilmen Blicht, Brannen, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #2 TO THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH POPE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE STATESBORO POLICE STATION.

City Manager George Wood stated the total cost is \$15,136.00 for the change order. The three major components are: (1) \$999.00 to add plumbing for the ice maker; (2) deduct \$5, 580.00 which is the difference from the normal acoustical tile and a more sound proof tile; (3) add additional electric and CATV conduit change in electrical feed to the air compressor room and, additional voice and data drops. Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blicht, to approve change order #2 with Pope Construction for the Statesboro Police Station. Councilmen Blicht, Brannen, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2007-20: A RESOLUTION DEEDING PROPERTY TO THE BULLOCH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Mayor Hatcher stated we have one additional item to add to the agenda. City Manager George Wood stated we would like you to add one Resolution. He stated the Council agreed informally that they would deed over to the Board of Education part of Fleming Drive. Statesboro High School would use the property for parking and they would reconstruct the street for us. He stated there is a court case out of Dekalb County in which schools can not construct streets. Mr. Wood said what we propose is selling them the street for \$60, 000.00 and their contractor will construct the street. He said this keeps them in compliance with state law. Councilman Blicht made a motion, seconded by Councilman

Lewis, to adopt Resolution 2007-20 deeding property to the Bulloch County School Board at Statesboro High School. Councilmen Blitch, Brannen, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

CITY MANAGER GEORGE WOOD: Mr. Wood stated the Great American Clean up with Keep Bulloch Beautiful is on April 14, 2007. All participants should meet at the Honey Bowen Building at 8:00a.m. Secondly, there is an article from Georgia Trend Magazine about Atlanta Georgia. You here about two Georgia's, Atlanta and the rest of the state. This article makes an interesting observation if Atlanta does not get their act together on transportation, road problems, and water and sewer issues, South Georgia and other areas of the state will be the preferred area to live in. Thirdly, Statesboro High School has invited the Mayor and Council to a luncheon prepared by their Culinary Class on March 23, 2007 at 12:30 p.m. Finally, we our working on the budget and our planning retreat is set for April 13, 2007 at the Pond House at 8:00a.m.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION JUDY MCCORKLE: Ms. McCorkle stated City Attorney Sam Brannen is doing well and he went back to work yesterday.

CITY ENGINEER MAZ ELHAJ: Mr. Elhaj stated this week we will complete construction of Savannah Avenue and Highway 80 and it will be opened to the public.

PLANNING DIRECTOR JIM SHAW: Mr. Shaw stated we have received approval from the environmental review for the Streetscape Project. The next step is the submission of plans. He is going to Kentucky on personal business and will deliver the plans personally.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.