



# CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 6, 2020

Council Meeting Room

Special Called Meeting

6:30 PM

7224 GA HIGHWAY 21  
PORT WENTWORTH, GA 31407

## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The February 6, 2020 Special Called Meeting was not called to order due to the absence of a quorum. Therefore, no business was conducted.

Mayor Norton went on to apologize on behalf of the City that meetings have been held where no business could be conducted. He also stated that he is working hard to move the City forward and get things handled in the proper way.

Council Member Linda Smith concurred with the Mayor by stating that "there is a light at the end of the tunnel and hopefully this matter will be resolved sooner than later". Councilwoman Smith went on to further state that "Mr. Jones changed his schedule around to be in attendance for the meeting and so did I". Councilwoman Smith informed everyone that her brother was in a terrible car accident and she was set to visit him in Athens, Georgia. Councilwoman Smith went on to say that Council was aware that Mr. Barbee would not be present for the meeting, but was assured that Council Member Mark Stephens would attend.

Council Member Glenn Jones stated that he'd been in communication with Council Member Stephens via text and thought he would be present for the meeting. Councilman Jones also noted that Mayor Norton stood by his word when he stated that Council would only conduct the necessary business that has been lingering and nothing further. Councilman Jones closed out his expressions by stating that he appreciated everyone that came out for the meeting even in the midst of the bad weather.

Mayor Norton went on to mention that four (4) resumes/cover letters for the District 1 vacant seat and four (4) resumes/cover letters for the District 3 seat vacant seat had been received by interested residents.

Tiffany Lancaster, Director of Leisure Services, invited everyone to their Family Valentine Dance for dads and daughters, moms and sons, etc. on Friday, February 7, 2020 from 6:30p.m. to 8:30 at the P.B. Edwards Jr. Gymnasium, located at 101 Turnberry Street.

## 2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The February 6, 2020 Special Called Meeting was not called to order due to the absence of a quorum. Therefore, no business was conducted.

## 3. ROLL CALL - CLERK OF COUNCIL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Gary Norton	Mayor	Present	
Linda Smith	Council Member	Present	
Mark Stephens	Council Member	Absent	
Thomas Barbee	Council Member	Absent	

Glenn Jones	Council Member	Present	
James L. Coursey, Jr.	City Attorney	Present	
Phil Jones	Interim City Administrator	Present	
Shanta Scarboro	Clerk of Council	Present	
Brian Harvey	Director of Development Services	Absent	
Tiffany Lancaster	Director of Leisure Services	Present	
Lee Sherrod	Interim Chief of Police	Present	
Lance Moore	Chief of Fire Operations	Present	
Chris Lee	Project Manager	Present	

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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**5. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

There were none to report.

**6. ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

There were none to report.

**7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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- A. City Council - Regular Meeting - Nov 21, 2019 6:30 PM
- B. City Council - Regular Meeting - Dec 19, 2019 6:30 PM
- C. City Council - Special Called Meeting - Jan 9, 2020 6:30 PM
- D. City Council - Regular Meeting - Jan 21, 2020 6:30 PM

**8. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS**

The February 6, 2020 Special Called Meeting was not called to order due to the absence of a quorum. Therefore, no business was conducted.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The February 6, 2020 Special Called Meeting was not called to order due to the absence of a quorum. Therefore, no business was conducted.

- A. Committee Reports

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

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- A. Agreement with Music Garden for the 2020 Stand Up For America Day
- B. Agreement with Fun Time, Inc. for the 2020 Stand Up For America Day
- C. Change Order No. 1 for the Mobley Park Drainage Improvements Phase 2
- D. Pay Request No. 4 for the Mobley Park Drainage Improvements Phase 2
- E. Pay Request No 6 for the Hendley Rd & Monteith Rd Roadway Improvement Project

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There were none to report.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

The February 6, 2020 Special Called Meeting was not called to order due to the absence of a quorum. Therefore, no business was conducted.

- A. Site Plan Review Application (Specific) 1500 Crossgate Road Dec 2019
- B. Site Plan Review (Specific) Newport Cove Apartments 7-0976-02-021
- C. Site Plan Review (Specific) Moe's Rice Hope 7-0906-04-030

**13. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/PROCLAMATIONS**

There were none to report.

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were none to report.

**15. PUBLIC COMMENTS - REGISTERED SPEAKERS**

Although, the February 6, 2020 Special Called Meeting was not called to order due to the absence of a quorum Mayor Norton did allow public comments. The following residents addressed the Mayor and those present on Council.

Linwood Griner, 1112 Meinhard Road, stated that he ran against former Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Johnson in the last election for the District 3 seat and that he ran because he wanted to do good for the City. Mr. Griner went on to further state that he doesn't have any hidden agendas and wants to represent all citizens. Mr. Griner closed by stating the he would like to be considered for the vacant District 3 City Council seat.

Brenda Boulware, 1 Horne Place, stated that she is aware that the various media outlets were present to record the meeting for those who could not attend. However, Ms. Boulware wanted to know specifically who one particular videographer worked for and if the citizens of the City of Port Wentworth were paying the bill, in anyway, to cover the costs for the recording.


**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The February 6, 2020 Special Called Meeting was not called to order due to the absence of a quorum. Therefore, no business was conducted.

  
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 Mayor Gary Norton

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this 19th day of February, 2020.

ATTEST:

  
Shanta M. Scarboro, Clerk of Council