



CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 25, 2018

Council Meeting Room

Regular Meeting

12:00 AM

305 SOUTH COASTAL HIGHWAY
PORT WENTWORTH, GA 31407

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Gary Norton called the meeting to order.

2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Linda Smith led in Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL - CLERK OF COUNCIL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Gary Norton	Mayor	Present	
Linda Smith	Council Member	Present	
Shari Dyal	Council Member	Present	
Debbie Johnson	Council Member	Present	
Bill Herrin	Council Member	Present	
Thomas Barbee	Council Member	Present	
Phillip Claxton	City Administrator	Present	
Ray Smith	City Attorney	Present	
Shanta Scarborough	Clerk of Council	Present	
Brian Harvey	Director of Development Services	Present	
Tiffany Lancaster	Director of Leisure Services	Present	
Matt Libby	Director of Public Safety	Present	
Jimmy Stewart	Wastewater Treatment Manager	Present	
Lee Sherrod	Police Major	Present	
Lance Moore	Chief of Fire Operations	Present	
Jim Vaughn	City Engineer	Present	
Trent Long	City Engineer	Present	

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to approve the agenda with the following changes:

1. Under **Elections & Appointments**, add Item #B - Election of Mayor Pro Tem
2. Under **Elections & Appointments**, add Item #C - Committee Appointments
3. Under **Executive Session**, add Item #A - Property Acquisition
4. Under **New Business**, remove Item #B - Subdivision Application submitted by Michael Hussey
5. Under **Resolutions/Ordinances /Proclamations**, remove Item #'s A - D

Seconded by Council Member Linda Smith. Vote was unanimous.

5. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

There were none to report.

6. ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

A. Ray Smith, City Attorney

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to elect Ray C. Smith as the new City Attorney. Seconded by Shari Dyal. Vote was unanimous.

Discussion

Council Member Linda Smith asked Mr. Ray Smith if he had ever represented anyone on Council or any builders within the City? Attorney Smith's response was no; not that he can recall over his long span of representing clients.

B. Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Council Member Bill Herrin nominated Council Member Paul Fox for Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Thomas Barbee nominated Council Member Debbie Johnson. Council Member Linda Smith made a motion that the nominations be closed. Seconded by Council Member Bill Herrin. With a 3 to 1 vote, Council Member Paul Fox was elected Mayor Pro Tem.

Discussion

Attorney Ray Smith asked that it be noted in the minutes that with only 5 members of Council being present, that the vote was not a split.

C. Committee Appointments

Mayor Horton announced the Committee Appointments for City Council Members:

Finance - Council Member Shari Dyal, Chair; Council Member Linda Smith, Co-Chair

Planning & Zoning - Council Member Thomas Barbee, Chair; Council Member Shari Dyal, Co-Chair

Police Department - Council Member Paul Fox, Chair; Council Member Thomas Barbee, Co-Chair

Public Works - Council Member Bill Herrin, Chair; Council Member Debbie Johnson, Co-Chair

Recreation - Council Member Linda Paul, Chair; Council Member Paul Fox, Co-Chair

Water/Sewer/WWTF - Council Member Debbie Johnson, Chair; Council Member Bill Herrin, Co-Chair

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A. City Council - Regular Meeting - December 28, 2017

1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Dec 28, 2017 7:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Herrin, Council Member
SECONDER:	Thomas Barbee, Council Member
AYES:	Norton, Smith, Dyal, Johnson, Herrin, Barbee
ABSENT:	Fox

B. Executive Session - December 28, 2017

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to approve the minutes from Executive Session on December 28, 2017. Seconded by Council Member Thomas Barbee. Vote was unanimous.

8. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Council Member Bill Herrin stated that Council Member Thomas Barbee always stresses the importance of transparency, which led him to read the following email received from Jodi Hawks on Friday, January 5, 2018 11:54:07 AM and requested that it be part of the minutes:

"Councilman Herrin;

I want to wish you luck and hope you enjoy the first council meeting of 2018. From what I hear it's going to be one a real eye opener. You might want to take an extra blood pressure pill before you go to the meeting. I also hope you like your committee appointment.

I guess you are in the political dog house for the next two years. Was voting for the "Libby Contract" worth it? I guess you will find out what the ramifications of this are going to be at the first meeting of council this year.

Maybe they will create a new position as the Director of Port Wentworth City Government or something along those lines where a person is over everybody that works for the city and they appoint Fred Williams to the position. LMAO A super boss that is the city's top dog. It could happen.....Might be a rumor though. We will see very very very sooooooon. After all you voted to create a Director of Public Safety and give him a contract. So the new Mayor and Council can create any new position they want and call them a Director of the whole city government, can't they?"

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Committee Reports and make them part of the minutes.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Linda Smith, Council Member
SECONDER:	Thomas Barbee, Council Member
AYES:	Norton, Smith, Dyal, Johnson, Herrin, Barbee
ABSENT:	Fox

10. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Bill Herrin, Council Member
SECONDER: Linda Smith, Council Member
AYES: Norton, Smith, Dyal, Johnson, Herrin, Barbee
ABSENT: Fox

- A. Senior Citizens Inc. Contract Renewal
- B. Ingersoll Rand Package Care Agreement Renewal
- C. BRW Construction Co. Pay Request #1

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were none to report.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Subdivision Application submitted by Terry Coleman, Coleman Company Inc., on behalf of BEP Rice Hope LLC., for PIN # 7-0906B-14-003 (Lakeside Boulevard) located in a M-P-O (Master Plan Overlay) Zoning District for a Preliminary Plat of a Major Subdivision (Parkside Subdivision) for the purpose of Single-Family Homes

Public Hearing

Greg Coleman (applicant) of Coleman Company Inc. spoke in favor of the application.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Bill Herrin, Council Member
SECONDER: Shari Dyal, Council Member
AYES: Norton, Smith, Dyal, Johnson, Herrin, Barbee
ABSENT: Fox

- B. Subdivision Application submitted by Michael Hussey, Sundial Land Surveying, PC., on behalf of Fox Haven Properties, LLC, for PIN #: 7-0978-01-025 (Roseberry Circle) located in a P-RIP (Planned Residential Institutional) Zoning District for a Final Plat of a Major Subdivision (St. Augustine Town Homes) for the purpose of Townhomes

RESULT: **DELAYED [UNANIMOUS]** **Next: 2/22/2018 12:00 AM**
MOVER: Bill Herrin, Council Member
SECONDER: Linda Smith, Council Member
AYES: Norton, Smith, Dyal, Johnson, Herrin, Barbee
ABSENT: Fox

- C. Site Plan Review Application submitted by Greg Coleman, Coleman Company, Inc., on behalf of BEP Rice Hope LLC for PIN #: 7-0906B-14-003 (Lakeside Boulevard) for a Specific Development Plan to allow a Single Family Residential Development in a MPO (Master Plan Overlay) Zoning District

Public Hearing

Greg Coleman (applicant) of Coleman Company Inc. spoke in favor of the application.

Discussion

Council Member Thomas Barbee inquired about the tie in to the retention pond.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Herrin, Council Member
SECONDER:	Thomas Barbee, Council Member
AYES:	Norton, Smith, Dyal, Johnson, Herrin, Barbee
ABSENT:	Fox

- D. Zoning Board of Appeals Use Application submitted by C. L. Case for PIN #: 7-0007-03-006 (8 North Coastal Highway Suite C) to use the property for a Heating and Air-Conditioning and Appliance Repair Business in a P-C-2 (Planned Community Business) Zoning District.

Public Hearing

There were none to report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Herrin, Council Member
SECONDER:	Debbie Johnson, Council Member
AYES:	Norton, Smith, Dyal, Johnson, Herrin, Barbee
ABSENT:	Fox

13. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS

There were none to report.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. To Discuss Property Acquisition

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition. Seconded by Council Member Linda Smith. Vote was unanimous.

Council Member Linda Smith made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. Seconded by Council Member Thomas Barbee. Vote was unanimous.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS - REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Jerry Owens, 19 Aberfeldy Street, wanted to publicly thank the City on behalf of the senior residents for the contract renewal with Senior Citizens, Inc.

Alejandro Perez, 55 Gimbal Circle, approached Mayor and Council to thank the Port Wentworth Police Department for their help in the search of his autistic son who went missing on Tuesday, January 9, 2017. With the help of the Police and several other volunteers his son was found 4 hours later safely.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Thomas Barbee. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Gary Norton

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this _____ day of _____, 2018.

ATTEST:

Shanta M. Scarboro, Clerk of Council

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