



CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 25, 2018

Council Meeting Room

Regular Meeting

7:00 PM

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 Thomas Barbee led in Prayer and Council Member Bill Herrin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL - CLERK OF COUNCIL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Gary Norton	Mayor	Present	
Paul Fox	Council Member	Present	
Linda Smith	Council Member	Present	
Shari Dyal	Council Member	Present	
Bill Herrin	Council Member	Present	
Thomas Barbee	Council Member	Present	
Phil Jones	City Administrator	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	
Lee Sherrod	Police Major	Present	
Lance Moore	Chief of Fire Operations	Present	
Chris Lee	Project Manager	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 **New Business** change Item #E to Item #D and Item #D to Item #E.

Seconded by Council Member Paul Fox. Vote was unanimous.

5. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

There were none to report.

6. ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

- A. Planning Commission Candidate - Lauree Morris

Lauree Morris, 831 Barnsley Road, was present to express her interest in serving on the Planning Commission.

DISCUSSION 1

Council Member Shari Dyal posed the question as to when did this vacancy become open and if it had been advertised?

Brian Harvey, Director of Development Services, stated that the position had not been advertised but would do so at the request of Council.

Council Member Shari Dyal stated that she would like to see the vacancies available for Planning Commission be put out to the public first, before proceeding to make a decision.

B. Community Development Authority Candidate - Georgia Benton

Candidate Georgia Benton was not present at the meeting.

C. Community Development Authority Candidate - Karen Harden-Oneal

Candidate Karen Harden-Oneal was not present at the meeting.

D. Community Development Authority Candidate - William Pfeiffer, Jr.

William Pfeiffer Jr., 1100 Meinhard Road, was present to express his interest in serving on the Development Authority.

DISCUSSION 1

Council Member Shari Dyal, asked Mr. Pfeiffer "what do you foresee being your role on the Development Authority?"

Mr. Pfeiffer responded by stating jobs, businesses, increase tax base, more change, and bringing different corporations to the area.

DISCUSSION 2

Council Member Paul Fox asked if the Development Authority was advertised to include business owners?

Phil Jones, Interim City Administrator, responded by stating that the applications we available to all who wanted to apply. The only stipulation is that they must be a resident of Port Wentworth.

James L. Coursey Jr., City Attorney, reiterated Mr. Jones' point that those who serve on the Development Authority must be tax paying residents. He went on to further state that he will research this more and get back with Council during the next meeting.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A. City Council - Regular Meeting - Sep 27, 2018 7:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Herrin, Council Member
SECONDER:	Paul Fox, Council Member
AYES:	Fox, Smith, Dyal, Herrin, Barbee

B. Executive Session - September 27, 2018

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 27, 2018 Executive Session. Seconded by Council Member Paul Fox. Vote was unanimous.

8. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

There were none to report.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

Council Member Thomas Barbee made a motion to dispense with the reading of the committee reports and make them part of the minutes. Seconded by Council Member Bill Herrin. Vote was unanimous.

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

10. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Pay Request No. 8 from Griffin Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$159,069.08 for the Phillips Ave Paving Project
- B. Change Order No. 3 from Griffin Contracting, Inc., in the Amount of \$506.00 for the Phillips Ave Paving Project
- C. Change Order No. 4 from Griffin Contracting, Inc., in the Amount of \$7,900.00 for the Phillips Ave Paving Project

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were none to report.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bonnybridge Secondary Outfall Improvements

Council Member Shari Dyal asked if there is money left in the budget from prior years?

Phil Jones, Interim City Administrator, stated yes that it has been building up over time.

Mr. Jones went on to further state that this was a project Council approved in the past and was set aside, and now just needs to be put back on.

B. Georgia Homeland Management Agency Homeland Security SubGrant Funded From the Federal FY18 Homeland Security Grant Program

The Georgia Homeland Management Agency/Homeland Security SubGrant is a grant that was given to the City of Port Wentworth Police Department in the amount of \$41,000. This grant can be used to purchase items such as commercial devices, radio headsets, night vision goggles, etc.

C. Montgomery Well Permit Application for 615 Meinhard Road

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Paul Fox, Council Member
SECONDER: Shari Dyal, Council Member
AYES: Fox, Smith, Dyal, Herrin, Barbee

- D. Application to Amend the Zoning Map submitted by Phillip McCorkle, McCorkle & Johnson LLP., on behalf of L-A Savannah Crossgate, LLC., for PIN # 7-0033-01-004 (Crossgate Road) to rezone the property from EDZ (Economic Development Zone) to P-I-1 (Planned Industrial).

Phillip McCorkle was present to answer any questions from Mayor and Council. Copies of the board have been prepared.

The following Port Wentworth residents were present to express their opposition to the construction of the planned warehouse.

H.V. Morris, 908 Akin Drive

Jerry Bogus, 908 Barnsley Road

David Aires, 901 Barnsley Road

Max Dunigan, 902 Barnsely Road

Garnashia Bogus, 908 Barnsley Road

Jim Brooks, 115 Falkin Street

Robert Well, 909 Falkin Drive

William Miller, 101 Akin Drive

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Paul Fox, Council Member
SECONDER: Shari Dyal, Council Member
AYES: Fox, Smith, Dyal, Herrin, Barbee

- E. Application to Amend the Zoning Map submitted by Phillip McCorkle, McCorkle & Johnson LLP., on behalf of Cliff Beard and Curley and Mary Cooper for PIN #'s 7-0018-02-015 & 7-0018-02-016 (106 and 107 Myrtle Drive) to rezone the property from P-C-2 (Planned Community Business) to P-I-2 (Planned Industrial).

Two Public Hearings were held to seal the approval vote for the agenda item.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Thomas Barbee, Council Member
SECONDER: Paul Fox, Council Member
AYES: Fox, Smith, Dyal, Herrin, Barbee

- F. Subdivision Application submitted by Lamar Mercer, P.E., Thomas and Hutton Engineering Inc., on behalf of BEP Rice Hope. LLC., for PIN # 7-0906-04-069 (Parkside Blvd) located in a M-P-O (Master Plan Overlay) Zoning District for a Preliminary Plat of a Major Subdivision (Parkside Phase 1D) for the purpose of Single-Family Homes

Murray Marshall was present to answer any questions or Mayor and Council.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Paul Fox, Council Member
SECONDER: Shari Dyal, Council Member
AYES: Fox, Smith, Dyal, Herrin, Barbee

- G. Site Plan Review Application submitted by BEP - Rice Hope LLC., for PIN # 7-0906-04-069 (Parkside Blvd) for a Specific Development Plan to allow a Single-Family Residential Development in a MPO (Master Plan Overlay) Zoning District

Murray Marshall was present to answer any questions of Mayor and Council.

DISCUSSION 1

Council Member Paul Fox asked how many homes will be there once fully developed?

Mr. Marshall stated that they were approved for 4,500, some of which is the Publix, Rice Creek School, and the Market at Rice Hope shopping plaza, etc.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Shari Dyal, Council Member
SECONDER: Thomas Barbee, Council Member
AYES: Fox, Smith, Dyal, Herrin, Barbee

- H. Alcoholic Beverage License Application submitted by Just Pines Hernandez for a Beer / Wine License, Liquor - Beer, Wine, & Liquor License, and Sunday Sales License for Agave Bar and Grill Company (222 Oldbrook Station Circle) located in a P-C-3 (Planned General Business) Zoning District

Ivet Perez was present to answer questions of Mayor and Council

DISCUSSION 1

Council Member Shari Dyal asked Ms. Perez where is the restaurant located?

Ms. Perez stated that it is the old Island Grill and that they will serve Mexican food. Ms. Perez also stated that they currently have a location in Tybee Island.

Council Member Paul Fox asked Ms. Perez what precautions did they have in place to not serve minors?

Ms. Perez stated that she plans to follow the laws and rules of the City and state.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Linda Smith, Council Member
SECONDER: Paul Fox, Council Member
AYES: Fox, Smith, Dyal, Herrin, Barbee

13. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Ordinance No. 18-33, Budget Adjustment, Second Reading, Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Lease for the Department of Public Safety Command Vehicle

Council Member Shari Dyal proposed to Council that a 3rd party vendor complete a necessity study before moving forward with an approval for the purchase of a command vehicle. Mrs. Dyal went on to express her concern that a few incidents, the most recent

being the plane crash on Highway 21 and one storm, does not justify the purchase of a command vehicle. In her opinion, it is not a good resource of tax payers dollars.

Council Member Linda Smith responded to Mrs. Dyal's statement by stating that during the Council Workshop related to the command vehicle that great detail was given as to the usage and need of such vehicle.

Council Member Shari Dyal posed a question to Matt Libby, Director of Public Safety, "how many cities of our size have these vehicles"?

Chief Libby replied by stating he wasn't sure, that his concern is for the safety of the residents of Port Wentworth.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Bill Herrin, Council Member
SECONDER:	Linda Smith, Council Member
AYES:	Fox, Smith, Herrin, Barbee
NAYS:	Dyal

- B. Resolution No. 18-03, to Create A Community Development Authority of the City of Port Wentworth, Georgia

RESULT:	FAILED [2 TO 3]
MOVER:	Paul Fox, Council Member
SECONDER:	Shari Dyal, Council Member
AYES:	Smith, Herrin
NAYS:	Fox, Dyal, Barbee

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were none to report.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS - REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Alex Dyal, 20 Noble Jones Court, inquired of Mayor and Council about the progress of the road striping for the Rice Creek Community.

Interim City Administrator, Phil Jones, stated that the City Engineer Trent Long is working on a proposal to implement road striping for all subdivision streets and it appears to be a cost of about \$80,000.00 - \$90,000.00.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to report, Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Paul Fox. 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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