



CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 1, 2018

Council Meeting Room

Special Called 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 Paul Fox led in Prayer and 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	
Debbie Johnson	Council Member	Absent	
Bill Herrin	Council Member	Present	
Thomas Barbee	Council Member	Present	
Phillip Claxton	City Administrator	Present	
Shanta Scarboro	Clerk of Council	Present	

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Chatham Area Transit Authority Agreement to Run A Daytime St. Patrick's Day Shuttle Service

Phillip Claxton, City Administrator, discussed the two (2) proposed agreements between Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT) and the City of Port Wentworth. In summary, the proposals offered the City of Port Wentworth an opportunity to partner with CAT to run a daytime shuttle service, either every hour or 1/2 hour depending on the vote of Council. The shuttle service would include two full size shuttles/buses for a flat round-trip fee of \$5 for Port Wentworth residents. The suggested pickup/drop-off location would be behind the Food Lion Shopping Plaza in Port Wentworth. Advertising for the shuttle would be done by publicizing on the City Hall marquee, City website, myEmma (email blast), social media accounts, and Home Owners Associations Boards within the various Port Wentworth neighborhoods.

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

- B. Coastal Regional Commission (CRC) Contract for Professional Services for Annual Retreat
City Administrator, Phillip Claxton, stated that the Annual City Council Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 10am until 6pm at the New Ebenezer Retreat Center in

Rincon, Georgia. He further stated that Carl Vinson Institute-University of Georgia was contacted to request a facilitator for this event but was told that they would not have anyone available until May. As a result, Lapita McClenng with the Coastal Regional Commission was contacted and asked to serve as the facilitator and she agreed.

Council Member Thomas Barbee asked if attendance at the April 7, 2018 retreat would count as a credit for Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). City Administrator responded by stating that no this retreat would not count for credit.

There was further discussion as to whether or not City Department Heads would be required to attend the retreat. Council Member Paul Fox suggested that there attendance be mandatory.

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

- C. Letter addressed to the Chatham County Board of Elections to allow all of District 1 voters access to cast vote at Rice Creek School

Council Member Thomas Barbee requested that the letter addressed to the Board of Elections be revised to state "allow all of District 1 registered voters access to cast vote at Rice Creek School" before sending the letter to the Board of Elections.

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

5. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/PROCLAMATIONS

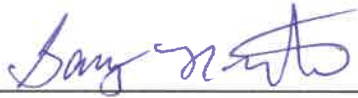
- A. Ordinance No. 18-11, Amendment to Alcohol Beverage License, First Reading

Phillip Claxton suggested to Mayor and Council that they thoroughly review the City Charter and Ordinance as it relates to issuing alcohol licenses and develop fair criterion for those businesses applying for a license.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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 2nd day of March, 2018.

ATTEST:



Shanta M. Scarboro, Clerk of Council