



CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 27, 2020

Council Meeting Room

Regular Meeting

6:30 PM

7224 GA HIGHWAY 21
PORT WENTWORTH, GA 31407

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Gary Norton called the meeting to order.

2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Bill Black led in Prayer and Mayor Gary Norton led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL - CLERK OF COUNCIL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Gary Norton	Mayor	Present	
Linda Smith	Council Member	Present	
Donald Hodges	Council Member	Present	
Mark Stephens	Council Member	Present	
Glenn Jones	Council Member	Present	
Thomas Barbee	Council Member	Present	
James L. Coursey	City Attorney	Present	
Phil Jones	Consultant/City Administrator	Present	
Shanta Scarboro	Clerk of Council	Present	
Brian Harvey	Director of Development Services	Present	
Lance Moore	Chief of Fire Operations	Present	
Tiffany Lancaster	Director of Leisure Services	Present	
Lee Sherrod	Interim Chief of Police	Present	
Chris Lee	Project Manager	Present	

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Thomas Barbee made a motion to approve the agenda with the following addition:

1. Under **Elections & Appointments** add Item # C. resignation letter of Steve Davis.

Seconded by Council Member Linda Smith. Vote was unanimous.

5. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

There were none to report.

6. ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

A. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

Council Member Thomas Barbee nominated Council Member Glenn Jones as Mayor Pro Tem, however he graciously declined the nomination.

Council Member Glenn Jones then made a motion to nominate Council Member Linda Smith as Mayor Pro Tem. Seconded by Council Member Donald Hodges.

Vote Result:

Yes/Aye - Council Member Linda Smith
 Yes/Aye - Council Member Donald Hodges
 No/Nay - Council Member Mark Stephens
 Yes/Aye - Council Member Glenn Jones
 No/Nay - Council Member Thomas Barbee

APPROVED [3 TO 2]**B. Appointment of District 3 Council Seat**

Council Member Thomas Barbee nominated Janet Hester for the vacant District 3 Council seat. Seconded by Council Member Mark Stephens.

Vote Result:

No/Nay - Council Member Linda Smith
 No/Nay - Council Member Donald Hodges
 Yes/Aye- Council Member Mark Stephens
 No/Nay - Council Member Glenn Jones
 Yes/Aye - Council Member Thomas Barbee

MOTION FAILED [3 TO 2]

Council Member Linda Smith then made a motion to nominate Lynwood Griner for the vacant District 3 Council seat. Seconded by Council Member Donald Hodges.

Vote Result:

Yes/Aye - Council Member Linda Smith
 Yes/Aye - Council Member Donald Hodges
 No/Nay - Council Member Mark Stephens
 Yes/Aye - Council Member Glenn Jones
 No/Nay - Council Member Thomas Barbee

APPROVED [3 TO 2]**C. Resignation Letter submitted by Interim City Administrator, Steve Davis**

Council Member Linda Smith made a motion to accept the resignation letter submitted by Steve Davis as Interim City Administrator. Seconded by Council Member Glenn Jones.

Council Member Thomas Barbee and Council Member Mark Stephens voted No/Nay.

Clerk of Council, Shanta Scarboro, read into the hearing of those present for the meeting the resignation letter submitted by Steve Davis on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 5:11 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	Linda Smith, Council Member
SECONDER:	Glenn Jones, Council Member
AYES:	Smith, Hodges, Jones
NAYS:	Stephens, Barbee

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**A. City Council - Special Called Meeting - Feb 19, 2020 6:30 PM**

Clerk of Council, Shanta Scarboro, stated for the record that during the February 19, 2020 Special Called Meeting Council Member Thomas Barbee and Council Member Mark Stephens requested that the minutes from the November 21, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting be adjusted to reflect that Council Member Debbie Johnson voted No/Nay on

Items # H. and I. After researching the notes from the November 21st meeting it was determined that Councilwoman Johnson did recuse herself from the vote on both items, therefore the November 21, 2019 minutes stand as written.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Glenn Jones, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Stephens, Council Member
AYES:	Smith, Hodges, Stephens, Jones, Barbee

8. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

There were none to report.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

Council Member Linda Smith made a motion to approve the Committee Reports and make them part of the minutes. Seconded by Council Member Thomas Barbee. Vote was unanimous.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Linda Smith, Council Member
SECONDER:	Thomas Barbee, Council Member
AYES:	Smith, Hodges, Stephens, Jones, Barbee

10. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Glenn Jones, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Stephens, Council Member
AYES:	Smith, Hodges, Stephens, Jones, Barbee

- A. Pay Request No. 1 City Hall 2nd Floor Council Chambers Renovation Project
- B. Pay Request No. 5 for the Mobley Park Drainage Improvements Phase 2
- C. Pay Request No. 6 for the Mobley Park Drainage Improvements Phase 2
- D. Pay Request No. 2 Della Steele Park Paving Project FINAL

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were none to report.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Waste Pro Disposal Service Agreement

City Attorney, James L. Coursey, Jr., spoke on behalf of this agenda item.

Council Member Thomas Barbee asked if there are any performance bond requirements associated with the agreement?

Mr. Coursey responded by stating that yes, there are performance bond requirements included in the agreement.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mark Stephens, Council Member
SECONDER: Thomas Barbee, Council Member
AYES: Smith, Hodges, Stephens, Jones, Barbee

B. Republic Services Disposal Agreement

Council Member Thomas Barbee asked if it were possible to hold Republic Services last invoice due to the amount of trash carts that have not been picked up around the City?

City Attorney, James L. Coursey, Jr., stated that he would have to research if this is plausible and will report back to Council.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Thomas Barbee, Council Member
SECONDER: Linda Smith, Council Member
AYES: Smith, Hodges, Stephens, Jones, Barbee

C. Chatham Area Transit Agreement St. Patrick's Day Shuttle

Council Member Glenn Jones made a motion to approve four (4) buses. Seconded by Council Member Donald Hodges. Vote was unanimous.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Glenn Jones, Council Member
SECONDER: Linda Smith, Council Member
AYES: Smith, Hodges, Stephens, Jones, Barbee

D. Statewide Mutual Aid

Chief of Fire Operations, Lance Moore, was present to answer any questions of Mayor and Council. Chief Moore also stated that the Statewide Mutual Aid allows municipalities to work together; not just the City of Port Wentworth Fire Department but also the City's Police and Public Works Department. The aid implements procedures to request services or for services to be requested.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mark Stephens, Council Member
SECONDER: Linda Smith, Council Member
AYES: Smith, Hodges, Stephens, Jones, Barbee

E. Subdivision Application Lakeside Ph 1C-1 Final Plat

Ryan Strickland, Thomas & Hutton Engineering, Inc., was present to answer any questions of Mayor and Council.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mark Stephens, Council Member
SECONDER: Thomas Barbee, Council Member
AYES: Smith, Hodges, Stephens, Jones, Barbee

13. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/PROCLAMATIONS

There were none to report.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**A. Multiple Employment Contract Issues**

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

Council Member Donald Hodges made a motion to convene Executive Session and reconvene into the Regular City Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Thomas Barbee.
Vote was unanimous.

Council Member Thomas Barbee made a motion to reconvene the Regular City Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Donald Hodges. Vote was unanimous.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS - REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Julius Robinson, 225 Grant Road, presented a photo to Mayor and Council of Mayor Gary Norton, Council Member Glenn Jones and City Attorney, James L. Coursey, Jr., with Governor Brian Kemp and other local representatives questioning their trip to the capital to meet with the Governor. Mr. Robinson also inquired as to whether or not there was an application process to fill the vacant District 3 City Council seat.

Council Member Glenn Jones, in summary, stated that their trip to Atlanta, Georgia to meet with the Governor was simply to discuss the appointment of the District 1 Council Seat.

Mayor Gary Norton stated that no matter what is done there will always be some to talk for and against it and that "I know who my Lord is and no one out there is going to beat me down."

Council Member Linda Smith stated that the picture is derogatory and whoever put it out needs to be careful.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council Member Glenn Jones 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 26th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:



Shanta M. Scarborough, Clerk of Council