



CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 26, 2023

Council Meeting Room

Regular Meeting

7:00 PM

7224 GA HIGHWAY 21
PORT WENTWORTH, GA 31407

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Gary Norton called the meeting to order.
Councilman Rufus Bright led the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL - CLERK OF COUNCIL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Gary Norton	Mayor	Present	
Thomas Barbee	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Gabrielle Nelson	Council Member	Present	
Mark Stephens	Council Member	Present	
Rufus Bright	Council Member	Present	
Glenn Jones	Council Member	Present	

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A.

Mayor Pro-Tem Barbee made a motion to approve the agenda with the following addition:

12.B Alcohol License Application for Georgia Comfort Kitchen

it was second by Councilman Stephens.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Thomas Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Mark Stephens, Council Member
AYES:	Barbee, Nelson, Stephens, Bright, Jones

4. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS - REGISTERED SPEAKERS

A. Georgia Benton

Discussed the following topic(s):

- Bulk Trash
- Senior Citizens
- Veterans

B. Avril Roy-Smith

Discussed the following topic(s):

- Thanked the Port Wentworth Police

- New medical facility

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C. Domonique Lavoisier

Discussed the following topic(s):

- Parker's

D. Tray Johnson

Discussed the following topic(s):

- Rezoning

E. LaRay Benton

Discussed the following topic(s):

- Veterans Memorial
- Ghost Pirates

6. ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes -September 28, 2023

8. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Councilwoman Nelson thanked Leisure Services for putting together the Fall Festival, and invited everyone out to attend the Trunk or Treat on Tuesday October 31, 2023.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rufus Bright, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Stephens, Council Member
AYES:	Barbee, Nelson, Stephens, Bright, Jones

10. CONSENT AGENDA

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Zoning Map Amendment Application submitted by Steve Davis, on behalf of the City of Port Wentworth, for a portion of PIN # 7-0978-05-013 (Meinhard Rd., Port Wentworth, GA) to Rezone from R-4 (Mixed Residential) to C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District for a parcel to be developed as a private recreational facility within the limits of the planned City of Port Wentworth Park. (2nd Reading)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark Stephens, Council Member
SECONDER:	Thomas Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Barbee, Nelson, Stephens, Bright, Jones

B. Insurance Company License Fee-2nd Reading

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Thomas Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Mark Stephens, Council Member
AYES:	Barbee, Nelson, Stephens, Bright, Jones

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Georgia Retired Educators Day Proclamation

Councilwoman Nelson read the Georgia Retired Educators Day Proclamation, and Council presented the proclamation to all of the retired educators who were present.

B. Alcohol License Application

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Joseph McDermott came and discussed the details about the restaurant Georgia Comfort Kitchen, and informed Council and the Residents on when they will be opening.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gabrielle Nelson, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rufus Bright, Council Member
AYES:	Barbee, Nelson, Stephens, Bright, Jones

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Stephens made a motion to retire to executive session, and it was second by Councilman Bright. Approved Unanimous.

Councilman Jones made a motion to reconvene regular session, and it was second by Councilwoman Nelson. Approved Unanimous.

- A. Litigation
- B. Personnel
- C. Real Estate

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilman Jones made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson. Vote was Approved Unanimously.

Mayor Gary Norton

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this _____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

Zahnay Smoak, Clerk of Council