

Mayor Glenn Jones called the meeting to order. Council Member Bill Herrin led in Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

All members of Council were present. Also, present were City Administrator Phillip Claxton, City Attorney Eric Gotwalt, City Engineer Jim Vaughn, Police Captain Matt Libby, Fire Chief Greg Long, Director of Development Services Brian Harvey, Leisure Services Director Pat Foran and Clerk of Council Miriam Jordan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Joseph Harris made a motion to approve the agenda with the following changes: (1) Executive Session will be moved to right after the Approval of Agenda; (2) Under Consent Agenda, the following will be added – Item L, Georgia Department of Transportation Traffic Signal Permit Application for a Traffic Signal at the Intersection of State Route 25 and Grange Road; Item M, Contract and Notice to Proceed with Southern Champion for the North Area Water & Sewer Extension Project Contingent Upon Obtaining Easements from Varnadoe and Joiner and upon the City Attorney’s Review; (3) Under Consent Agenda, the following will be removed – Item C, Final Acceptance of Rice Creek Phase I Tract B; Item D, Final Acceptance of Braxton Manor Phase I; Item E, Final Acceptance of Amberly estates Phase I; Item F, Acceptance of Street Lights in Amberly Estates Phase I; Item G, Acceptance of Street Lights in Rice Creek Phase 2; (4) Under the Consent Agenda, Item I – the amount should read \$9,011.76; and (5) Resolutions/Ordinances/Proclamations will be moved to right after the Consent Agenda.

Harris – 1
Herrin – 2
All – 3

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Herrin – 1
Harris – 2
All – 3

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to adjourn out of Executive Session.

Herrin – 1
Bowers – 2
All – 3

Council Member Joseph Harris made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council.

Harris – 1
Herrin – 2
All – 3

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

There were none to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Mattie Childs, 105 Berrien Road, asked when the yard for the house at the corner of Berrien Road and Highway 21 would be cleaned up. She stated that it was an eyesore.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- A. Council Member James Curry made a motion to appoint Morris Oglesby as Superintendent of Construction for the Houston Museum Project.

Curry – 1
Harris – 2
All – 3

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2011 Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council.

Herrin – 1
Harris – 2
All – 3

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

There were none to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Committee Reports.

Herrin – 1
Harris – 2
All – 3

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Joseph Harris made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows with the exception of removing Item B.

- A. Port Wentworth Chamber of Commerce Pay Request in the Amount of \$12,634.69 for May 2011 Expenses
- H. Agreement with Port City Design Group for Engineering Services for the Structural Evaluation of the O’Leary Road Bridge not to Exceed \$8,500
- I. Approve Payment in the Amount of \$9,011.76 for Supplies Purchased for the Houston Museum Project
- J. Proposal for Implementation of NPDES Phase I MS4 Stormwater Management Plan from Ecological Planning Group for an Amount not to Exceed \$22,515
- K. Proposal for Watershed Protection Plan Monitoring from Ecological Planning Group for an Amount not to Exceed \$19, 250
- L. Georgia Department of Transportation Traffic Signal Permit Application for a Traffic Signal at the Intersection of State Route 25 and Grange Road
- M. Contract and Notice to Proceed with Southern Champion for the North Area Water & Sewer Extension Project Contingent Upon Obtaining Easements from Varnadoe and Joiner and Upon the City Attorney’s Review

Harris – 1
Herrin – 2

City Administrator Phillip Claxton stated that Guerry Lumber will have to reissue their invoices in the City’s name for payment for supplies purchased for the Houston Museum Project.

All – 3

- B. Council Member Joseph Harris made a motion to deny the Well Permit Application for 6530 Highway 21.

Harris – 1
Herrin – 2
All – 3

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Council Member Joseph Harris made a motion to approve as the second reading Ordinance No. 11-16 – Zoning Text Amendment Application submitted by Stapleton Bros Ent., LLC to Add Pawn Shops as an Allowed Use in a C-1 (Neighborhood Business) Zoning District.

Harris – 1
Curry – 2
All – 3

- B. Ordinance No. 11-17 – Budget Adjustment FY12, Houston Museum Project (\$35,000), *First Reading*

Public Hearing

There were no comments to report.

Action

Council Member Jud Bowers made a motion to approve as the first reading Ordinance No. 11-17 – Budget Adjustment FY12, Houston Museum Project (\$35,000).

Bowers – 1
Herrin – 2

City Administrator Phillip Claxton stated that the \$9,011.76 from Item I on the Consent Agenda would come from this \$35,000 budgeted amount. He also stated again that the invoices from Guerry Lumber for the supplies will have to be reissued in the City's name.

All – 3

- C. Council Member James Curry made a motion to approve as the second reading Ordinance No. 11-17 – Budget Adjustment FY12, Houston Museum Project (\$35,000).

Curry – 1
Norton – 2
All – 3

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposal for Short Term Work Program Update from Ecological Planning Group for an Amount not to Exceed \$4,500

Courtney Reich with Ecological Planning Group gave a brief presentation of the City's Short Term Work Program accomplishments and goals.

Public Hearing

There were no comments to report.

Council Member Joseph Harris made a motion to accept the proposal from Ecological Planning Group for the City's Short Term Work Program Update for an amount not to exceed \$4,500.

Harris – 1
Bowers – 2
All – 3

At this time, the Mayor invited anyone who would like to address Mayor and Council to do so. There were no comments to report.

Council Member Gary Norton expressed his appreciation for the Police Department's work during the homicide that occurred in the City.

Della Steele thanked Mayor and Council for their support of the Houston Museum Project.

Council Member Jud Bowers stated that the Mayor and Council would be sending a thank you letter to Oelschig Nursery for the donation of the flowers placed around the veterans crosses at "Stand Up for America Day".

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Council Member Joseph Harris made a motion to adjourn.


Harris – 1
Curry – 2
All – 3



Mayor Glenn Jones

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this 25th day of August, 2011.

ATTEST:



Miriam B. Jordan, Clerk of Council