

Mayor Glenn Jones called the meeting to order. Council Member Robert Henderson 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 Lieutenant Lee Sherrod and Clerk of Council Miriam Jordan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Joseph Harris made a motion to approve the agenda with the following change: (1) Under Resolutions/Ordinances/Proclamations, add Item J, Resolution No. 11-03 – Extension of Maturity Date of Interim Revenue Bond, Series 2010.

Harris – 1
Herrin – 2
All – 3

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Chris Lightle with Karp, Ronning & Tindol presented the FY11 Audit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – REGISTERED SPEAKERS

- A. Larry Longo asked when the workshop on street and sidewalk maintenance would be.
- B. Angie Brackett, 207 Turnberry Street, asked the following questions:
 - 1. How is the Port Wentworth Historical Committee affiliated with the City of Port Wentworth? With the Mayor's appointment of a Council person to spearhead the effort, have we been unofficially sanctioned by the City? If so, can this be affirmed formally?
 - 2. With the growth that is happening within our City's boundaries, how does the City define a historical property? Is there a process?
 - 3. What do we (as a group) need to do to get your help to designate an area of historical importance when we locate it?

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were none to report.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Council Member Jud Bowers made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2011 Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council.

Bowers – 1
Curry – 2
All – 3

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

The Mayor announced that the Highway 25 Viaduct would open November 18, 2011 at 10am.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Committee Reports except for the following: Administration/Accounting/Finance Committee Report – There is one vacancy for a municipal clerk position. The position has been posted on the City website, City bulletin board, GMA website and GDOL. City hall will be closed on Thursday, November 24, 2011 and Friday, November 25, 2011 in observance of the Thanksgiving holidays. The Tree Lighting will be held on Friday, December 2, 2011 at 6:30 pm. The tree will be lit at City Hall and then join us at the Gym for hot chocolate and a visit from Santa. The Senora Guadalupe Festival will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2011. The Senior Citizens Center is hosting a drop-in cookie reception for our public safety personnel on December 15, 2011.

Herrin – 1
Bowers – 2
All – 3

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Jud Bowers made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items A - E as follows:

- A. Pay Request from the Port Wentworth Chamber of Commerce in the Amount of \$9,835.04 for September 2011 Expenses
- B. Drop Box Agreement for Utility Payments with the Heritage Bank of the South
- C. Systems Agreement with Tyler Technologies for New Software
- D. Acceptance of Proposal from T.R. Long Engineering, P.C. for Resurfacing of Meinhard Road
- E. Pay Request #1 from Southern Champion Construction in the Amount of \$91,261.80 for the North Area Water and Sewer Extension Project

Bowers – 1
Curry – 2
All – 3

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Zoning Board of Appeals Application submitted by Jerry D. Stapleton for 1116-A Highway 30 requesting a Variance for a Sign Placement

Public Hearing

Jerry Stapleton spoke in favor of this application.

Action

Council Member Joseph Harris made a motion to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals Application submitted by Jerry D. Stapleton for 1116-A Highway 30 requesting a Variance for a Sign Placement.

Harris – 1
Herrin – 2
All – 3

- B. Alcohol Beverage License Application submitted by Kenneth W. Watford for a Pouring: Beer/Wine/Liquor License for Island Time Bar & Grill, LLC located at 7222 Highway 21 located in a P-C-3 (Planned General Business) Zoning District

Public Hearing

Allan Galis spoke in favor of this application.

Action

Council Member Joseph Harris made a motion to approve the Alcohol Beverage License Application submitted by Kenneth W. Watford for a Pouring: Beer/Wine/Liquor License for Island Time Bar & Grill, LLC located at 7222 Highway 21 located in a P-C-3 (Planned General Business) Zoning District.

Harris – 1
Bowers – 2
All – 3

- C. Alcohol Beverage License Application submitted by Kenneth Watford for a Sunday Sales License for Island Time Bar & Grill, LLC located at 7222 Highway 21 located in a P-C-3 (Planned General Business) Zoning District

Public Hearing

Allan Galis spoke in favor of this application.

Action

Council Member Joseph Harris made a motion to approve the Alcohol Beverage License Application submitted by Kenneth Watford for a Sunday Sales License for Island Time Bar & Grill, LLC located at 7222 Highway 21 located in a P-C-3 (Planned General Business) Zoning District.

Harris – 1
Bowers – 2
All – 3

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Ordinance No. 11-26, Amendment to Chapter 2, Article IV, Section 2-43 “Court costs and charges”, *First Reading*

Public Hearing

There were no comments to report.

Action

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to approve as the first reading Ordinance No. 11-26, Amendment to Chapter 2, Article IV, Section 2-43 "Court costs and charges".

Herrin – 1
Curry – 2
All – 3

- B. Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to approve as the second reading Ordinance No. 11-26, Amendment to Chapter 2, Article IV, Section 2-43 "Court costs and charges".

Herrin – 1
Bowers – 2
All – 3

- C. Ordinance No. 11-27, Amendment to Chapter 15, Article IV "Noise", *First Reading*

Public Hearing

There were no comments to report.

Action

Council Member Robert Henderson made a motion to approve as the first reading Ordinance No. 11-27, Amendment to Chapter 15, Article IV "Noise".

Henderson – 1
Herrin – 2
All – 3

- D. Council Member Joseph Harris made a motion to approve as the second reading Ordinance No. 11-27, Amendment to Chapter 15, Article IV "Noise" with the following change: (1) In Section 15-63(d), change the hours to 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.: Monday-Friday and 9 p.m. to 10 a.m.: Saturday and Sunday.

Harris – 1
Herrin – 2
All – 3

- E. Ordinance No. 11-28, Budget Adjustment FY12 for Resurfacing of Meinhard Road, *First Reading*

Public Hearing

There were no comments to report.

Action

Council Member Joseph Harris made a motion to approve as the first reading Ordinance No. 11-28, Budget Adjustment FY12 for Resurfacing of Meinhard Road.

Harris – 1
Bowers – 2
All – 3

- F. Council Member Joseph Harris made a motion to approve as the second reading Ordinance No. 11-28, Budget Adjustment FY12 for Resurfacing of Meinhard Road.

Harris – 1
Curry – 2
All – 3

- G. Ordinance No. 11-29, Budget Adjustment FY12 for Downtown Rehabilitation Project, *First Reading*

Public Hearing

There were no comments to report.

Action

Council Member James Curry made a motion to approve as the first reading Ordinance No. 11-29, Budget Adjustment FY12 for Downtown Rehabilitation Project.

Curry – 1
Harris – 2
All – 3

- H. Council Member James Curry made a motion to approve as the second reading Ordinance No. 11-29, Budget Adjustment FY12 for Downtown Rehabilitation Project.

Curry – 1
Herrin – 2
All – 3

- I. Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 11-02, Adoption of 2012-2016 Short Term Work Program Update.

Herrin – 1
Harris – 2
All – 3

- J. Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 11-03, Extension of Maturity Date of Interim Revenue Bond, Series 2010.

Herrin – 1
Harris – 2
All – 3

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Herrin – 1
Bowers – 2
All – 3

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

Herrin – 1
Bowers – 2
All – 3

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Motion Made – 1
Seconded – 2
Voted Aye – 3
Voted Nay – 4
Abstained – 5

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

Harris – 1
Bowers – 2
All – 3

Council Member Joseph Harris made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Harris – 1
Bowers – 2
All – 3

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

Herrin – 1
Bowers – 2
All – 3

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council.

Herrin – 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.


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Voted Nay – 4
Abstained – 5

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to adjourn.


Herrin – 1
Curry – 2
All – 3



Mayor G. Glenn Jones

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this 22nd day of
December, 2011.

ATTEST:



Miriam B. Jordan, Clerk of Council