



CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 28, 2018

Council Meeting Room

Regular 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 Bill Herrin 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	Present	
Bill Herrin	Council Member	Present	
Thomas Barbee	Council Member	Present	
James L. Coursey, Jr.	City Attorney	Present	
Phil Jones	Interim City Administrator	Present	
Shanta Scarborough	Clerk of Council	Present	
Brian Harvey	Director of Development Services	Present	
Tiffany Lancaster	Director of Leisure Services	Present	
Matt Libby	Director of Public Safety	Present	
Jimmy Stewart	Wastewater Treatment Manager	Present	
Lee Sherrod	Police Major	Present	
James Hollingsworth	Police Sergeant	Present	
Lance Moore	Chief of Fire Operations	Present	
Jim Vaughn	City Engineer	Present	
Trent Long	City Engineer	Present	

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Linda Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with the following changes:

- Under **New Business**, add Item #F - Shopping Center Lease Agreement with CAPE Asset Management, LLC for Brian Harvey, Director of Development Services

Seconded by Council Member Shari Dyal. Vote was unanimous.

5. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

There were none to report.

6. ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

- Appointment of Interim City Administrator Phil Jones

Council Member Paul Fox made a motion to appoint Phil Jones as Interim City Administrator. Seconded by Council Member Thomas Barbee. Vote was unanimous.

Phil Jones was present to answer any questions from Mayor and Council. Mr. Jones stated that when he was asked to come and help move the City back in the right direction that as a public servant he was glad to get back into local government. He also thanked Mayor and Council for their vote of confidence.

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

B. Appointment of Certified Public Accounting Firm Holland, Bromley, Barnhill, & Brett LLP

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to appoint Holland, Bromley, Barnhill & Brett LLP as the new Certified Public Accountant Firm. Seconded by Council Member Paul Fox. Vote was unanimous.

Shannon Brett, one of the five Partners and Monica Woods, CPA with Holland, Bromley, Barnhill & Brett LLP were present to answer any questions from Mayor and Council. Mrs. Brett stated that they appreciated the opportunity and look forward to working with the City. She also stated that their accounting firm is based in downtown Savannah and that they have worked with a number of cities, counties, municipalities in the area and are very excited to have the City of Port Wentworth in the mix.

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

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A. City Council - Regular Meeting - May 24, 2018 7:00 PM

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Shari Dyal. Vote was unanimous.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Herrin, Council Member
SECONDER:	Shari Dyal, Council Member
AYES:	Fox, Smith, Dyal, Johnson, Herrin, Barbee

B. City Council - Special Called Meeting - May 31, 2018 6:00 PM

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 31, 2018 Special Called City Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Linda Smith. Vote was unanimous.

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Bill Herrin, Council Member
SECONDER: Linda Smith, Council Member
AYES: Fox, Smith, Dyal, Johnson, Herrin, Barbee

C. Executive Session - May 24, 2018

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2018 Executive Session. Seconded by Council Member Shari Dyal. Vote was unanimous.

8. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Mayor Gary Norton announced the bad and good news regarding the retirement of Jimmy Ford. He stated that the bad news is that Jimmy Ford is retiring from the City of Port Wentworth after 43 years of service, but that the good news is that Mr. Ford will continue working with the City of Port Wentworth through ClearWater Solutions, LLC. Mayor Norton stated that Mr. Ford has done a lot of great work for the City and is a good man. He went on to thank Mr. Ford for his years of service.

Mayor Norton also welcomed Council Member Debbie Johnson back to her seat on Council and stated that it was good to have her back.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

Council member Bill Herrin made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Committee Report and make them part of the minutes.

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

10. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Agreement with Fun Time Parties to provide Kiddie Rides for Stand Up For America Day 2019
- B. Pay Request No. 4 from Griffin Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$225,022.91 for the Phillips Ave Paving Project

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were none to report.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Site Plan Review Application submitted by Phillip McCorkle, McCorkle & Johnson, LLP., on behalf of Inter Metro Properties (GA), LLC., for PIN #'s 7-0002-01-001A, 7-0002-01-001, 7-0002-01-002, 7-0002-01-002A, & 7-0002-01-003 (6520, 6530, 6532, 6546, & 6548 Highway 21) for a General Development Site Plan to allow warehouses in a P-C-3 (Planned General Business) Zoning District

Phillip McCorkle was present to answer any questions from Mayor and Council.

Mr. McCorkle stated that the project is located at Highway 21, near Jimmy Deloach, where Barnwell Gardens was previously located. The property is zoned for heavy commercial-warehouse use. Mr. McCorkle stated that he understands that Port Wentworth

is concerned about presenting its best face to Highway 21 and the world and so the building will be all masonry construction with landscaping to include 15 live oak trees, planters at the head of the parking lot, crate myrtles every 10 ft. along Highway 21 to create a pleasant looking structure, unlike many others that you see not just in Port Wentworth, but Chatham County. Mr. McCorkle stated that his client intends to keep this facility for the long haul.

There will be no truck traffic on Highway 21 due to the two right-in's and right-outs'. No trucks will be pulling out onto Highway 21 to turn left. Trucks will instead turn onto a lay down road that turns directly onto Jimmy Deloach Parkway.

DISCUSSION 1

Council Member Paul Fox asked that where the median break is in the lane, that there will be no trucks turning left?

Mr. McCorkle responded by stating no, because there is no median break. There is a curb cut-but no median break.

Mayor Norton replied by asking "so there will be no trucks dumping out on Highway 21?"

Mr. McCorkle stated that there may be 1 or 2 trucks that will turn right on Highway 21, but there will be no trucks turning left because there is no median break. The trucks will go up to Jimmy Deloach to the traffic light.

Mayor Norton reiterated, "so there will be no trucks turning onto Highway 21 at 4 o'clock when cars are traveling 65 Miles Per Hour?"

Mr. McCorkle stated that he didn't see any reason why trucks would have to access Highway 21 to turn onto a lay down road being available to directly access Jimmy Deloach.

DISCUSSION 2

Council Member Thomas Ballew asked if the company will be doing any hiring?

Mr. McCorkle stated that once the permit is placed in the building then they will look to start hiring. Mr. McCorkle went on to further say that the type of facility being built, that they will be looking to hire anywhere from 75 to 90 people and that they will certainly look into holding a job fair to hire people from the City of Port Wentworth first.

DISCUSSION 3

Brooke Ward, 301 Flannel Avenue, addressed Mayor and Council to say that Metro Properties butts up to her business and that she has come before Council in times past to request that once they were re-zoned to a P-I-2 that they maintain as such. However, they are not maintaining the current facility and does not believe that they would maintain a new facility. Mrs. Ward stated that the roads are in terrible condition and that the property isn't draining properly. She also stated that there is currently a family living at the property which is zoned commercial. Lastly, when the original site plan came through she was told that only about 250 trucks would use the entrance and wanted to know how many more trucks would be added? Furthermore, the trucks are not stopping at the 4-way stop sign and that she fears for her life. Mrs. Ward wanted to know how can the general site plan be voted upon when it hasn't been re-zoned?

Brian Harvey, Director of Development Service, responded to Mrs. Ward's question regarding the site plan by stating that the property would be a Prime 4 and that the final zoning would have to be approved before the client could proceed with construction.

Mr. McCorkle replied to Mrs. Ward's comments by stating that it is not uncommon to vote on a site plan and a zoning item on the same night. As it relates to the family living on the property, he had no objections to this. The roads will be built as part of the development once the site plan is approved. As for the drivers running the stop sign, they would need to be issued tickets. Lastly, there will be no additional traffic added, because they are only changing one building into five.

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

- B. Site Plan Review Application submitted by Sherry Davis for PIN # 7-0020-01-010 (409 Grange Rd) for a General Development Site Plan to allow a trucking facility with an office in a P-I-2 (Planned Industrial) Zoning District

Sherry Davis was present to answer any questions from Mayor and Council.

DISCUSSION 1

Council Member Debbie Johnson asked where is this project located?

Sherry Davis stated that the property is located at 409 Grange Road and Jimmy Deloach Parkway. "It is the old Iron Workers Union Hall, across from the Stafford's old property and the Maxim Crane facility, next door to QFS which is owned by Ms. Donna Stafford who will be my neighbor. There is also a truck and terminal beside us and the parkway is on the other side."

Council Member Debbie Johnson asked that Mrs. Davis clarify the comment regarding Mrs. Stafford being her neighbor.

Mrs. Davis responded by saying that Mrs. Stafford owns the other trucking terminal on the property.

DISCUSSION 2

Council Member Thomas Barbee asked Mrs. Davis if the truck traffic exiting her facility will come out onto Grange Road right onto Jimmy Deloach?

Mrs. Davis responded by stating that the traffic does pass by the facility if exiting off Highway 21.

DISCUSSION 3

Council Member Thomas Barbee went on to ask if the yard would be fenced in?

Mrs. Davis stated that there is currently a fence already there.

DISCUSSION 4

Council Member Paul Fox asked "is your traffic going to go off onto Grange Road or Jimmy Deloach?"

Mrs. Davis responded by stating that she thinks most of the traffic will leave her facility and go onto Jimmy Deloach, due to it only being 1.5 miles from the GA Port.

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

- C. Site Plan Review Application submitted by Haydon Rollins, Hussey, Gay, & Bell, on behalf of CRN Development, LLC., for PIN # 7-0037-01-012 (Coldbrook Station Cir) for a Specific Development Site Plan to allow a multi-family apartment development in a P-R-M (Planned Residential Multi-Family) Zoning District

C.J. Chance with Hussey, Gay, Bell standing in for Haydon Rollins was present to answer any questions from Mayor and Council.

Mr. Chance stated this project will be a specific plan for 80 apartments located near the new Holiday Inn Express, on the stripe of street they are building called Coldbrook Station Circle. The apartments will be adjacent to their facility, at the end. Our client has purchased and closed on the property and is ready to build. This will be the 6th development in our area; area including Bulloch County, one in Richmond Hill and three in Pooler. The client has been in business over thirty years and still own their properties; they do not sell. All sites are managed through their property. There are only 4 outstanding items related to the project and they recommend that all water and utilities remain private.

DISCUSSION 1

Council Member Debbie Johnson asked will the apartments look like?

Mr. Chance stated that every other apartment home he has done with this client has been a brick faced with mixed hardy, except the one in Pooler due to more specific requirements, and so it is anticipated that they will be brick. However, the elevations on this particular project have not been seen.

DISCUSSION 2

Council Member Bill Herrin asked will these apartments be handicap accessible?

Mr. Chance stated that yes, all lower level apartments will be convertible. The upper level will not be handicap accessible and are not convertible. The client hires a third party to make certain that not only the inside of the apartment is ADA Compliance, but the outside as well.

DISCUSSION 3

Council Member Linda Smith asked Mr. Chance if he could show the location of the apartments?

Mr. Chance stated that he did not have a map on hand, but that if you were to travel on I-16 towards Pooler and go past the treatment plant and take a look at the 3-story apartments called Shepard Station that would be a good representation of the style of apartments the client builds.

DISCUSSION 4

Mayor Gary Norton asked Mr. Chance to clarify the location of the apartments?

Mr. Chance stated that it is located back behind the Sweet Tea Grille, where the new Holiday inn Express is being built. If you keep driving down to the end that is where the apartments will be. There will be 4 buildings with 80 apartments and an amenities building, that will include a clubhouse, open cooking pavilion and pool, no gate.

DISCUSSION 5

Council Member Paul Fox asked what the price range will be on the apartments?

Mr. Chance stated that the apartments will be family housing and the rates will be lower. It is not section-8, but the rate will be lower. This simply means the financing is subsidized through tax credit, which limits how high the client can go on the rent which is similar to all projects done in this area. The client has been highly successful with this type of financing. All three apartment homes in Pooler have a waiting list. The apartments in Richmond Hill are only 50% complete and people are calling wanting to find out how to lease.

Council Member Debbie Johnson stated that since the apartments are not Section-8, to please explain how the lower rates are determined?

Mr. Chance responded by saying that there is a certain value that it costs to build the development and the investment is taken from people in a higher tax bracket who use their investment as a tax credit. This places restrictions on how the apartments can be leased and helps keep the rates lower for a period of thirty years-through the life of the tax credit program.

DISCUSSION 6

Council Member Thomas Barbee asked once the shovel breaks ground what's the time line for completion?

Mr. Chance stated that they estimate about 9 months from the shovel hitting the ground to tenants moving in.

DISCUSSION 7

Mr. Chance asked that Council make there motion based on the four contingency items noted by the engineer.

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to approve the site plan based upon the four contingency items noted by the engineer. Seconded by Council Member Paul Fox. Vote was unanimous.

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

- D. Subdivision Application submitted by Joshua Akins, Coleman Company, INC., on behalf of Bald Eagle Partners, for PIN # 7-0906B-14-003 (Birch Circle) located in a M-P-O (Master Plan Overlay) Zoning District for a Final Plat of a Major Subdivision (Parkside Subdivision, Phase 1-C) for the purpose of Single-Family Homes

Murray Marshall was present to answer any questions from Mayor and Council.

Mr. Marshall stated that this project is a 18 lot development for the Parkside section of Rice Hope. Mr. Marshall went on to state that the street is in, water/sewer, sidewalks and handicap ramp. The deed has been signed by BEP for the rights-of-way and we are asking if you accept the plat for recordings.

Council Member Linda Smith stated that it was her understanding that this was heard and accepted by the Planning Commission on June 11, 2018?

Mr. Marshall stated yes.

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

- E. Agreement with the Port Wentworth Chamber of Commerce and Adoption of Chamber Budget for FY19

Council Member Shari Dyal asked that one change be made to Item No. 2 Term of the Contract, due to the contract listing the term date to go from July 1, 2018 to expire June 30, 2018. This needs to be changed to 2019.

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

- F. Shopping Center Lease Agreement with CAPE Asset Management, LLC for Brian Harvey, Director of Development Services

DISCUSSION 1

Council Member Bill Herrin asked how much is the monthly rent for the lease?

Phil Jones, Interim City Administrator, replied by stating that the lease for year one will cost \$18,000.00 and year two would be \$19,200.00. This amount is allocated in the budget.

DISCUSSION 2

Council Member Thomas Barbee asked the Mayor if the lease has to be a two-year lease, as opposed to month-to-month and if there would be a penalty if the City didn't go the whole two years?

Mayor Gary Norton answered Mr. Barbee's question by stating that the lease agreement is for two years, which typically the leasing company has a five year minimum on a lease. However, due to the lease being for a City employee they agreed to allow the two year agreement. As it relates to a month-to-month lease, typically you pay more in the long run.

Council Member Debbie Johnson posed a question to Mr. Barbee as to why he would suggest a month-to-month lease?

Council Member Barbee responded by stating that due to other alternatives that the City has in the works, it is of his opinion that we won't need a rental space for two years.

Council Member Paul Fox replied by stating that the alternative that is in the works is uncertain as to how long it may take.

DISCUSSION 3

Council Member Debbie Johnson asked Mr. Harvey if the new rental space would accommodate his staff and trucks?

Mr. Harvey responded, yes.

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

13. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/PROCLAMATIONS

- A. ORDINANCE NO. 18-24, Millage Rate, First Reading

Council Member Bill Herrin stated for the record that the Millage Rate will remain the same.

Council Member Shari Dyal asked for clarification as to why the 2018 Net Taxes Levied was less than that for 2017?

Phil Jones, Interim City Administrator, stated that the Gross Digest for 2018 was less than that for 2017 and this was because of taxes that were abated.

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

- B. ORDINANCE NO. 18-24, Millage Rate, Second Reading

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

- C. ORDINANCE NO. 18-16, FY19 Budget, Second Reading (First Reading - 05.24.18)

Phil Jones, Interim City Administrator, thanked Council Member Shari Dyal for noting the error made to the budget regarding the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Hotel Motel account. The error has been corrected.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Shari Dyal, Bill Herrin
SECONDER: Linda Smith, Council Member
AYES: Fox, Smith, Dyal, Johnson, Herrin, Barbee

- D. ORDINANCE NO. 18-15, FY18 Budget Adjustment - Emergency Management for Rental of Equipment in the Amount of \$6,598.00, First Reading
 Council Member Shari Dyal asked what this budget adjustment is for?

Major Lee Sherrod responded by stating that this budget adjustment came about due to the plane that went down near Crossgate Road and the restroom facilities that had to be rented to accommodate staff. It was originally agreed upon by the 165th Airlift Wing to split the cost of the rental, but the City was not made aware of some of the paperwork requirements to acquire the funds. Thus, the City will foot the cost up-front and be re-funded by the 165th Airlift Wing for their portion of the bill.

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

- E. ORDINANCE NO. 18-26, FY18 Budget Adjustment, Emergency Management for Rental of Equipment in the Amount of \$6,598.00, Second Reading

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

- F. ORDINANCE NO. 18-27, FY18 Budget Adjustment, Sewer - Savannah Consumption, First Reading

Brian Harvey, Director of Development services stated that this budget adjustment was due to a budget shortfall for sewer rates billed for 3-5 months.

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

- G. ORDINANCE NO. 18-27, FY18 Budget Adjustment, Sewer - Savannah Consumption, Second Reading

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

- H. ORDINANCE NO. 18-28, FY18 Budget Adjustment, Water - Savannah Consumption, First Reading

Council Member Shari Dyal asked why are there two budget adjustments for water/sewer?

Brian Harvey, Director of Development Services stated that this is a separate line item.

Council member Paul Fox asked why is there a shortfall and if it is something the City can correct.

Mr. Harvey stated that the shortfall is due to the City of Savannah and the manner in which they mail out their bills, and so there is no way to know exactly the amount of the bill.

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

- I. ORDINANCE NO. 18-28, FY18 Budget Adjustment, Water - Savannah Consumption, Second Reading

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

- J. ORDINANCE NO. 18-29, FY18 Budget Adjustment, Development Services - Salaries, First Reading

Brian Harvey, Director of Development Services, stated that he was contacted by City Hall and informed that there was not enough monies in this line item to cover salaries but was not told why.

Phil Jones, Interim City Administrator, stated that he would look into this agenda item for more clarity.

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

- K. ORDINANCE NO. 18-29, FY18 Budget Adjustment, Development Services - Salaries, Second Reading

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

- L. ORDINANCE NO. 18-30, FY18 Budget Adjustment, Solid Waste -- Contract Services, First Reading

Doug Tomlison, 222 Phillips Avenue, asked why is Republic being seen in the neighborhoods several times throughout the week, on un-scheduled pickup days?

Council Member Paul Fox went on record to state that Republic is in neighborhoods multiple times due to missed pickups. Mr. Fox also asked if a workshop could be setup to discuss the refrigerator and other issues?

Mayor Newton stated that he would work towards getting that setup.

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

- M. ORDINANCE NO. 18-30, FY18 Budget Adjustment, Solid Waste -- Contract Services, Second Reading

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

- N. ORDINANCE NO. 18-31, Application to Amend the Zoning Map submitted by Phillip McCorkle, McCorkle & Johnson, LLP., on behalf of Inter Metro Properties (GA), LLC., for PIN #'s 7-0002-01-001A, 7-0002-01-001, 7-0002-01-002, 7-0002-01-002A, & 7-0002-01-003 (6520, 6530, 6532, & 6548 Highway 21) to rezone the properties from P-C-3 (Planned Community Business) & RA (Residential Agriculture) to P-I-2 (Planned Industrial), First Reading

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

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were none to report.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS - REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Randall Matthews, 1 Drakie Court, thanked all the Public Safety staff for finding the missing little girl.

Alex Dyal, 20 Noble Jones Court, addressed Mayor and Council regarding three topics: (1) the mess that was left behind by the construction company that worked on the pedestrian bridge; (2) regarding the fireworks that are being discharged in the streets. Mr. Dyal is asking for Council's backing on enforcing the law as it relates to this matter; and (3) enforcing state law and consider doing a City ordinance regarding the issue of street and wrong-way parking.

Council Member Debbie Johnson asked Chief Libby to assist in enforcing the law regarding discharging fireworks due to it being very loud, scary and sometimes not being able to distinguish the fireworks from gun shots.

Matt Libby, Director of Public Safety, stated that the Port Wentworth Police does patrol the area during the holidays where fireworks are popular to enforce the law and will site as necessary. He also encouraged everyone to dial 911 if they believe they are hearing gunshots.

Council Member Thomas Barbee asked the Mayor if he has received any response from our local representatives regarding adding some type of barrier to protect the children from the Highway 21?

Mayor Gary Norton responded by stating that he is working with Bill Hitchens and Ann Purcell to try and get that issued resolved. Mr. Hitchens is going to take it to the state level to try and get help with it as well. Mayor Norton encouraged everyone to contact their state representatives.

Gary Cubbedge, 219 Abernethy Street expressed his thanks to City staff for the wonderful job they are doing.

Julius Robinson, 225 Grant Road, thanked Brian Harvey for keeping his promise. He also expressed his appreciation to the City Administrator and City Attorney. Mr. Robinson stated that he is glad to see Ms. Johnson back. He also suggested that the City get with the school board to see what can be done to better protect the children that will be using the pedestrian bridge.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Paul Fox. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Gary Norton

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this _____ day of _____, 2018.

ATTEST:

Shanta M. Scarboro, Clerk of Council

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