

MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR EDWARD REYNOLDS, PRESIDING

COUNCIL MEMBERS: KEENAN ADAMS, GLENNIE BENCH, KREGG CLOSE,
ROSLYN PALMER, SYLVIA WASHINGTON, AND DON
WHALEY

CITY STAFF: INTERIM CITY MANAGER ROY OLIVER, STEVE O'NEIL,
LISA TAYLOR, GABE MENENDEZ, FRANK GREEN,
RANDEE EUBANKS, DOYLE WELCH, CHUCK
STRICKLAND, REDELL WALTON AND RYAN
WIMBERLEY

GUESTS: JANET SESSION MCCARTER, DONNA BARBER, DAVID
BARBER, BETH YARBROUGH, DARQUITA SMILEY,
GARY SMITH, DEMETRIC STUBBS, DURON BREEDLOVE,
LATORIA GREEN, MARK MICHOLLIN, VERA COHEN,
DENNIS COHEN, LEANN ELKINS, CAROLYN
FUNDERBURKE, STEVE BOWDEN, JOHNNY REYNOLDS,
PENNY REYNOLDS, JG, PERREHUN, GEORGE TOBIN,
DORIS TOBIN, MILLS BROCK, SHEKETA SESSION,
TRAVIS GRIMSLEY, WILLIE KING, CURTIS O KING,
DORIS HART, SANDRA CALHOUN, LAURA "SUGAR"
WHITE, AUTHENIO J GEENLEE, STEVE DAVIS, NANCY
DAVIS

ABSENT:

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Councilwoman Bench gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2024, council meeting as presented.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Mayor Reynolds opened the floor for anyone who wished to speak on an item. Mark Michollin addressed the Mayor and City about his and neighboring property owner, Gary Smith's concerns about activities taking place on North Broad Street. Mr. Michollin provided the Mayor and City Council with photographs and videos documenting the activity they are having issues with. Tori Green then addressed the Mayor and City Council about government transparency, particularly executive sessions.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE – *Number 619 Lodging Tax*

Interim City Manager Roy Oliver introduced an amendment to Ordinance Number 619 Lodging Tax. The proposed amendment will increase lodging tax from 5% to 8% beginning September 1, 2024, if approved in July's City Council meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF ANIMAL SERVICES FEE SCHEDULE

Community Development Director Steve O'Neil addressed the Mayor and City Council with the new Animal Services Schedule Fees. Councilman Whaley asked Mr. O'Neil if he had looked at other animal shelters to see if our fees were in line with theirs. Mr. O'Neil replied that all the fees remained the same other than the shot fee had increased by \$5 to cover costs and a relinquish fee had been added. Councilwoman Bench made a motion to approve the Animal Services Fee Schedule and seconded by Councilman Keenan Adams. The Council voted 6-0 to approve the fee schedule as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF STREET CLOSURE REQUESTS

Mr. Tyler King representing First Baptist Church of Bainbridge requested a street closure for their Vacation Bible School program on June 24, 2024, until June 28, 2024. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilman Adams, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the street closure request as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSES

Interim City Manager Oliver presented the council with the following two alcoholic beverage license applications:

Applicant Ghanshyambhai Patel, owner of ANS Family, LLC, located at 1203 E. Dothan Road, has applied for a wine package license.

Applicant John R. Webster, owner of It Is Five O’Clock Somewhere, located at 2200 -A S. West Street, has applied for a bar license.

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the council voted 6-0 to approve the alcoholic beverage license applications as presented.

CONSIDERATION TO DECLARE SURPLUS

Interim City Manager Roy Oliver presented the Mayor and Council items to declare surplus for auction Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the council voted 6-0 to declare all items surplus.

PUBLIC HEARING – BAINBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – *Robert & Co.*

Councilwoman Palmer made motion to go into a public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Washington. A public hearing was entered with a vote of 6-0. Mayor Reynolds welcomed John Ford with Robert & Co. to present Bainbridge Tomorrow – Bainbridge Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Ford discussed a timeline, purpose of the comprehensive plan, planning, and scheduling. Councilman Whaley made a motion to end the public hearing. Seconded by Councilwoman Bench and a 6-0 vote ended the public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

BY:

EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RANDEE EUBANKS, COUNCIL CLERK