

MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR EDWARD REYNOLDS, PRESIDING

COUNCIL MEMBERS: KREGG CLOSE, DON WHALEY, GLENNIE BENCH,
ROSLYN PALMER, PHIL LONG, AND SYLVIA
WASHINGTON

CITY STAFF: CITY MANAGER CHRIS HOBBY, ASSISTANT CITY
MANAGER ROY OLIVER, ALLIE GODWIN, STEVE
O'NEIL, LISA TAYLOR, CRYSTAL HINES, GABE
MENENDEZ, AL KELLEY, BO LADNER, TERRELL JONES,
FRANK GREEN, REDELL WALTON, AND RYAN
WIMBERLEY

GUESTS: JILL HOLLOWAY, HUBERT THOMAS, GERALD T. JONES,
MARIE JONES, AND JADEN HOLT

ABSENT: NONE

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Councilwoman Palmer 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 Bench, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2022, council meeting as presented.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Mayor Reynolds opened the floor for anyone who wish to speak on an item that was currently not on the agenda. Mr. Hubert Thomas, Jr. of 1041 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive came forward to inquire about adding a name to the war monument in Willis Park. Hearing from no other citizen, Mayor Reynolds proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Mayor Reynolds recognized Mr. Terrell Jones as Employee of the Year for 2021. Mr. Jones was congratulated and thanked for his hard work and dedication to the Community Services Department.

SPECIAL GUEST – RISH MASSA – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Mr. Rich Masa, representative with Habitat for Humanity, appeared before the Mayor and City Council to discuss the possibility of partnering with the city for future projects.

CONSIDERATION OF LAP PLAN – CDBG

City Manager Hobby informed the council of the need to adopt a LAP Plan (Language Access Plan) for our CDBG project. A Language Access Plan helps identify reasonable steps for providing language assistance to persons with Limited English Proficiency who wish to access services provided through programs funded by DCA. Upon a motion offered by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilman Close, the council voted 6-0 to adopt the LAP Plan as presented.

INTRODUCTION TO AMEND CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE

Planning and Zoning Coordinator, Steve O'Neil, formally introduced Chapter 7.8 Avenue C Overlay District of the City of Bainbridge Zoning Ordinance.

INTRODUCTION TO AMEND ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

Planning and Zoning Coordinator, Steve O'Neil, formally introduced a combined ordinance with Decatur County regarding animal control, specifically animal ownership responsibilities.

CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

City Manager Hobby informed the Council that we had received an Alcoholic Beverage License Application submitted by Farnessa Boldin with Family Dollar Stores of Georgia, LLC dba Family Dollar Store #21132 located at 303 S. Scott Street, and all requirements for approval have been met. Mr. Hobby also stated that we had received an application for a one-day alcohol license from Randee Eubanks, on behalf of the Bainbridge Decatur County Chamber of Commerce, for the annual Rivertown Days Festival on March 12, 2022. Mr. Hobby stated that this application was also in order and all requirements for approval have been met. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the council in a 6-0 voted approved both applications as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

The Planning Commission met Tuesday, February 8, 2022, and considered one item which requires City Council action. Applicants Guillermo Sanchez and America Lenza (Sanchez Lenza LLC) are requesting a conditional use for a Short-Term Rental in a UR-6 zone. The property (Parcel ID: B0510039) is located at 1101 Tallahassee Road and is 0.71 acres. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilman Close, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the Planning Commission's recommendations and grant the conditional use.

CONSIDERATION OF LAND TRANSFER

City Manager Hobby informed the Council that Tom Conger had been working on correcting the ownership of a certain parcels regarding the City of Bainbridge and Decatur County Board of Education. Mr. Hobby stated this was more or less a housekeeping issue and correcting the

ownership would not change anything regarding the use of the property. Councilman Long and Councilwoman Palmer both had questions concerning Centennial Field; if and when the BOE decided to move, if it could be transferred back to the City. Mr. Hobby stated that he would discuss this with both the BOE and Tom Conger. Upon a motion offered by Councilman Long and seconded by Councilwoman Bench, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the transfers as presented.

DISCUSSION OF 1ST QUARTER FINANCIALS

Administrative Services Director Lisa Taylor appeared before the Mayor and Council to give an update on the first quarter financials.

DISCUSSION OF CHASON PARK EXPANSION MOU

City Manager Hobby presented a MOU to City Council regarding Phase III of the Chason Park Expansion Project. Mr. Hobby stated that the MOU with Cook Brothers, Inc and TSW, is to document the revised contract amount to eight million, five hundred thousand dollars per the scope and pricing modifications. Mr. Hobby stated that the contract price and construction scope of work should be finalized by February 28, 2022. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilman Long, the Council voted to approve the MOU as presented.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT

Mayor Reynolds recommended reappointing Councilman Gregg Close to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission, Lachanda Mackey to the Planning Commission, and Chip Hall and Ramsay Simmons to the Development Authority. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilwoman Bench, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the recommendations of the Mayoral Appointments.

DIVISION PRESENTATION

Mr. Gabe Menendez, Director of Community Services and City Engineer, appeared before the Mayor and City Council to offer an update on the activities of his division over the preceding twelve months.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilman Whaley, the council voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss a personnel issue. Members of the council then retreated to the rear conference room. After conclusion of closed session, and upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the council voted unanimously to re- enter open session. Mayor Reynolds announced that the topic discussed was the City Manager's annual review. He thanked Mr. Hobby for another the successful year.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bids:

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| 1. Blankenship Contracting
US 84 Water Main
Bainbridge, GA | \$1,920,184.89 |
| 2. Quick Service Concrete
Lake Douglas Culvert
Bainbridge, GA | \$33,934.00 |

Upon a motion offered by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the Council voted 6-0 to accept the bids as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

BY: _____
EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ALLIE GODWIN, COUNCIL CLERK