

City of Tifton
Regular Council Meeting
September 9, 2013
5:00 PM
Municipal Courtroom

ATTENDEES

J.G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr. Mayor
Marianna Keesee, Council Member
Chris Parrott, Council Member
Julie Smith, Council Member

Larry Riner, City Manager
Rona Martin, City Clerk
Rob Wilmot, City Attorney

Council Member Johnny Terrell was absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **CITY OF TIFTON TEXT AMENDMENT TA#13-000-002, SECTION 4.03.18(B) OF THE CITY OF TIFTON LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE IS TO BE AMENDED TO STRIKE AND OMIT FROM SAID SECTION THE MINIMUM SETBACK REQUIREMENT FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS FOR VEHICLE SALES ESTABLISHMENTS**

Mr. Wilmot explained the procedures for public input for both of the public hearings. Mr. Wilmot then addressed the council to qualify the members and determine if they had any conflict or interest in the proposed properties. Mr. Wilmot asked the members of the council if they had any property interest, financial business interest, or if their family members had any interest in the areas along I-75 proposed for regulation. No members of the council had any conflicts and all were qualified to vote on the matter. Mr. Crowe, Environmental Management Director reviewed the staff report and recommendation as follows: all the concerns are covered under the LDC and staff feels it is no longer necessary to have the 100 feet minimum buffer requirement. He stated the planning and zoning commission had no consensus on the vote for this request. Council Member Smith stated their company represents some land owners who have used a location as a car lot that is currently on the market and recused herself from the discussion and room. Mr. Wilmot opened the public hearing up for public discussion on the matter. Mr. Raleigh Parson, 398 Windy Hill Road spoke in favor of the request as he is in purchasing the property for a car lot. No one spoke against the request.

- **ZONING CHANGE FROM RESIDENTIAL-10 TO MOBILE HOME PARK FOR PROERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH COLLEGE CIRCLE AND OWNED BY TRAVIS HURST, TO BE INCLUDED WITH SOUTH COLLEGE CIRCLE MOBILE HOME PARK (ZA#13-000-004)**

Mr. Wilmot stated this matter involves the reclassification of land near Old Omega Road on South College Circle. Mr. Wilmot again qualified the members of Council and determined they were free from conflict of interest regarding this request. Mr. Crowe gave the staff report and stated the planning and zoning commission as well as staff recommends approval of the request. No one spoke in favor or against the request.

Mayor Cater closed the public hearing

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cater called the meeting to order at approximately 5:10 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Council Member Marianna Keesee led the prayer and pledge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Smith made the motion for approval of the agenda, seconded by Council Member Keesee, and unanimously carried by all members present.

SWEARING IN OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER JEFFREY DANIEL

Mayor Cater provided the oath of office to Mr. Daniel for service on the Historic Preservation Commission.

UPDATE BY LEQRICA GASKINS, TIFTON MAIN STREET PROGRAM

Lequrica Gaskins stated she was asked to put together some training materials for our small businesses. She stated a survey has been sent to them asking what their training needs may be. She stated employee training, conflict resolution, legal matters, drug free workplace training were the topics of interest. She stated the workshops will begin after the first of the new year. She stated surveys are available thru their office.

UPDATE BY CITY MANAGER

Mr. Riner stated there is a legislative breakfast tomorrow morning. He stated surplus property bids are due 9/12/13. He stated the LMIG projects are almost complete.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH PRESENTATION

Mayor Cater and Ricky Hobby recognized Derek Pilkinton as employee of the month in the Solid Waste Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY FRAN KINCHEN

Fran Kinchen, Senior Center Director, presented a check for \$500,000 to the Mayor and City Council for a Community Development Block Grant to be used for the expansion of the Senior Center.

PRESENTATION OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE TIFT THEATRE

Fran Kinchen gave a report on the Tift Theatre stating over 50 applications have been reviewed for the manager's position at the theatre as well as a management company. She stated the recommendation is that the current staff continue to work the theatre and we also consult with Mr. Mark Marple of Tallahassee over the next several months at no cost to the City. She reviewed Mr. Marples' resume. She stated we have a grand re-opening date of 11/9/13 with renowned pianist Marvin Goldstein.

CITIZEN INPUT

No one spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from: August 5, 2013 Regular Meeting, August 22, 2013 Workshop/Called Meeting, and the August 28, 2013 Called Meeting. Council Member Parrott moved for approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Keesee, and unanimously carried by all members present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Keesee moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda for items 2-7 and excluding Item #5 in order for Council Member Smith to recuse herself from #5:

2. Renewal of Recycling Collection Site Contract with Annie Tabor for FY2014

3. Resolution providing for Alcoholic Beverage License for Quality Inn located at 1104 King Road

4. Resolution providing for Alcoholic Beverage License for The New Wingmaster Sports Bar & Grill located at 309 S. Tift Avenue

6. Resolution providing for Department of Transportation LMIG Funding

7. Resolution accepting the FY2012 Financial Audit

5. **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION FROM TIFTON MAGNOLIA PROPERTIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 121 CENTRAL AVENUE**

Council Member Smith recused herself from voting. Council Member Keesee moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott and unanimously carried to adopt a resolution providing for an enterprise zone application from Tifton Magnolia Properties for property located at 121 Central Avenue.

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE WITH REGARDS TO VEHICLE SALES ESTABLISHMENTS BUFFER REQUIREMENT

Council Member Smith recused herself from voting. Council Member Keesee moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott and unanimously carried (3-0) to adopt an ordinance providing for amendments to the Land Development Code with regards to vehicle sales establishments buffer requirements.

ORDINANCE PROVIDING ZONING CHANGE FROM RESIDENTIAL-10 TO MOBILE HOME PARK FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH COLLEGE CIRCLE AND OWNED BY TRAVIS HURST, TO BE INCLUDED WITH SOUTH COLLEGE CIRCLE MOBILE HOME PARK

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to table this matter to the Special Called Meeting on 9/19/13 in order that Council Member Terrell can be in attendance.

REPEAL OF CHAPTER 6, ALCOHOL ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR A NEW CHAPTER 6, ALCOHOL ORDINANCE

Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott and unanimously carried to adopt an ordinance providing for repeal of the current ordinance and adding a new alcohol ordinance to the code of ordinances.

APPOINTMENT TO THE TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Keesee and unanimously carried to appoint Tina Moody to the Tift County Board of Health.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL, REAL ESTATE AND/OR LEGAL MATTERS

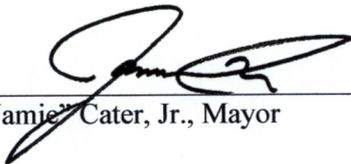
Council Member Keesee moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott and unanimously carried to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Real Estate and/or Legal Matters.

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Keesee and unanimously carried to come out of Executive Session.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried to adopt a resolution providing for an executive session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



J.G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr., Mayor



Rona Martin, City Clerk

**AT A MEETING O THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON
HELD ON 9/9, 2013
A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council member Keesee makes the following motion:

1. That City Council now enters into executive session as allowed by O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4 and pursuant to advice by the City Attorney, for the purpose of discussing the following:

(check all that apply)

- Legal Matters.
- Personnel Matters.
- Real Estate Matters.

That each member of this body, in open session, at the conclusion of such executive session, and consistent with the provisions of City of Tifton Resolution No. 99-66, either:

1. Execute the Affidavit, the form of which having been previously approved; or
2. Vote upon the Resolution, the form of which having been previously approved, to be followed by the execution of the above-referenced Affidavit by so many members of this Council that so desire,

all of which is in compliance with O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4; thereby this body, by appropriate form of either Affidavit or Resolution/Affidavit, ratifying the actions of the Council taken in executive session and confirming that the subject matters of the closed session were within exceptions permitted by the Open Meetings law.

Council member Parrott seconds the motion.

Motion Approved

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure:

Council Members:

Cater, Keesee, Parrott, Smith

Those voting against the motion for closure:

Council Members:

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths in the State of Georgia:

Present

Absent

✓

J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr.

✓

Marianna G. Keesee

✓

Christopher Parrott

✓

✓

Johnny Terrell

✓

Julie Smith

Who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

1. I am a member of the Tifton City Council and I was present at a meeting of the City Council held

on the 9th day of Sept., 2013.

2. That it was my understanding that O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) Of this Code section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

3. The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the

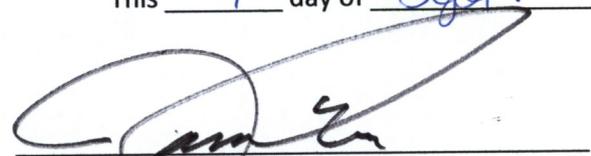
9th day of Sept., 2013, which was closed for the purpose(s) of :

- Legal Matters
- Personnel Matters
- Real Estate Matters

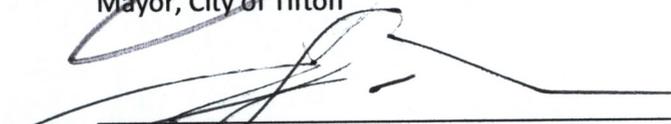
As allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

4. This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.
5. This affidavit is likewise executed by the following members of the City Council present at such executive session in support of open and honest government and in compliance with City of Tifton Resolution 99-66.

This 9 day of Sept., 2013.


 J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr.
 Mayor, City of Tifton

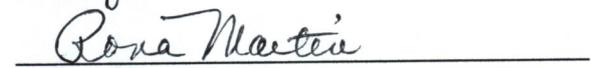

 Marianna G. Keesee
 Councilwoman, District 1


 Christopher Parrott
 Councilman, District 2

absent
 Johnny Terrell
 Councilman, District 3


 Julie Smith
 Councilwoman, District 4

Sworn to and subscribed before me
 By all City Council members
 on this 9th day of
Sept., 2013.


 Notary Public

