April 6, 2015

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

5:00 p.m.

TIFTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

130 E. 1ST STREET

CITY OF TIFTON
April 6, 2015
TIFTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
130 E. 1st Street
Regular City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

- Community Development Block Grant Project Completion 10p-x-137-2-5252 – Southwest Tifton Sewer System Improvements Benefitting 595 People

- Amendment to the Land Development Code to remove Clubs and Lodges, Private, as a Permissible use in the Downtown Commercial Zoning District

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY KAYCEE BROWN AND FAMILY OF FULWOOD PARK PAINTING

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION FOR TIFT COUNTY COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE

PROCLAMATION FOR GEORGIA CITIES WEEK

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL AGENDA

CITIZEN INPUT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the following minutes: February 26, 2015 Workshop/Called Meeting; March 2, 2015 Regular Meeting; March 19, 2015 Workshop/Called Meeting; March 30, 2015 Called Meeting

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Resolution providing for Enterprise Zone Application from Lon and Paula Kemeness for a business to be located at 147 Love Avenue

3. Resolution providing for Enterprise Zone Application from Melissa Burgess for a business to be located at 319 S. Main Street

4. Approval COT-EMD Fee Schedule – Implementation Date 7/1/2015

ORDINANCES

5. Ordinance providing for amendment to the Land Development Code to remove Clubs and Lodges, Private, as a Permissible use in the Downtown Commercial Zoning District

6. First Reading of an Ordinance amending the Charter to provide for a Change in the Fiscal Year

7. Ordinance Reaffirming and Ratifying all acts of the City taken in Connection to the Change in the Fiscal Year

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Discussion and approval to begin the bid process for a landfill compactor

9. Discussion and possible action on the Tift Theatre Easement

10. Consider HPC Board appointments/reappointments

11. Announcement on Library Donation of book for the Book Nook

City of Tifton
Regular Council Workshop/Called Meeting
February 26, 2015
5:00 p.m.
Tifton Municipal Courtroom
130 E. 5th Street

ATTENDEES:

J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr., Mayor
Johnny Terrell, Vice Mayor
Wes Ehlers, Council Member
Chris Parrott, Council Member
Julie Smith, Council Member

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

Mayor Cater called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

REQUEST BY MANDY YOUNG WITH AFFORDABLE EQUITY PARTNERS TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THEIR WEST HAVEN PROJECT

City Manager Larry Riner stated this is a request for the expansion of the existing senior living facility on E. B. Hamilton Road known as West Haven. He stated this is a letter of support for that proposed expansion. He stated Mandy Young is available for questions. Council Member Ehlers asked about a dual letter of support. Ms. Young stated this is an annexed property and Mr. Riner is the represented for GICH and that it would not be necessary. Mr. Riner stated there will be many letters of support for this project.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – CHIEF BUDDY DOWDY

Chief Dowdy recalled the recent bomb threat that affected all of the schools in Tift County. He stated many folks were involved that were phenomenal and did a great job. He stated the EOC command staff was set up in our training room. He stated with 10 minutes' notice, our IT folks, Steven Henderson and Truett Starkey were able to set up the EOC with phones, computers, radios, etc., making them fully operational. He stated they were his MVP's for this operation. Mayor Cater then presented plaques to each of them for Employees of the Month.

RESOLUTION AND DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDED FY 2015 BUDGET REVISIONS

Mr. Riner stated this budget revision is the forerunner to beginning the FY2016 budget. He stated this is a mid-year revision thru 12/31/2015. Lois Love, Finance Director, provided a handout of the revised budget. She stated the revision process includes a financial review based on prior year audited numbers and six to seven months of actual revenues and expenditures in the current year. She explained the need for budget revisions. She stated the General Fund includes an increase in LOST revenues by $200 thousand and other increases/decreases that created an overall increase of over $300 thousand. Expenditure increases consist of adding a public defender, prosecutor, and court clerk to Municipal Court. She stated Fire Department increased $215 thousand due to reallocation in retirement, personnel and benefit costs, radio upgrades and repairs and maintenance. She stated on October 1, 2014, the Public Works and Parks and Cemetery departments were outsourced to ESG and currently remains in transition. She stated Service Fund revenues and expenditures increased approximately $154 thousand. She stated this is due to the addition of two new positions – IT Director and a customer service/reception position. She stated a temporary position in Finance will be converted to a full-time accountant position with no bottom line change. She stated there were also increases in retirement for Human Resources and merchant fees for Customer Service. She stated the Building Maintenance and Shop Departments were outsourced to ESG in October, 2014 and remain in transition as well. She stated

funds are available in the current operating budget to fill these positions contingent on Council approval. She stated these positions are being recommended due to the need for operational consistency and to maintain knowledgeable employees due to the complexity of the organization in critical areas of the City. She stated all capital projects have been reviewed for completion and the financial condition has been updated to current status. Funds have been increased to complete various renovations under way such as City Hall. She stated there was an increase to the Senior Center project due to area site improvements and an addition for paving at the Chula Fire Station. She stated the Hunt Road project has been added along with contributions from various sources (she named those sources). She stated there are plans to start 20th Street in FY2016 as SPLOST V funds are collected. SPLOST IV funds are available to fund projects that have been reallocated and added as budgeted. She stated we will have to carefully watch SPLOST V spending throughout the remainder of the year due to utilizing most of those collections for the recently paid off debt. She stated we expect by June 30th there will be enough funds in SPLOST V to cover all of the projects budgeted in 2015. She stated this is a proposed budget for your review. Council Member Smith asked about the 20th Street project, and if it includes the paving. She stated yes, if collections come in as projected. Council Member Ehlers asked what the figure was for collections vs. budgeted amount. Ms. Love stated it is about an 18% decrease on average. Mr. Riner stated total SPLOST collections are about $300,000 per month for city and joint projects. He stated our SPLOST revenues are about 80% of the actual referendum. Council Member Ehlers asked if there is a plan in place. Mr. Riner stated the capital projects budget has a schedule for FY2016 and as SPLOST funds come in, we will prioritize them as Council sees fit. Council Member Smith asked about a hotel/motel tax increase that was considered a few years ago and if that is anticipated to come back to the table to discuss. Mr. Riner stated this is up to Council. Ms. Smith stated the Hotel Motel Association was ok with it, and it didn't go thru. He stated if Council wants to entertain that again, legislation can be drawn up for next year. Council Member Smith stated the hotels were ok with what was proposed at that time, but we need to meet with the County.

ORDINANCE UPDATING THE RETIREMENT PLAN REGARDING DISCONTINUANCE OF THE 4% INTEREST RATE; CLARIFICATION OF THE DEFINITION OF COMPENSATION, AND OTHER MATTERS

Carla Cooper, Human Resources Director, discussed the 2nd option placed in the retirement plan. She stated an interest rate of 4% was included at that time. She stated, due to the market, we will no longer be giving the 4% interest on the 5% contribution after July 1, 2015. She stated anything contributed prior to July 1, 2015 will still receive the 4% interest rate. She state the definition of "compensation" needed to be clarified by removing the word "bonuses" as they are not part of compensation. She stated the most recently outsourced employees with the eight year vesting will be included and also accommodate the outsourced employees who are vested and want to retire under the 25/55 plan or anything prior to 65. She reviewed other matters of the plan.

ORDINANCE UPDATING THE RETIREMENT PLAN REGARDING THE MAKEUP OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD

Mrs. Cooper stated this ordinance changes the makeup of the board due to the outsourced departments. The board will now be the Mayor and his appointee, the City Manager, Human Resources Director, Finance Director, one from police and fire, one that is board appointed and two from all other areas of the city. She stated it also changes the annual meeting from October to November.

DISCUSSION OF TRANSFER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES FROM ONE LOCATION TO ANOTHER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

Rona Martin, City Clerk, stated there is a provision in the code of ordinances providing for the City Manager to allow a transfer of alcohol licenses under certain conditions. She explained those conditions.

USE OF MYON AND OTHER CITY VENUES

Rona Martin discussed the possibility of the city's venues such as the Myon being used for weddings, etc. as rental properties and open them up to the community. She discussed marketing all of the City's venues under one umbrella wherever possible. She asked Council if they would be amenable to opening up the Myon and other properties to the community for rentals. Robert Reid Goodson discussed features of the marketing process. Ms. Martin mentioned the possibility of allowing alcohol at certain events. She stated a plan will be formulated and brought back to City Council.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CITY OF ETHICS RECERTIFICATION

Mr. Riner stated we've been a city of ethics since 2002. He stated the GMA model requires recertification every four years, and this is the fourth year. He stated the resolution presented is to provide for that recertification. He mentioned the criteria and standards.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO RIGHT-OF-WAY SIGNAGE (AMENDING CHAPTER 6) (T15-000-001)

Mr. Crowe stated that about a year ago a committee was put together which included local realtors to come up with a sign that everyone could agree on. He stated this ordinance amends Chapter 6 to correct the inconsistency between the language of the text contained in Section 6.01.05(C) and the "visibility at intersections" diagram. He explained the discrepancies. A general discussion was held regarding signage heights.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO RIGHT-OF-WAY SIGNAGE (AMENDING CHAPTER 7) (T15-000-001)

Mr. Crowe stated this ordinance amends Chapter 7 to add a new section 7.09.01 to be titled "Permitted Signs in the Right of Way" to permit directional real estate signs at certain locations with the City of Tifton Right of Ways. He explained where the signs will be allowed.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE REQUESTING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO DISTANCE BETWEEN TATTOO PARLORS AND RESTAURANTS WITH ONSITE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION (T1-000-002)

Mr. Crowe stated this ordinance is to amend Chapter 4, Section 4.03.31(e) of the Land Development Code so as to allow the location of tattoo parlors and body piercing establishments within 300 feet of a restaurant and to prohibit the location of a tattoo parlor or body piercing establishment within 300 feet of a bar or entertainment establishment. He stated we currently have a restaurant who wants to come into the location of a previous restaurant which is within 300 feet of a tattoo parlor. He stated this keeps from limiting restaurants coming in and are in close proximity to a tattoo parlor. Mr. Wilmot stated this does not apply to businesses selling package retail alcohol, but does apply to bars or entertainment establishments.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE REGARDING BUILDING CODE VIOLATIONS AS THEY RELATE TO OCCUPATION TAX CERTIFICATES (T15-000-003)

Attorney Wilmot recalled when a business license was revoked because the person did not comply with the construction permitting process. He explained the current process wherein if one had their business license revoked by municipal court, they would have to come before Council to seek reinstatement. He stated council was not in favor of that. He stated an ordinance has been developed to determine whether a license should be revoked. He explained the due process in the proposed ordinance. He stated this ordinance is meant to take action on habitual violators.

DISCUSSION OF PERMIT FEES

Bert Crowe presented and reviewed a proposed adjustment to the fees schedule for residential and commercial construction. He reviewed the current rates for the surrounding areas. A general discussion was held regarding the proposed fees. Council Member Parrott expressed concern over the bottom line fee level and suggested it be raised on both commercial and residential. Council Member Ehlers asked for a breakdown on the valuations and fees. Council Member Parrott asked for data on the cost of providing inspections, etc. After further discussion Mayor Cater appointed Council Members Ehlers and Parrott to a committee with Larry Riner and Bert Crowe for review of the proposed fees. He asked that they come back with a recommendation. Council Member Smith discussed the incentives available through the enterprise zone process and how we can have better awareness of the programs that are available.

SURPLUS OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL DIVISION (SWCD) DUE TO OUTSOURCING

Mr. Hobby stated this equipment is to be surplused due to the outsourcing of the sanitation function to Golden Environmental. He stated these are estimates and the equipment will be placed on GOVDEALS.com. He stated the value of assets will be used toward landfill closure-post closure. Mr. Hobby discussed the advertisement requirements.

DISCUSSION OF GEORGIA CITIES WEEK

Rona Martin reviewed proposed activities for Georgia Cities Week.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR J'S CONVENIENCE STORE LOCATED AT 1405 US HWY. 41 N

Ms. Martin stated J's Convenience Store is requesting a malt beverage package retail license for the sale of malt beverages. She state a background check was done on Jose Hernandez, owner and manager, which revealed no violations during the past five years. She stated staff recommends approval of the license.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LIL PANTRY LOCATED AT 1302 S. CENTRAL AVENUE

Ms. Martin stated Lil Pantry is requesting a malt and wine beverage package retail license. She stated a background check was done in October of Mrs. Jeta Patel as owner/manager of J&J Food Mart which revealed no violations. She stated staff recommends approval of the license.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR SN FOOD MART LOCATED AT 127 TIFTON ELDORADO ROAD

Ms. Martin stated SN Food Mart is under new ownership and requesting a malt and wine beverage package retail license. She stated a background check was done on Pragna Patel, owner and manager which revealed no violations. She stated staff recommends approval of the license.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR DICK'S WINGS LOCATED AT 3310 W. US HWY. 82

Ms. Martin stated Dick's Wings is requesting a malt, wine, and distilled spirits onsite consumption retail license. She stated the background check on the manager has not been completed but will be by the meeting next Monday.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR BRITANIC DISCO RODEO LOCATED AT 1101 S. MAIN STREET

Ms. Martin stated Britanic Disco Rodeo is opening where Santos Lounge used to be located. She stated they are requesting a malt beverage consumption retail license for the sale of malt beverages. A

background check was done on Rebecca Zuniga, owner and manager, which revealed no violations. She stated staff recommends approval of the license. Discussion was held regarding noise complaints. Mr. Wilmot stated if you have a location that is permitted in that zoning, he did not think we could have an ordinance or resolution one cannot locate at that location. He stated his recollection is that if an establishment is not operating their business in accordance with our code, then they can be brought before Council for removal of their alcohol license. He stated if there is a noise problem, then it is an enforcement issue, and needs to be brought before Council. He stated if one operates the business in a lawful manner, then we cannot take action not allowing the business. He stated once again, if they are not in compliance they can come before Council who can then revoke their alcohol license. He stated he would look at the location issue once again.

BOARD REPORT

Ms. Martin reviewed the members of the Tree Board and Tifton Housing Authority whose terms are up for expiration effective 3/31/2015. She stated the Tree Board consists of Brenda Douce who does not wish to be reappointed and Al Potts, who does wish to be reappointed. She reminded Mayor Cater that Luz Marti's appointment on the Tifton Housing Authority is expiring as well. Mr. Riner stated they will be submitted.

DISCUSSION OF NOMINATION FOR DISTRICT 11 GMA OFFICERS

Mr. Riner stated three of our elected officials wish to be considered for nomination to the District 11 Officers. Mayor Cater stated he has been trying to be on this board since he became Mayor. He expressed concern for the smaller towns being represented. Mr. Riner stated the names are Mayor Cater and Council Members Parrott and Ehlers. It was the consensus that all of their names will be submitted for consideration.

CALLED MEETING

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

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

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Council Member Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to come out of executive session.

There being to further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Rona Martin, City Clerk

City of Tifton
Regular Council Meeting
March 2, 2015
5:00 PM
Tifton Municipal Courtroom
130 E. 5th Street

ATTENDEES

Jamie Cater, Mayor
Johnny Terrell, Vice Mayor
Wes Ehlers, Council Member
Chris Parrott, Council Member
Julie Smith, Council Member

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

PUBLIC HEARING

- City of Tifton request for Text Amendments to the Land Development Code relating to Right-of-Way Signage (Amending Chapter 6 & Chapter 7) (T15-000-001)

Attorney Rob Wilmot stated the matter under consideration is for text amendments to the Land Development Code by the City of Tifton relating to right-of-way signage. (T15-000-001) He stated Chapter 6 is to correct the inconsistency between the language of the text contained in Section 6.01.05 (C) and the "Visibility at Intersections" diagram. He stated the amendment to Chapter 7 is to add a new section 7.09.01 to be titled "Permitted Signs in Right of Way" to permit directional real estate signs at certain locations within the City Right of Way.

Council Member Smith asked if she needed to recuse herself since she is with a real estate company. Attorney Wilmot stated not at this point.

Bert Crowe, Environmental Management Director reviewed the proposed changes to Chapters 6 and 7 of the Land Development Code. He stated the Planning & Zoning Commission approved the requests unanimously.

No one spoke in favor of the request.

Mark Brown, 606 E 48th Street requested that a time frame be put on when any sign has to be removed upon sale, etc. He stated he did not object to having the signs in place, but that they should be removed timely upon the sale of any home. He stated there is a problem with signs in general being left after they are no longer useful.

Mayor Cater closed the public hearing.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jamie Cater called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Mayor Cater led in the prayer and pledge.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA

Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to approve the Council agenda.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mark Brown, 606 E. 48th Street, expressed concern over the code enforcement department. He stated he has contacted code enforcement to have signs at the stop signs at several streets removed, with no results. He stated he contacted the City Manager in July who, in turn, contacted code enforcement to have the signs removed. He stated the signs were still there three weeks later. He then called Mr. Riner back and informed him the signs were still up. Mr. Riner had the signs removed at that time. He complained that code enforcement did not police the situation with the signs. He stated he also complained about semi-truck parking in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot. He stated Mr. Crowe's response was a poor report (he provided the report). After further comments he asked that the department be given back to the county and put the money toward the westside fire station. Mr. Riner stated this is private property on a state route and they have permission from the property owners to park the trucks in the lot and this is legal. Council Member Parrott stated Mr. Brown raised some good issues and he would like to explore them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2015 Workshop/Called Meeting and the February 2, 2015 Regular Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to approve items 2-12 as listed below on the consent agenda.

2. Consider authorization for City Manager to execute a letter of support for Affordable Equity Partners for the West Haven Project

3. Ordinance updating the Retirement Plan regarding discontinuance of the 4% interest rate; clarification of the definition of compensation, and other matters

4. Ordinance updating the Retirement Plan regarding the makeup of the Retirement Board

5. Resolution providing for City of Ethics Recertification

6. Resolution providing for FY2015 Budget Revisions

7. Surplus of Equipment for the SWCD due to outsourcing

8. Resolution providing for Alcoholic Beverage License for J's Convenience Store located at 1405 US Hwy. 41 N

9. Resolution providing for Alcoholic Beverage License for Lil Pantry located at 1302 S. Central Avenue

10. Resolution providing for Alcoholic Beverage License for SN Food Mart located at 127 Tifton Eldorado Road

11. Resolution providing for Alcoholic Beverage License for Britanic Disco Rodeo located at 1101 S. Main Street

12. Ordinance regarding building code violations as they relate to occupation tax certificates (T15-000-003)

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO RIGHT-OF-WAY SIGNAGE (AMENDING CHAPTER 6) (T15-000-001)

Council Member Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott and unanimously carried to adopt an Ordinance providing for Text Amendments to the Land Development Code relating to Right-of-Way Signage (Amending Chapter 6) (T15-000-001).

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO RIGHT-OF-WAY SIGNAGE (AMENDING CHAPTER 7) (T15-000-001)

Council Member Smith recused herself from the discussion and left the room. Council Member Parrott moved for discussion, seconded by Council Member Terrell. Council Member Parrott stated the idea regarding a timeframe was good and asked Mr. Crowe to explain. Mr. Crowe read that the signs shall be removed within 10 days after any sale. Mr. Crowe explained the process for realtor right-of-way signs. Council Member Terrell stated the realtors took responsibility for removal of the signage at their previous meeting with them. Discussion was held regarding political signs. Mayor Cater called for the question. The motion carried unanimously (4-0) to adopt an Ordinance Providing for Text Amendments to the Land Development Code relating to Right-of-Way Signage. (Amending Chapter 7) (T15-000-001) Council Member Smith returned to the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

REAPPOINTMENT TO THE TIFTON TREE BOARD

Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to reappoint Al Potts to the Tifton Tree Board. Council Member Smith asked that Jeannie Rigdon be contacted regarding new board members.

Mr. Riner reminded everyone of the Rhythm & Ribs Festival in Fulwood Park this weekend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:35 p.m.

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

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Rona Martin, City Clerk

City of Tifton
Regular Council Workshop/Called Meeting
March 19, 2015
5:00 p.m.
Tifton Municipal Courtroom
130 E. 5th Street

ATTENDEES:

J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr., Mayor
Johnny Terrell, Vice Mayor
Wes Ehlers, Council Member
Julie Smith, Council Member

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

Chris Parrott, Council Member (absent)

Mayor Cater called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

- Request for Approval of T15-000-002, City of Tifton, Requesting a Text Amendment to the City of Tifton Land Development Code Relating to Tattoo Establishments in Relation to Alcoholic Licensed Establishments

City Attorney Rob Wilmot stated this amends Chapter 4, Section 4.03.31(e) of the City of Tifton Land Development Code so as to allow the location of tattoo parlors and body piercing establishments within 300 feet of a restaurant and to prohibit the location of a tattoo parlor or body piercing establishment within 300 feet of a bar or entertainment establishment. Mr. Wilmot asked the following conflict of interest statements of Council as follows: Have any of the applicants or opponents to the application contributed at least $250 to any of the campaigns for election during the past two years. Everyone stated no. Do you or any members of your family own property that would be impacted by the text amendment application whether it is a positive or negative impact? Mayor Cater asked about the property he has downtown. Mr. Wilmot stated this does not specifically affect his property and he is not in conflict. Everyone stated no. Do you or any members of your family own a business that would be impacted by this text amendment whether it is a positive or negative impact? Everyone stated no. All Council members were declared free from conflicts of interest.

Bert Crowe, Environmental Management Director reviewed the application. He stated this will allow tattoo parlors and restaurants to be in proximity of each other, however, bars and entertainment establishments would continue to fall under the restriction of at least 300 feet away from tattoo parlors.

Mr. Wilmot asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of this application. Mr. Chris Parella of Dick's Wings & Grill spoke in favor of the application. He provided information regarding the business they will be opening. No one spoke against the request.

Mayor Cater closed the public hearing.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER BY HOME RULE (FISCAL YEAR)

Attorney Wilmot reviewed the history of this request where in 2002 an ordinance was adopted by City Council changing the fiscal year from October 1st to July 1st. He stated the ordinance was not executed by the Mayor or the City Clerk at that time. He stated we need to adopt the ordinance fixing our fiscal year to July 1st of each year. He stated the other matter is in the charter the requirement is that the budget be finalized by October 1st. He stated it needs to be amended to reflect the July 1st change. He

stated this ordinance also ratifies all of the action taken by Council that time. He stated this will be advertised and published for three weeks with the first reading in April and the second reading in May for the charter amendment with both adopted at that time.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR

Please see above comments.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO REMOVE CLUBS AND LODGES, PRIVATE, AS A PERMISSIBLE USE IN THE DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT

Mr. Wilmot stated there is a federal law whereby you cannot discriminate against religious organizations and they have to be treated as other non-religious organizations. He stated we currently do not allow religious facilities in the downtown commercial areas. He stated downtown commercial currently could be used for clubs, lodges, and civic organizations. He stated because they are very similar to a religious organization and by not allowing a religious organization and in fact allowing clubs, etc., we are in violation of the law. He stated the text amendment will eliminate allowing clubs, lodges and civic organizations from being in commercial downtown, thereby treating those types of organizations the same as religious organizations, and as such, we will not be violating federal law. General discussion was held regarding the land development code. Mr. Wilmot stated this prohibits the religious facilities as defined in the LDC, what is prohibited is having a worship service. He stated it does not prohibit them from having a pageant, and with churches, they can have special functions downtown, but not a worship service. A general discussion was held regarding the types of functions that could be held.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION FROM LON AND PAULA KEMENESS FOR A BUSINESS LOCATED AT 147 LOVE AVENUE

Council Member Smith recused herself from discussion as she represented the Kemeness' in their transaction on this property. Rona Martin reviewed the enterprise zone application submitted by Lon and Paul Kemeness and the incentives they are eligible for. She stated staff recommends approval of this request. She stated this will be on the April meeting agenda for consideration.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION FROM MELISSA BURGESS FOR A BUSINESS LOCATED AT 319. S. MAIN STREET

Rona Martin reviewed the enterprise zone application submitted by Melissa Burgess of Active Real Estate and the incentives she is eligible for. She stated staff recommends approval of this request. She stated this will be on the April meeting agenda for consideration.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR DICK'S WINGS LOCATED AT 3310 HWY. 82 W.

Ms. Martin stated Dicks' Wings is applying for an alcohol license for the sale of beer, wine and distilled spirits on site consumption retail. She stated a background check was done on Tyler Sylvester, manager, revealing no violations for the past five years. She stated staff recommends approval of the request.

REPORT ON PERMIT FEES

Council Member Ehlers reported for the committee of himself and Council Member Parrott as follows: the residential permit fees from $0-2,000 be at no cost; $2,001-10,000 be at $50.00; $10,001 – be at ½%. He stated commercial fees are as follows: $0-2,000 be at no cost; $2001-10,001 be at $100.00; and from $10,001 – up be a 1% fee. He stated this is a tier fee structure that is fair and promotes construction in

our community. Mr. Riner stated this will be on the April 6th meeting agenda with the new fees going into effect July 1st of the new fiscal year.

BOARD REPORT

Ms. Martin reviewed the board report stating the Historic Preservation Commission has Erika Johnson, Marx-Ann Myddelton and Mark Peterman whose terms are expiring 5/31/2015. Mr. Crowe stated Marx-Ann Myddelton may not wish to continue service. The City Clerk was directed to contact everyone to see of their pleasure in continuing to serve on the HPC.

CALLED MEETING

Mayor Cater called the meeting to order.

Mr. Riner asked that the agenda be amended to include item #6 from the workshop for approval pending approval of item #9. Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to include item #6 in addition to item #9 on the called meeting agenda.

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF TIFTON LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO TATTOO ESTABLISHMENTS IN RELATION TO ALCOHOLIC LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS

Council Member Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to adopt an ordinance providing for a text amendment to the City of Tifton Land Development Code Relating to Tattoo Establishments in relation to Alcoholic Licensed Establishments.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR DICK'S WINGS LOCATED AT 3310 HWY. 82 W.

Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to adopt a resolution providing for alcoholic beverage license for Dick's Wings located at 3310 Hwy. 82 W.

There being to further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Rona Martin, City Clerk

City of Tifton
Special Called Meeting
March 30, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Tifton City Hall Council Chambers
130 E. 1st Street

ATTENDEES

J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr., Mayor
Johnny Terrell, Vice Mayor
Wes Ehlers, Council Member
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Rona Martin, City Clerk

Mayor Cater called the meeting to order.

Larry Riner, City Manager, stated the purpose of this meeting is to take action on a resolution providing for the CDBG grant application for a drainage project. He stated this is for the drainage ditch at Magnolia back up to the DOT Property. He stated Mr. Roberson feels this can be done due to the flood and safety issues at Town & Country Trailer Park that have occurred in the past. He stated DOT recently replaced some pipes and redid the detention area somewhat. He stated this is a good project at about $680,000 of which the City and ESG staff will provide for an in-kind match. He stated without the in-kind match the cost would be approximately $2.2 million. Mayor Cater stated he has property beside this area and asked if he should be voting on this. Mr. Wilmot stated this benefits the public as a whole and does not specifically benefit the Mayor, and yes, he can vote on the matter. Mr. Riner stated this is a $500,000 grant with about $180,000 coming from the City. Mr. Riner stated this goes up to the property line at Town & Country Trailer Park.

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell and unanimously carried to adopt a resolution authorizing the preparation and submittal of the Community Development Block Grant Application for 2015 to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

_____
Rona Martin, City Clerk

TIFTON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TIFTON Georgia
The Friendly City

TO: Tifton City Council

FROM: Rona Martin, City Clerk

DATE: 03-18-2015

DEPARTMENT: Management

SUBJECT: Enterprise Zone Application - Kemeness

DATE: 03/19/2015
Workshop Meeting (X)
Regular Meeting ( )
Called Meeting ( )

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Lon and Paula Kemeness have requested consideration of an enterprise zone application for property located at 147 Love Avenue.

PROPOSED ACTION
Adoption of resolution granting incentives pursuant to the Urban Redevelopment Plan of the City of Tifton.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION
Attached Resolution and Application.

Background Information

Financial Implications

Increased value in property after rehabilitation.

Pros and/or Cons
Property improvement in the downtown district, increasing property values and tax base.

Implementation

Upon Adoption of the Resolution.

CITY OF TIFTON
RESOLUTION 2015 - _____

[Declaration to Grant Incentives Pursuant to Urban Redevelopment Plan]

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON, GEORGIA, AS THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENT AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW AND CREATED BY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TIFTON TO GRANT INCENTIVES PURSUANT TO THE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE CITY OF TIFTON.

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has enacted the Urban Redevelopment Law (O.C.G.A. § 36-61-1 et seq.) and the Enterprise Zone Employment Act (O.C.G.A. § 36-88-1 et.seq.) for the purposes of revitalization, economic development and increased employment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State Law, the City of Tifton subsequently enacted Ordinance Numbers 2000-21 and 2000-22 to create Enterprise Zones and to provide for Urban Redevelopment within the corporate limits of the City of Tifton; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Tifton is named as the Redevelopment Agency to review applications and, where appropriate, to grant incentives provided for in State Laws and in Local Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Lon and Paula Kemeness own a place of business located within an Enterprise Zone at 147 Love Avenue, Tifton, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Lon and Paula Kemeness qualify for certain incentives related to occupation taxes, building permit fees, landfill fees, and City ad valorem tax abatements all as are more fully shown and delineated upon the specific economic list of incentives recommended by the staff of the City of Tifton and attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Tifton, Georgia, acting in its capacity as Redevelopment Agency for Tifton's Urban Redevelopment Plan, does hereby approve and grant specific incentives to Lon and Paula Kemeness as set forth on the list attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the City Council of the City of Tifton, in their capacity as Redevelopment Agency, shall affix their signatures evidencing grant approval to the Approval Signature Page provided as part of the Urban Redevelopment Plan Application documents.

ADOPTED this 6th day of April, 2015 by the Tifton City Council.

ATTEST:

_____
Rona Martin, City Clerk

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

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VICE MAYOR
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DISTRICT 1

CHRISTOPHER PARROTT
DISTRICT 2

JULIE B. SMITH
DISTRICT 4

Enterprise Zone Application
Project Information:

Business Name: Lon P. Kemeness Attorney at Law

Primary Contact: PJ Kemeness

Mailing Address: 2013 Emory Drive Tifton GA

Property Address: 147 Love Avenue Tifton

Telephone Number: 388-1394 wk 848 0000 cell

Fax Number: 388-1395

Email Address: paulakem@hotmail.com lonk@surfsouth.com

Enterprise Zone: Yes

Map & Parcel Number: T043 156

Historic District: Yes
(If applicable)

NEW STRUCTURE		EXISTING STRUCTURE
	Land Value	12,250 } 83,164
	Structure Value	70,914
	Rehabilitation Est.*	100,000
	New Construction Est.*	$145,000

Documentation may be required.

City of Tifton Business Development

emailed 2/9/15 Bert Ricky

Funding Sources

Name of Institution: First Community Bank. Kellie Harrelson

Provide sources of payment and supporting documents i.e., bank commitment letter, etc.

Projected Dates and Milestones:
(Please attach timeline)

Construction/Renovation Completed Date: _____

Operations/Business Start Date: _____

Date Began Hiring New Employees: _____
(if applicable)

Number of New Employees: _____

Purchase of Machinery and Equipment: _____

Closing Jan. 15th 2015
Estimated start date on renovation 3-1-15
Estimated completion date 8-1-15

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Type of Use: (Specify)	Check the appropriate Box (es)
Residential: ☐ Single Family _____ ☐ Multi Family # _____ (Includes Loft Apartments SIC Code: _____	**Business:** ☐ Retail Sales _____ ☒ Professional Office ☐ _____ SIC Code: _____
Manufacturing: SIC Code: _____	**Services:**

Check Business Characteristics:		Check the appropriate Box (es)
Applicant Type:	**#**	**Recruitment Type: (Out of State)**
☐ New Jobs	0	☐ Expansion
☒ Retained Jobs	3	☒ Relocation
☒ **Total**	3	☐ Consolidation ☐ Start-up
Benefit Type:		**Retention Type: (Local)**
☒ Renovated Existing Facility ☐ New Facility ☐ Expand Existing Facility ☐ Machinery/Equipment		☐ Expansion ☒ Relocation within Georgia ☐ Consolidation ☐ Upgrade Process/Equipment

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Jobs for Which You Are Applying for Benefits:

Jobs to be created for Benefit.

(Attach a breakdown of types of new jobs by classification or title and the salary range of hourly rate for each, {must match the job numbers stated below}.)

Number of New Jobs Created: 0 - 3 existing jobs

Total Amount of Payroll for New Jobs: $ 25,000 yr for 3 existing jobs

Note: Leased, contract, temporary, and construction employees do not qualify as new employees.

Contingent upon annual review.

I hereby certify that all information is true to the best of my knowledge. I further acknowledge that by filing the application and accepting the incentives granted. I agree to undertake the project as described. Falsification of documents or failure to carry out the project may result in revocation of incentives and/or penalties under law.

Paula Kemmerer
Signature

1-5-15
Date

Office Manager
Title

I agree to remain at this location for the length of the abatement period; I further agree that if I default in this agreement to repay the City of Tifton at a pro-rated amount. In addition, I agree to use all City Services for the length of this abatement. I also acknowledge that the incentive maybe continued upon the transfer of the property.

Paula Kemmerer
Applicant Signature

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Type of Incentive:	Maximum Incentive Available	Amount Staff Recommends	Staff Initials
Building Permit Fee:	* 602.50	602.50	BC
Utilities: (Site Specific Review)			
Landfill Tipping Fee: (100%) Abated (Site Specific Review)	*	1000.00	RH
Business License Fee: (1st Year) 100%	* 400 00		
(2nd Year) 50%	* 200 00		
Total Estimated Future Tax Abatements: (Years 1-10)	* 4414.97		

Year 1 (100%) 566.02
Year 2 (100%) 566.02
Year 3 (100%) 566.02
Year 4 (100%) 566.02
Year 5 (100%) 566.02
Year 6 (80%) 452.82
Year 7 (80%) 452.82
Year 8 (60%) 339.61
Year 9 (40%) 226.41
Year 10 (20%) 113.21

6617.47 approximate

Based on annual assessment value $145,000

This as an estimate only. Actual figures may vary.

To be signed by applicant after review of incentive package.

_____

Applicant Signature

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Enterprise Zone Board Approval

J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr., Mayor	**Date**
Johnny Terrell, Jr. Vice Mayor, District #3	**Date**
Wes Ehlers, District #1	**Date**
Christopher Parrott, District #2	**Date**
Julie B. Smith, District #4	**Date**
Attest: Rona Martin **City Clerk, CMC**	**Date**

Telephone: 229-382-6231 * Fax: 229-386-9694 * e-mail: cityhall@tifton.net

Actual Incentives Approved

Type of Incentive:		Staff Initials
Building Permit Fee:	_____	_____
Utilities: (Site Specific Review)	_____	_____
Landfill Tipping Fee: (100%) Abated (Site Specific Review)	_____	_____
Business License Fee: (1st Year) 100%	_____	_____
(2nd Year) 50%	_____	_____

Total Estimated Future Tax Abatements: _____
(Years 1-10)

Year 1 (100%) _____
Year 2 (100%) _____
Year 3 (100%) _____
Year 4 (100%) _____
Year 5 (100%) _____
Year 6 (80%) _____
Year 7 (80%) _____
Year 8 (60%) _____
Year 9 (40%) _____
Year 10 (20%) _____

Total Granted: _____

Based on annual assessment value

To be signed by applicant after review of incentive package.

_____

Applicant Signature

City of Tifton Business Development

Prelimary Information To Be Supplied By County Staff

Type of Incentive:		**Staff Initials**
Building Permit Fee:	_____	_____
Landfill Tipping Fee: **(100%) Abated** **(Site Specific Review)**	_____	_____
Total Estimated Future Tax Abatements: **(Years 1-10)**	_____	_____

Year 1 (100%) _____
Year 2 (100%) _____
Year 3 (100%) _____
Year 4 (100%) _____
Year 5 (100%) _____
Year 6 (80%) _____
Year 7 (80%) _____
Year 8 (60%) _____
Year 9 (40%) _____
Year 10 (20%) _____

Based on annual assessment value

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_____
Applicant Signature

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1997Georgia Enterprise Zone Employment Act
Including 1999 Amendments

Intent

In early 1997, the General Assembly of Georgia adopted the Enterprise Zone Employment Act. The purpose of this Act is to encourage revitalization in areas within cities and counties that are suffering from dis-investment, underdevelopment, and economic decline. The Act encourages private businesses, service enterprises to reinvest in these areas and to participate in the process of community redevelopment. The local governments (cities and/or counties) can encourage investors by creating a very favorable environment within which to do business. In 1999 a residential development qualifier was added.

Criteria

To qualify as an Enterprise Zone, the area must demonstrate three of the following four criteria: pervasive poverty, unemployment, general distress, and underdevelopment. Evidence to meet these criteria must come from the following: US Census Bureau; State Department of Labor; and local data concerning crime, condition of structures, infrastructure, and the economy.

Incentives

To encourage businesses to participate in the program, the Act offers incentives in the form of tax abatements, exemptions and/or waivers and abatements of certain local fees. These exemptions do not apply to property taxes imposed by school districts or property taxes imposed for general obligation debt.

City and/or county governments may provide abatement of ad valorem property tax according to the following schedule:

Years 0-5: 100% Years 6-7: 80% Years 8: 60% Years 9: 40% Years 10: 20%
(Schedule may begin any year of designation, i.e., may commence with taxpayer location)

Qualifying Enterprises

The Act offers these incentives only to those types of businesses defined in the Act as:

Qualifying Business Enterprises (QBEs) primarily engaged in manufacturing, warehousing and distribution, processing, telecommunications, tourism, research and development industries, new residential construction and residential rehabilitation.

Qualifying Service Enterprises (QSEs) primarily engaged in finance, insurance and real estate activity or activities listed under the SIC Codes 60-67of the Federal Office of Management and Budget Standard Industrial Classification manual.

To receive the incentives the Qualifying Business or Services Enterprises must be located within an Enterprise Zone and they must:

- Create five or more new full-time jobs.

Or be a qualified taxpayer who:

- Carries out rehabilitation projects of existing structures or
- Carries out new residential construction and residential rehabilitation, if the value of the improvement is five times greater than the value of the land.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Type of Incentive:	Maximum Incentive Available	Amount Staff Recommends	Staff Initials
Building Permit Fee:	* _____	_____	_____
Utilities: (Site Specific Review)	_____	_____	_____
Landfill Tipping Fee: (100%) Abated (Site Specific Review)	* _____	$1000.00	RK
Business License Fee: (1st Year) 100%	* _____	_____	_____
(2nd Year) 50%	* _____	_____	_____
Total Estimated Future Tax Abatements: (Years 1-10)	* _____	_____	_____

Year 1 (100%) _____
Year 2 (100%) _____
Year 3 (100%) _____
Year 4 (100%) _____
Year 5 (100%) _____
Year 6 (80%) _____
Year 7 (80%) _____
Year 8 (60%) _____
Year 9 (40%) _____
Year 10 (20%) _____

Based on annual assessment value _____

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Applicant Signature

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TIFTON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: Tifton City Council

FROM: Rona Martin, City Clerk

DATE: 03-18-2015

DEPARTMENT: Management

SUBJECT: Enterprise Zone Application - Burgess

DATE: 03/19/2015
Workshop Meeting (X)
Regular Meeting ( )
Called Meeting ( )

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Melissa Burgess has requested consideration of an enterprise zone application for property located at 319 S. Main Street.

PROPOSED ACTION
Adoption of resolution granting incentives pursuant to the Urban Redevelopment Plan of the City of Tifton.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION
Attached Resolution and Application.

Background Information

Financial Implications

Increased value in property after rehabilitation.

Pros and/or Cons
Property improvement in the downtown district, increasing property values and tax base.

Implementation

Upon Adoption of the Resolution.

CITY OF TIFTON
RESOLUTION 2015 - _____

[Declaration to Grant Incentives Pursuant to Urban Redevelopment Plan]

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON, GEORGIA, AS THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENT AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW AND CREATED BY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TIFTON TO GRANT INCENTIVES PURSUANT TO THE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE CITY OF TIFTON.

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has enacted the Urban Redevelopment Law (O.C.G.A. § 36-61-1 et seq.) and the Enterprise Zone Employment Act (O.C.G.A. § 36-88-1 et.seq.) for the purposes of revitalization, economic development and increased employment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State Law, the City of Tifton subsequently enacted Ordinance Numbers 2000-21 and 2000-22 to create Enterprise Zones and to provide for Urban Redevelopment within the corporate limits of the City of Tifton; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Tifton is named as the Redevelopment Agency to review applications and, where appropriate, to grant incentives provided for in State Laws and in Local Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Burgess owns a place of business located within an Enterprise Zone at 319 S. Main Street, Tifton, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Burgess qualifies for certain incentives related to occupation taxes, building permit fees, landfill fees, and City ad valorem tax abatements all as are more fully shown and delineated upon the specific economic list of incentives recommended by the staff of the City of Tifton and attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Tifton, Georgia, acting in its capacity as Redevelopment Agency for Tifton's Urban Redevelopment Plan, does hereby approve and grant specific incentives to Melissa Burgess as set forth on the list attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the City Council of the City of Tifton, in their capacity as Redevelopment Agency, shall affix their signatures evidencing grant approval to the Approval Signature Page provided as part of the Urban Redevelopment Plan Application documents.

ADOPTED this __6th__ day of April, 2015 by the Tifton City Council.

ATTEST:

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Rona Martin, City Clerk

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

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RH
3/17/15

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VICE MAYOR
DISTRICT 3

WES EHLERS
DISTRICT 1

CHRISTOPHER PARROTT
DISTRICT 2

JULIE B. SMITH
DISTRICT 4

Enterprise Zone Application
Project Information:

Business Name: Active Real Estate, Inc.

Primary Contact: Melissa Burgess

Mailing Address: 125 S Main St. Fitzgerald, GA 31750 (until opening date

Property Address: 319 S Main St. Tifton, GA 31794

Telephone Number: 229-386-8161

Fax Number: 229-382-8165

Email Address: burgess31750@yahoo.com

Enterprise Zone:

Map & Parcel Number: T044 055

Historic District:
(If applicable)

NEW STRUCTURE		EXISTING STRUCTURE
$9,900.00	Land Value	$9,900.00
$95,000.00	Structure Value	$74,010.00
	Rehabilitation Est.*	$30,000.00
	New Construction Est.*	$113,910

Documentation may be required.

City of Tifton Business Development

Funding Sources

Name of Institution: Colony Bank of Fitzgerald

Provide sources of payment and supporting documents i.e., bank commitment letter, etc.

Projected Dates and Milestones:
(Please attach timeline)

Construction/Renovation Completed Date: Est. 4/1/15

Operations/Business Start Date: 4/1/15

Date Began Hiring New Employees: NA
(if applicable)

Number of New Employees: NA

Purchase of Machinery and Equipment: NA - Transferred from existing office

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Type of Use: (Specify)	Check the appropriate Box (es)
Residential: ☐ Single Family _____ ☐ Multi Family # _____ (Includes Loft Apartments SIC Code: _____	**Business:** ☐ Retail Sales _____ ☒ Professional ☐ _____ SIC Code: _____
Manufacturing: SIC Code: _____	**Services:** Real Estate

Check Business Characteristics:		Check the appropriate Box (es)
Applicant Type:	#	**Recruitment Type: (Out of State)**
☐ New Jobs	0	☐ Expansion
☐ Retained Jobs	1	☐ Relocation
☐ **Total**	1	☐ Consolidation ☐ Start-up
Benefit Type:		**Retention Type: (Local)**
☒ Renovated Existing Facility ☐ New Facility ☐ Expand Existing Facility ☐ Machinery/Equipment		☐ Expansion ☒ Relocation within Georgia ☐ Consolidation ☐ Upgrade Process/Equipment

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Jobs for Which You Are Applying for Benefits:

Jobs to be created for Benefit.

(Attach a breakdown of types of new jobs by classification or title and the salary range of hourly rate for each, {must match the job numbers stated below}.)

Number of New Jobs Created: 0

Total Amount of Payroll for New Jobs: $ 0

Note: Leased, contract, temporary, and construction employees do not qualify as new employees.

Contingent upon annual review.

I hereby certify that all information is true to the best of my knowledge. I further acknowledge that by filing the application and accepting the incentives granted. I agree to undertake the project as described. Falsification of documents or failure to carry out the project may result in revocation of incentives and/or penalties under law.

Melissa Bragg
Signature

2/25/15
Date

Broker | Owner
Title

I agree to remain at this location for the length of the abatement period; I further agree that if I default in this agreement to repay the City of Tifton at a pro-rated amount. In addition, I agree to use all City Services for the length of this abatement. I also acknowledge that the incentive maybe continued upon the transfer of the property.

Melissa Bragg
Applicant Signature

Telephone: 229-382-6231 * Fax: 229-386-9694 * e-mail: cityhall@tifton.net

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Type of Incentive:	Maximum Incentive Available	Amount Staff Recommends	Staff Initials
Building Permit Fee:	$340.00		
Utilities: (Site Specific Review)			
Landfill Tipping Fee: (100%) Abated (Site Specific Review)	0 ?		
Business License Fee: (1st Year) 100%	$273		
(2nd Year) 50%	$136.50		
Total Estimated Future Tax Abatements: (Years 1-10)	3468.35		

Year 1 (100%) 444.66
Year 2 (100%) 444.66
Year 3 (100%) 444.66
Year 4 (100%) 444.66
Year 5 (100%) 444.66
Year 6 (80%) 355.73
Year 7 (80%) 355.73
Year 8 (60%) 266.80
Year 9 (40%) 177.86
Year 10 (20%) 88.93

4217.85 approx. not including landfill fees

Based on annual assessment value 113,910

This as an estimate only. Actual figures may vary.

To be signed by applicant after review of incentive package.

_____

Applicant Signature

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Type of Incentive:	Maximum Incentive Available	Amount Staff Recommends	Staff Initials
Building Permit Fee:	$340.00	$340.00	[illegible]
Utilities: (Site Specific Review)			
Landfill Tipping Fee: (100%) Abated (Site Specific Review)			
Business License Fee: (1st Year) 100%			
(2nd Year) 50%			
Total Estimated Future Tax Abatements: (Years 1-10)			

Year 1 (100%) _____
Year 2 (100%) _____
Year 3 (100%) _____
Year 4 (100%) _____
Year 5 (100%) _____
Year 6 (80%) _____
Year 7 (80%) _____
Year 8 (60%) _____
Year 9 (40%) _____
Year 10 (20%) _____

Based on annual assessment value _____

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To be signed by applicant after review of incentive package.

_____

Applicant Signature

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Enterprise Zone Board Approval

J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr., Mayor	Date
Johnny Terrell, Jr. Vice Mayor, District #3	Date
Wes Ehlers, District #1	Date
Christopher Parrott, District #2	Date
Julie B. Smith, District #4	Date
Attest: Rona Martin City Clerk, CMC	Date

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Actual Incentives Approved

Type of Incentive:		Staff Initials
Building Permit Fee:	_____	_____
Utilities: (Site Specific Review)	_____	_____
Landfill Tipping Fee: (100%) Abated (Site Specific Review)	_____	_____
Business License Fee: (1st Year) 100%	_____	_____
(2nd Year) 50%	_____	_____

Total Estimated Future Tax Abatements: _____
(Years 1-10)

Year 1 (100%) _____
Year 2 (100%) _____
Year 3 (100%) _____
Year 4 (100%) _____
Year 5 (100%) _____
Year 6 (80%) _____
Year 7 (80%) _____
Year 8 (60%) _____
Year 9 (40%) _____
Year 10 (20%) _____

Total Granted: _____

Based on annual assessment value

To be signed by applicant after review of incentive package.

_____
Applicant Signature

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Prelimary Information To Be Supplied By County Staff

Type of Incentive:		**Staff Initials**
Building Permit Fee:	_____	_____
Landfill Tipping Fee: **(100%) Abated** **(Site Specific Review)**	_____	_____
Total Estimated Future Tax Abatements: **(Years 1-10)**	_____	_____

Year 1 (100%) _____
Year 2 (100%) _____
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Year 5 (100%) _____
Year 6 (80%) _____
Year 7 (80%) _____
Year 8 (60%) _____
Year 9 (40%) _____
Year 10 (20%) _____

Based on annual assessment value

To be signed by applicant after review of incentive package.

_____
Applicant Signature

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CITY OF TIFTON
Construction Permit

Phone No.: (229) 391-3950

PERMIT NO. B15-000-063
Permit Type: Commercial Addition/Alteration
Subtype:

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES NO.	TRACT NO.	BLK. NO.	LOT NO.	APPLIC. DATE	ISSUED BY
				2/12/2015	CM

Issue Date: 02/12/2015
Permit Status: Issued

PROJECT ADDRESS
319 S Main St

ASSESSORS PARCEL NO. T044 055
GEO CODE

OWNER
Vmb Investments, Llc

MAILING ADDRESS
P O Box 1208
Tifton, GA 31793

PHONE NO.
FAX NO.

APPLICANT
MAILING ADDRESS

Active Real Estate

CONTRACTOR/PROFESSIONAL
MAILING ADDRESS
PHONE NO.
FAX NO.

License No. Type: Expires:
EMAIL:

TENANT
MAILING ADDRESS
PHONE NO.
FAX NO.

DESCRIPTION
Remodel

Construction Type	UOM	# of Units	Value	Construction Type	UOM	# of Units	Value
Value	Value	20,000	20,000.00				

OCCUPANCY Value TOTAL VALUATION $20,000.00

FEE DETAIL

*Includes today's payment.

	AMT	AMT PAID*	AMT DUE	AMT PAID*
Building				
Building Permit - Commercial	150.00	150.00		
Electrical				
1 Electrical Permit	60.00	60.00		
Mechanical				
1 Commercial - Mechanical Permit	50.00	50.00		
Plumbing				
1 Commercial - Plumbing Permit	30.00	30.00		

Total Fees: $ 290.00 **Total Paid:** $ 290.00 **Balance Unpaid:** $ 0.00 **Paid Today:** $290.00

RECEIPTS DETAIL

Receipt #	Trans. Date	Name	Payment Type	Payment Type #	Amount
1,533	2/12/2015		Check	counter check #2	$290.00

Issuance of this permit will result in a property review by the Assessor's office. Permit is being issued to - Property Owner - Contractor.

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City of Tifton
527 Commerce Way, P.O. Box 229
Tifton, GA 31793

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT APPLICATION

Map / Parcel _____

Owner Name & Address _____

_____

_____

Contractor Name _____

Purpose _____

Total Fee $ 290.00

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT ALL WORK UNDER THIS PERMIT SHALL COMPLY AND CONFORM TO ALL CITY ORDINANCES, STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS PERTAINING THERETO, WHETHER SPECIFIED OR NOT, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY PLANS SUBMITTED OR REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED REGULATING BUILDING CODES AND BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY OF TIFTON, GEORGIA. I FURTHER AGREE TO REMOVE ALL CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS FROM THE SITE WHEN COMPLETED, AND THAT I AM THE OWNER OR AUTHORIZED BY THE OWNER TO DO THE WORK DESCRIBED IN THIS PERMIT.

PERMIT SHALL BE VOID IF CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZED BY PERMIT SHALL NOT HAVE BEEN COMMENCED WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUANCE THEREOF, OR IF AFTER COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION, THE WORK SHALL BE DISCONTINUED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS. WORK SHALL NOT BE RESUMED UNTIL PERMIT HAS BEEN RENEWED.

ALL FINAL INSPECTIONS ARE MANDATORY BEFORE OCCUPANCY. ALL WORK SHALL BE PERFORMED BY A LICENSED CONTRACTOR IN THIS STATE. IT IS UNLAWFUL AND ILLEGAL TO OCCUPY ANY BUILDING BEFORE FINAL INSPECTION AND A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY HAS BEEN ISSUED.

APPLICANT NAME _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

STAFF SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** 2/12/15

CALL FOR INSPECTION APPOINTMENTS
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
(229) 391-3950

TIFTON Georgia
The Friendly City

City of Tifton
527 Commerce Way
P.O. Box 229
Tifton, GA 31793

INSPECTION RECORD

Permit No. B15-000-054
Permit Type: B Demolition

POST CONSPICUOUSLY ON THE JOB

Building Address	319 S Main St		
Owner Name and Address	Frantis, Llc 2021 Emory Dr Tifton, GA 31794	Phone: Fax:	
Contractor Name and Address		Phone: Fax:	
State Lic. & Classif.		City Lic. #	

Proposed Construction:

Active Reality - Demo

3/13/15

No violations no Tax

O.K. To close File.

Mike A Sm S

Building	Date	Insp.	Status
BUILDING Setbacks			
Footings / Forms			
Steel / Holdowns			
Ufer			
Slab Grade			
Shear Nail			
Roof Deck Trusses			
Framing			
Draft Stop			
Poly Seal			
Dampers			
Smoke Detectors			
Rough Handicap			
T-Bar / Ceiling			
Wall Insulation			
Floor Insulation			
Ceiling Insulation			
Exterior Lath			
Drywall			
Handicapped			
Building Final Inspection			
PLUMBING Ground Plumbing			
Grease Interceptor			
Rough Plumbing			
Water Service			
Gas Test			
FAU / Water Heater			
Plumbing Final			
MECHANICAL Equipment Location			
Rough Mechanical			
Mechanical Final			
ELECTRICAL Temporary Power Pole			
Underground Elec. Conduit			
Rough Electrical			
Grounding / Bonding			
Electrical Service			
Electrical Final			

CITY OF TIFTON
Construction Permit

Phone No.: (229) 391-3950

PERMIT NO. B15-000-054
Permit Type: Demolition
Subtype:

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES NO.	TRACT NO.	BLK. NO.	LOT NO.	APPLIC. DATE	ISSUED BY
				2/9/2015	CM

Issue Date: 02/09/2015
Permit Status: Issued

PROJECT ADDRESS
319 S Main St

ASSESSORS PARCEL NO. T044 055

GEO CODE

OWNER
Frantis, Llc

MAILING ADDRESS
2021 Emory Dr
Tifton, GA 31794

PHONE NO.
FAX NO.

APPLICANT

MAILING ADDRESS

CONTRACTOR/PROFESSIONAL

MAILING ADDRESS

PHONE NO.
FAX NO.
EMAIL:

License No. Type: Expires:

TENANT

MAILING ADDRESS

PHONE NO.
FAX NO.

DESCRIPTION
Active Reality - Demo

Construction Type	UOM	# of Units	Value	Construction Type	UOM	# of Units	Value

OCCUPANCY

TOTAL VALUATION $0.00

FEE DETAIL

*Includes today's payment.

	AMT	AMT PAID*	AMT DUE	AMT PAID*
Building				
1 Demolition - Commercial	50.00	50.00		

Total Fees: $ 50.00 Total Paid: $ 50.00 Balance Unpaid: $ 0.00 Paid Today: $50.00

RECEIPTS DETAIL

Receipt #	Trans. Date	Name	Payment Type	Payment Type #	Amount
1,525	2/9/2015	Mellisa	Check	6069	$50.00

Issuance of this permit will result in a property review by the Assessor's office. Permit is being issued to - Property Owner - Contractor.

CITY OF TIFTON, GEORGIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-_____

[Building Permit Fee Schedule]

[A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON, GEORGIA, RELATIVE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE]

WHEREAS: The City of Tifton Ordinance 2012-09 adopted July 2, 2012 provides for a Land Development Code; and

WHEREAS: the City of Tifton Land Development Code provides for permit fees for various types of construction/building/signs and other permits; and

WHEREAS: the Building Permit Fee Schedule attached as "Exhibit A" addresses building fees for commercial & residential new and existing structures; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tifton, hereby, adopt the attached Building Permit Fee Schedule as stated on "Exhibit A".

The effective date of this resolution shall be July 1, 2015.

Adopted this 6th day of May, 2015.

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

ATTEST:

_____
Rona Martin, City Clerk

Proposed COT-EMD Building Permit Fee Schedule

Proposed Implementation: July 1, 2015

1) Residential Building Fees
   a) $0.00 to $2000 — No fee permit required
   b) $2001 to $10,000 — $50.00 Permit fee
   c) $10,001 to Infinity — 0.50% of the total value of the project

2) Commercial Building Fees
   a) $0.00 to $2000 — No fee permit required
   b) $2001 to $10,000 — $100.00 Permit fee
   c) $10,001 to Infinity — 1.0% of the total value of the project

Please note that these figures are as presented by Council Committee on Building Permit Fees at the March 19, 2015 Workshop.

TIFTON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TIFTON Georgia
The Friendly City

TO: Tifton City Council

FROM: Bert D. Crowe, Director COT-EDM

DATE: March 9, 2015

DEPARTMENT: Environmental Management

DATE: March 19, 2015 and April 6, 2015
Workshop Meeting (x)
Called Meeting (x)

SUBJECT: Request for approval of T15-000-004 submitted by the City of Tifton requesting a text amendment to the City of Tifton Land Development Code relating to private clubs and lodges in the Commercial Downtown (CD) zone.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The applicant is requesting text amendments to the Land Development Code as follows:

To amend Section 2.03.03- [Table of Uses] of the City of Tifton Land Development Code be amended by removing Clubs and Lodges, Private as a permissible use in the Commercial Downtown Zoning District, Part 5.13 of the Table of Uses to read as follows:

5.0 Non-Residential Uses	SA	R20	R14 R12 R10	R8	MR	RP	NC	GB	CD	WLI	HI	PUD PDR
5-13 Clubs and Lodges, Private								S 5.02.08				

PROPOSED ACTION

Approval by City Council of the requested Text Amendment T15-000-002.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background Information

The current section states that a private club or lodge is allowed in the CD zone. It has been determined that this has a detrimental impact on the availability of parking for the general public and adversely effects the economic development of the downtown commercial district.

Financial Implications
Approval and implementation of the above listed text amendments would not generate any additional expense of Tifton. City of Tifton staff is recommending this text amendment change.

Pros and/or Cons

- Pros (1) – Prevents additional parking problems commercial downtown zone.
  (2) – Prevents adverse effect on the economical development of the commercial downtown area.

- Cons (1) – Limits a use of the area.

Implementation
Implementation of the above listed Text Amendment found in T15-000-004 would be immediate upon the approval of City of Tifton Council.

CITY OF TIFTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TIFTON, GEORGIA TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2.03.03 [TABLE OF USES] SO AS TO REMOVE CLUBS AND LODGES, PRIVATE, AS A PERMISSIBLE USE IN THE DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Tifton Land Development Code was adopted on July 2, 2012 which, in part, regulated the location of private clubs and lodges in certain zoning districts within the City;

WHEREAS, the location of private clubs and lodges in the Downtown Commercial zoning district will have a detrimental impact on the availability of parking for the general public and adversely effect the economic development of the downtown commercial district;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and City Council for the City of Tifton that private clubs and lodges be removed as a permissible use in the Downtown Commercial zoning district;

NOW THEREFORE, having reviewed the record before it and after applying all applicable standards and ordinances;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON that Section 2.03.03- [Table of Uses] of the City of Tifton Land Development Code be amended by removing Clubs and Lodges, Private as a permissible use in the Commercial Downtown Zoning District, Part 5.13 of the Table of Uses to read as follows:

5.0 Non-Residential Uses	SA	R20	R14 R12 R10	R8	MR	RP	NC	GB	CD	WLI	HI	PUD PDR
5-13 Clubs and Lodges, Private								S 5.02.08				

REPEALER

To the extent that any other ordinance, portion of an ordinance, or resolution of the City of Tifton now in effect is inconsistent with the provisions hereof, the same is repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the date of adoption hereof.

Read, passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Tifton held on the ___day of May, 2015.

_____
Jamie Cater
Mayor, City of Tifton

APPROVED as to Form:

_____
Robert C. Wilmot
City Attorney

Attest:

_____
Rona Martin

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-_____

[ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHARTER BY HOME RULE]

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TIFTON BY AMENDING ARTICLE VI SECTION 6.25(b) TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR NOT LATER THAN JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ACTS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Tifton, Georgia, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia (the "City") operates pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and its charter, approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3970), as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City has now determined that it is necessary to make certain amendments to its Charter pursuant to its home rule powers granted pursuant to Article IX, Section II, Paragraph II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia and OC.G.A. Sections 36-35-1 through 36-35-7.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. The Charter of the City of Tifton, Georgia, which was established by an Act creating a Charter for the City of Tifton, Georgia, approved on April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3970), as amended, is hereby amended by amending Article VI Section 6.25(b) of the Charter to provide for the adoption of the final operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year not later than July 1 of each year, Article VI Section 6.25(b) to read as follows:

Section 6.25. - Adoption.

(b) The city council shall by ordinance adopt the final operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year not later than July 1 of each year. If the city council fails to adopt the budget by said date, the amounts appropriated for operation for the then current fiscal year shall be deemed adopted for the ensuing fiscal year on a month-to-month basis, with all items prorated accordingly, until such time as the city council adopts a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. Adoption of the budget shall take the form of an appropriations ordinance setting out the estimated revenues in detail by sources and making appropriations according to fund and by organizational unit, purpose, or activity as set out in the budget preparation resolution adopted pursuant to Section 6.23 of this charter.

Section 2. All portions of the Charter or amendments thereto or all ordinances in conflict herewith be and same are hereby repealed.

Section 3. If any part of this ordinance shall be declared void, it is the intent and purpose hereof that all other provisions not so declared void shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. The Clerk of the City is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby incorporated by reference, to be published in *The Tifton Gazette*, the official newspaper in which Sheriff's advertisements are published in Tift County, in which the City is located, once a week for three weeks within a period of sixty days immediately preceding the day of the final adoption of this ordinance. The Clerk of the City is also hereby authorized and directed to cause the publisher of *The Tifton Gazette* to execute an affidavit of such publication.

This ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Tifton held on April 6, 2015, 2015 and read the second time, passed, and adopted in like meeting held on May 4, 2015.

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

APPROVED as to Form:

_____
Robert C. Wilmot
City Attorney

Attest:

_____
Rona Martin
City Clerk

Exhibit A
Ordinance No. 2015-_____

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TIFTON, GEORGIA, BY ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THAT ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY KNOWN AS "THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE ACT OF 1965"

CITY OF TIFTON
COUNTY OF TIFT
STATE OF GEORGIA

Notice is hereby given that an ordinance will be introduced on March 2, 2015 and read for final adoption on May 4, 2015 to amend the Charter of the City of Tifton, Georgia, which was created by an Act on April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3970), as amended, so as to provide for the adoption of the final operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year not later than July 1 of each year and for other purposes.

A copy of this proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of Tifton, Georgia is on file in the office of the Clerk of the City of Tifton, and is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Tift County, Georgia, for the purpose of examination and inspection by the public, all as required by law. A copy of the ordinance will be filed with the Georgia Secretary of State upon passage.

This ___ day of _____, 2015.

Rona Martin
City Clerk
City of Tifton, Georgia

Filed in the Office of the Clerk of Tift Superior Court on _____, 2015.

Print once per week for three weeks.

CITY OF TIFTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2015- _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TIFTON, GEORGIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR A FISCAL YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 6.22 of the Charter of the City of Tifton provides:

"The City Council shall set the fiscal year by ordinance. This fiscal year shall constitute the budget year and the year for financial accounting and reporting of each and every office, department, agency and activity of the city government."

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2002, the City Council for the City of Tifton voted unanimously to provide for a new fiscal year to begin July 1 and end on June 30 of the next immediate calendar year; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the approval of the change in the fiscal year, the City and its Departments have been preparing its budget and conducting its financial operations and affairs based upon the change in the fiscal year as approved by the City Council on May 6, 2002; and

WHEREAS, through inadvertence and oversight, the ordinance to reflect the change of the fiscal year unanimously approved by the City Council on May 6, 2002 was not signed by the Mayor or City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to re-affirm the change of the fiscal year as approved on May 6, 2002 and to re-affirm and ratify all acts of the City taken in connection therewith.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Tifton, Georgia that:

I.

AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCES

The Code of Tifton, Georgia is hereby amended by adding a new section 2.6 to Chapter 2, Article I, Administration, which section shall read as follows:

Sec. 2-6. – Fiscal Year.

The the fiscal year for the City of Tifton shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30 of the next immediate calendar year. This fiscal year shall constitute the budget year and the year for financial accounting and reporting of each and every office, department, agency, and activity of the city government.

Be it further ordained that all acts by the City Council, its elected officials, officers and employees, that were taken based upon the change in the fiscal year unanimously approved by the City Council on May 6, 2002 are hereby re-affirmed and ratified. In furtherance of the change in the fiscal year, the next budget year for the City of Tifton (FY 2015-2016) shall begin on July 1, 2015 and shall conclude on June 30, 2016 and every fiscal year thereafter shall be on the 12 months calendar basis of July 1 through June 30 of the next immediate calendar year.

II.

GENERAL REPEALER

To the extent that any Ordinance, portion of an Ordinance or Resolution of the City of Tifton now in effect is inconsistent with the provisions hereof, the same are repealed.

III.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the date of adoption hereof.

Read and passed on first reading and adopted at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Tifton held on the ____ day of May, 2015.

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

APPROVED as to Form:

_____
Robert C. Wilmot
City Attorney

Attest:

_____
Rona Martin
City Clerk

TIFTON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TIFTON Georgia
The Friendly City

TO: Tifton City Council

FROM: Ricky Hobby, SWCD Director

DATE: April 2, 2015

DEPARTMENT: Landfill

SUBJECT: Name of the Agenda Item

DATE:
Workshop Meeting ( )
Regular Meeting (X)
Called Meeting ( )

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Would like to discuss the possibility of proceeding with RFP for compactor for landfill for upcoming FY2016 purchase.

PROPOSED ACTION
Discuss and approve request

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background Information
- This particular piece of equipment is necessary for the development of the landfill, to maintain air space (landfill commodity), and remain in compliance with EPD rules. The existing equipment 5 year buy back program is expiring December 2015, this unit has already cost the landfill close to $70,000 in maintenance above normal cost for repairs, this particular unit has not given as good of service as previous equipment. This type of equipment takes about 6 months to build and deliver, if we can get a head start on this process it would save on future repairs of the existing unit and be able to deliver new equipment in timely manner. Thank you for your consideration.

Financial Implications
- Funds for this equipment will come from SWCD Capital Replacement
- This item is a request in the FY2016 Budget. How much is budgeted $700,000

- **Pros and/or Cons**
- Eliminate costly repairs to existing equipment
- Maintain an operable landfill for the community
- Remain in compliance with EPD rules

Implementation
RFP process would start immediately upon approval
Ricky Hobby

Board Report

APRIL WORKSHOP/MAY MEETING

Historic Preservation Commission (expiration 5/31/2015)

Erika Johnson
Marx-Ann Myddelton
Mark Peterman