

**CITY OF TIFTON
REGULAR COUNCIL WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 21, 2013
5:00 PM
TIFTON MUNICIPAL COURTROOM**

ATTENDEES

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

Rob Wilmot, City Attorney
Larry Riner, City Manager
Jessica Jones, Deputy Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jamie Cater called the meeting to order at approximately 5:02 pm. Council Member Johnny Terrell was not present at the time the meeting was called to order. Mayor Cater asked if anyone would like to make any changes to the proposed agenda. Julie Smith made the first motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Chris Parrott. Motion unanimously carried by Julie Smith, Chris Parrott, and Jamie Cater

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR TIFTON CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

City Attorney Rob Wilmot mentioned that staff has compiled research on the many options for disbursement of hotel/motel tax dollars. The proposed resolution for council consideration would create a Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) for the City of Tifton. Julie Smith mentioned that the topic was recently discussed at the council retreat and since that retreat she has spoken with Tyrone Spearman whom is the Tourism Coordinator about the possibility of creating a CVB for the city. Julie mentioned this was a great concern to Mr. Spearman and the Tourism Association and she suggested the council delay the recommendation, and form a committee to evaluate the possible creation of the CVB. Julie mentioned while the option to form a CVB is being evaluated by the committee; the tourism committee has offered to contribute approximately \$62,000 to assist the city with marketing, promoting, and tourism development. Julie thought the offer was very generous of the tourism association and thought with their expertise this opportunity can enhance tourism for all of us. Julie requested the council postpone the resolution until a committee could be formed and the opportunity evaluated. The Mayor appointed Julie Smith, Chris Parrott, and Larry Riner to the committee on behalf of the city and gave them the authority to move forward with appointing other community leaders to participate.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR GRINDING SERVICES AT THE INERT LANDFILL

Solid Waste Director Ricky Hobby presented a proposal for grinding services at the inert landfill. Ricky mentioned proposals were recently received for grinding services and four vendor responses were submitted. Ricky mentioned Langdale Forest Products presented a bid of \$450.00 per hour (average \$11.04 per ton) and they are also the city's current grinding vendor. Ricky stated staff recommended accepting the proposal from Langdale Products and furthered mentioned that the city has been pleased with their services.

DISCUSSION OF APPEAL ON HPC CASE #H13-000-005, 612 TIFT AVENUE, ENDLESS SUMMER DAY SPA, OWNED BY HAL & THEA BAXLEY

Environmental Management Director Bert Crowe mentioned the Historical Preservation Commission received an application for installation of a 42 x 16 LED sign on top of the existing sign. Mr. Crowe mentioned the request was presented to the HPC and was denied on the basis of no directly light signs are

allowed as provided in the ordinance. Mr. Crowe mentioned that Mr. Baxley was present at the HPC meeting and pointed out that there are other lighted signs just around the corner from his business and are also within the historical district. Mr. Crowe further mentioned there was not a concern of the size of the sign just that it was internally lit. Mr. Crowe stressed that by definition a LED light is considered internally lit, but keep in mind that there are currently lighted signs being used and allowed within the district. Mr. Crowe stated the owner agreed to only use the lighted sign between business hours from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm. Council did not have any questions in reference to the appeal at this time.

Council Member Johnny Terrell arrived to the meeting.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON WHIDDON MILL ROAD AND OWNED BY INDEPENDENT INVESTORS, INC. (ZA13-000-001)

Council Member Julie Smith excused herself from the discussion and left the meeting room because she has a potential real estate interest in the property. Mr. Bert Crow mentioned the planned development overlay is located on Whiddon Mill Road next to Tift West on tracts 00446052 and 0046A073, and if approved will become Tift West II. He mentioned the plan is to put in single residential housing, multi-family housing, and professional office buildings. Mr. Crowe stated the plans are exactly to the guidelines of the land development code and will leave a lot of natural area. He further explained that the property is currently under developed and this project will increase the area population by 10 percent. Mr. Crowe further mentioned that the project was approved unanimously by the planning and zoning commission and also presented a large visual sketch of the proposed layout of the development. There were no questions by the council concerning the development.

Council Member Julie Smith returned to the meeting.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF TIFTON ZONING TO PROVIDE FOR FOOD CARTS (TA13-000-001)

Mr. Bert Crowe mentioned the amendment came to his office as a request from the City Council and staff's recommends that food carts only be allowed in zones GB and CD districts with supplemental standards which include: prohibited within the right of ways, only on private property with owners' consent, only have two (2) designated sites, no permanent signage, allowed only on a paved surface, comply with department of health's guidelines, and other supplemental standards as required in the ordinance presented. He further stated the text amendment has been presented the Planning and Zoning Commission and was unanimously approved on February 7, 2013. Julie Smith questioned if they would be required to collect sales tax. Mr. Crowe mentioned he assumed they would have to collect sales tax just like any other business would be required. Mr. Rob Wilmot also added that the presented ordinance was sent to Jill Reid at the Tift County Board of Health for review.

DISCUSSION OF TEXT AMENDMENT TO REFLECT CHANGES TO SECTION 42 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND THE FLOOD ELEVATION LEVELS

City Manager Larry Riner mentioned the proposed ordinance would amend the city code to match the requirements of the land development code to allow structures to be placed at two (2) feet above flood elevation levels. Mr. Riner mentioned this ordinance is being presented to clean up the difference in standards between the two requirements. Mr. Riner further mentioned that the two (2) feet requirement was recently adopted within the land development code, which was adopted after the ordinance. Mr. Riner stated this is required to help the citizens get a reduced rate on their flood insurance premiums.

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF THE SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Larry Riner mentioned council first reviewed the short-term work program at the November workshop and since then it has been submitted to DCA for review. Mr. Riner stated the short-term work program update is a combined list of projects and accomplishments the city would like to have completed within the next five (5) years. Mr. Riner mentioned DCA has completed their review of the STWP and it is now ready to be considered for adoption by the City Council.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AMENDED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR GIGGLES CAFÉ & BISTRO AT 219, LOCATED AT 219 MAIN STREET

Ms. Jessica Jones mentioned the establishment is requesting to amend their ABL License to add the sales of distilled spirits along with their current license for beer and wine. Jessica further mentioned the background check was clear and staff recommends approval of the application and license.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AMENDED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LOGAN'S ROADHOUSE LOCATED AT 910 7TH STREET

Ms. Jessica Jones mentioned the application is for an amendment to their current license because of a new manager. Jessica further mentioned staff recommends approval of the application and license.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AMENDED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR DEL SOL MEXICAN RESTURANT LOCATED AT 728 E. 5TH STREET

Ms. Jessica Jones stated the application is for the annual renewal of the license, and there were no changes in ownership or management. Jessica further mentioned staff recommends approval of the application and license.

DISCUSSION OF CDBG GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Larry Riner mentioned the city is considering applying for the FY2013 Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$500,000. Mr. Riner further mentioned that a public hearing will be held for public input on projects they feel should be submitted. Mr. Riner mentioned the public hearing will be held at the March 4th Council Meeting.

BOARD REPORT

Larry Riner overviewed the board report with the council. Tifton Tree Board has three members with terms expiring March 31, 2013. Tifton Tree Board members up for re-appointment are: Brenda Douce, Al Potts, and Victoria Watson. Tifton Housing Authority also has two members with terms expiring March 31, 2013. Tifton Housing Authority members up for re-appointment are: Homer Day, whom has submitted an application for re-appointment and Joan Howard. Mayor Cater mentioned that it is not necessary for the council to appoint members to the Tifton Housing Authority Board because those members are appointed by the Mayor. Mayor further commented that he would like to re-appoint both Homer Day and Joan Howard to Tifton Housing Authority Board. After review of the board report, council asked staff to contact the members to see if they wish to continue serving.

CALLED MEETING

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR TIFTON CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

Mr. Rob Wilmot stated the resolution was placed on the agenda but after the recent discussion, Julie Smith requested to postpone its adoption. Julie Smith made the first motion to table any type of resolution for the CVB until the July Workshop, so enough time is allowed to form a committee and receive a recommendation. Chris Parrott seconded the motion, and unanimously carried by all members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Julie Smith made the first motion to go into executive session for discussion of Real Estate, seconded by Chris Parrott, and unanimously carried by Jamie Cater and Johnny Terrell.

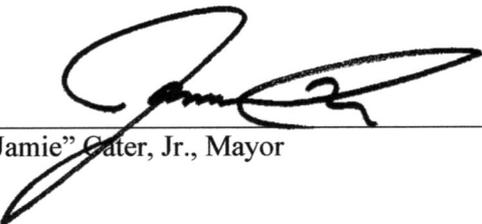
Johnny Terrell made the first motion to go out of executive session, seconded by Chris Parrott, and unanimously carried by Jamie Cater and Julie Smith.

RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Johnny Terrell made the first motion to accept the resolution for executive session, seconded by Julie Smith, and unanimously carried by all members.

Since there was no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,



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



Jessica Jones, Clerk

AT A MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON
HELD ON Feb 21st, 2013
A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council member Julie Smith 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 Chris Parrott seconds the motion.

Motion Approved

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure:

Council Members: Jamie Cater, Julie Smith, Chris Parrott,
and Johnny Terrell, Jr.

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:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	J. G. "Jamie" Cater, Jr.
<u> </u>	<u>✓</u>	Marianna G. Keesee
<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	Christopher Parrott
<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	Johnny Terrell
<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	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 21 day of February, 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 21st day of February 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 21st day of February, 2013.



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

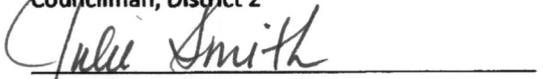
Marianna G. Keesee
Councilwoman, District 1



Christopher Parrott
Councilman, District 2

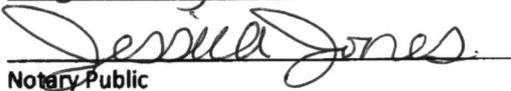


Johnny Terrell
Councilman, District 3



Julie Smith
Councilwoman, District 4

Sworn to and subscribed before me
By all City Council members
on this 21st day of
February, 2013.


Notary Public



JESSICA JONES
NOTARY PUBLIC, TIFT COUNTY, GEORGIA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 1/23/2015