

CITY OF TIFTON
November 19, 2015
YMCA Conference Center
1657 S. Carpenter Road
5:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/CALLED MEETING

Council Members Parrott, Ehlers and Smith were present. Mayor Cater and Vice Mayor Terrell were ill. Mayor Elect Julie Smith chaired the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

Attorney Wilmot opened the public hearing stating the hearing was for a zoning reclassification.

He stated the request was for Application Z15-000-009 for modification of R14-PDO (Ordinance #2006-06) for a tract of land located at 20th Street between N. Ridge Avenue and Ridge Lane consisting of 2.42 acres. Attorney Wilmot asked Council questions to determine any conflicts of interest 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 classification application whether it is a positive or negative impact? Everyone stated no. Do you or any members of your family own a business that would be impacted by this whether it is a positive or negative impact? Everyone stated no. All Council members were declared free from conflict of interest.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF APPLICATION Z15-000-009 FOR THE MODIFICATION OF R14-PDO (ORDINANCE #2006-06) FOR A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 20TH STREET BETWEEN N. RIDGE AVENUE AND RIDGE LANE, 2.42 ACRES

Mr. Shultz of Environmental Management stated this is a PDO modification for 2.42 acres located at 20th St. and N. Ridge Avenue. He discussed the proposed modifications. He stated the planning and zoning commission approved the request on 11/15/15. He stated staff recommends approval as well. No one spoke for or against the application. Mayor Elect Julie Smith closed the public hearing.

Discussion was held regarding who would chair the meeting in the absence of the Mayor and Vice Mayor. It was determined that Mayor Elect Julie Smith would chair the meeting.

PRESENTATION BY TIFTAREA GREENWAY ASSOCIATION – RAY BARBER (CONCEPT TRAIL FROM DOWNTOWN TO EB HAMILTON)

Ray Barber and Sharon Petzel were in attendance to provide an overview of a proposed concept trail for Tifton. Ms. Petzel discussed a master plan for the bike path and the economic benefit of having a greenway in our community. She stated they are proposing that the greenway run from downtown to E. B. Hamilton Park. Ray Barber provided a number of slides depicting the current and proposed areas of the rail bed and how the greenway will look. Ms. Petzel discussed the benefits of having a greenway path in the area. Discussion was held regarding the landowners and their interest in the project. Mr. Barber discussed possible funding for the linear parking, which requires the support of the governing bodies. Ms. Petzel stated a letter of endorsement for the project will be needed as well as endorsement by both the city and county for the easement language. She asked about mowing, stating the county has agreed to mow their area. Mr. Riner stated we can help with the area in the city. Discussion was held regarding other communities that have such trails.

PRESENTATION TO LARRY DEAN

Larry Riner, City Manager, called on Larry Dean, professional football player, and resident of Tifton to come forward and talk about his charitable work in the community. Mr. Dean discussed the Larry Dean Foundation which does numerous activities such as a football and charity drive, annual turkey giveaway to families in need, drive for school supplies and other activities to motivate children to stay in school, stop the violence basketball tournament, the deans den sack lunch program for the summer, and many other activities for the community. Mr. Riner stated we wanted to recognize him for his contributions to the community. Mayor Elect Smith thanked him profoundly for what he does for the community and its children. She unveiled signage that will be at the city limits in various areas of Tifton recognizing Larry Dean for his special work. Mr. Dean also thanked JaDonna Johnson and the volunteers for their work as well.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE REQUESTING APPROVAL OF APPLICATION Z15-000-011 FOR THE REZONING OF 2020 PINEVIEW AVENUE FROM THE CURRENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL (R-14) TO GENERAL BUSINESS (GB)

Houston Shultz stated item Z15-000-011 is for reclassification from Residential R-14 to General Business. He stated Mr. Haswell is the owner and requesting the reclassification of .42 acres as it is currently designated as an office on the County tax rolls and has been used as a health care facility. Mr. Haswell stated this was built for business, looks like a business and is a business.

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Mr. Shultz stated item #Z15-000-009 is a modification of the current R14-PDO. Mr. Jonathan Jones explained the changes to the proposed modification of the PDO. He stated this is for a VA Clinic at 19,000 sq. ft. with 44 fulltime employees. He stated they have tried to make it fit with the character of the community. This is an item for Monday's called meeting.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE REQUESTING APPROVAL OF APPLICATION Z15-000-010 FOR THE REZONING OF 0 TIFTON ELDORADO ROAD FROM THE CURRENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF M-R (MULTIPLE-RESIDENTIAL) TO S-A (SUBURBAN AGRICULTURE)

Mr. Shultz stated this is for reclassification of 7.11 acres. Joseph Carter stated he represents Sparrow Hawk Renewal Energy on the local level and then introduced Greer Newlin, Jason Green, and Amber Wismer of United Renewable Energy, who gave an overview of the proposed project. Mr. Newlin stated this is part of the Georgia Power Renewal Energy project with plans to put a one megawatt solar electricity system on the property. He stated the project will take up about five acres, with building completed in about 60 days. He stated this will provide electricity for 100 to 150 homes. Ms. Wismer discussed the advanced solar initiative of Georgia Power and the local project. She stated this is a quiet, safe, and secure site project.

Mayor Elect Smith recessed the workshop and moved into the called meeting.

CALLED MEETING

Attorney Wilmot requested that item #26 (Application Z15-000-009) be removed from the agenda. He stated this item would be on the called meeting agenda for 11/23/15. Council Member Parrott moved,

seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to remove item #26 for Application Z15-000-009 to the called meeting on 11/23/15.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE REQUESTING APPROVAL OF APPLICATION X15-000-007 FOR ANNEXATION OF 2805 CIRCLE DRIVE AND PARCEL 034, SUBMITTED BY WALTER ANTHONY THOMPSON

Council Member Ehlers moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott and unanimously carried to adopt an Ordinance providing for annexation of 2805 Circle Drive and Parcel 034, submitted by Walter Anthony Thompson.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE REQUESTING APPROVAL OF APPLICATION Z15-000-006 FOR ZONING RECLASSIFICATION FROM COUNTY R12 (RESIDENTIAL) TO CITY R12 (RESIDENTIAL) AND THAT SAID PARCEL (2 ACRES) BE PART OF THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY (Z15-000-006)

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers and unanimously carried to adopt an ordinance providing for approval of Application Z15-000-006 for Zoning reclassification from County R-12 (Residential) to City of Tifton R-12 (Residential) and that said parcel be part of a Planned Development Overlay (Z15-000-006).

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE REQUESTING APPROVAL OF APPLICATION Z15-000-006 FOR CLASSIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL (R10/R12) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY (PDO) FOR 20.9 ACRES LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF CARPENTER AND DAVIS ROAD BETWEEN CARPENTER ROAD AND CIRCLE DRIVE, SUBMITTED BY CRAIG DEAN ENTERPRISES AND WALTER A. THOMPSON

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Ehlers for discussion; Mr. Ehlers asked if the City was liable for a change of zoning if there was injury due to power lines, etc. Mr. Wilmot stated there was no liability. The motion was unanimously carried to adopt an ordinance providing for approval of application Z15-000-006 for reclassification from Residential (R10/R12) to Planned Development Overlay (PDO) for 20.9 acres located at the corner of Carpenter and Davis Roads between Carpenter Road and Circle Drive.

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE REQUESTING APPROVAL OF APPLICATION Z15-000-009 FOR THE MODIFICATION OF R14-PDO (ORDINANCE #2006-06) FOR LAND LOCATED AT 20TH STREET BETWEEN N. RIDGE AVENUE AND RIDGE LANE, 2.42 ACRES

This item was removed from the agenda.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SURPLUS OF ALLEY RUNNING WEST FROM LOVE AVENUE TO CENTRAL AVENUE

Council Member Ehlers, moved, seconded by Council Member Parrott and unanimously carried to approve a resolution providing for surplus of an alley running west from Love Avenue to Central Ave.

Mayor Elect Smith closed the called meeting and reopened the workshop.

PRESENTATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT BY DAVID DOUDY, ISO SLAYER

Mr. Riner stated we will hear a presentation by David Douady; he asked Chief Coleman to introduce him. Mr. Coleman stated in September we had Mr. David Douady of ISO Slayer, come to Tifton to look at our fire department, give us an assessment and offer recommendations for improvement.

Mr. Douady gave an overview of his experience and credentials which includes 36 years of experience in fire service. He explained what ISO is, stating they are a worldwide for profit monopoly authorized by 46 state legislatures to rate community fire defenses. He stated ISO collects data and sells it to the insurance industry for purposes of establishing insurance rates. He discussed the community-wide rating having a possible 100 point score made up of communications, water supply, and the fire department. He discussed fire department classes from Class 1 to Class 10, with a Class 1 being the best rating. Mr. Douady stated he was asked to review only the Tifton Fire Department, and report on the possible ramifications for a standalone Tifton Fire Department. He discussed the Tifton-Tift County Fire Departments previous rating currently at a 4/9. He discussed the cost savings provided by the Fire Department based on a budget of \$2.9 million protecting 40,704 people, which equates to \$72.39 per person vs. a national average of \$208.21 per person. He stated this equates to \$3,608,440 through insurance savings annually or \$220 per home. He discussed the current ISO related issues which include dispatch and communications, water supply, credit for hydrants, hydrant condition and maintenance, hydrant inspection, fire flow testing, fire department, and engines. He discussed national fire loss rates. He discussed basic fire flow and the distribution study in conjunction of the Southern Georgia Regional Commission. He discussed the proximity of the fire stations. He discussed the need for reserve pumpers, pump capacity, ladder/service companies and the distribution study for ladder/service as well as reserve ladder/service. He discussed credit for distribution, credit for staffing, credit for training, operational considerations, divergence, community risk reduction ISO Rating Improvements, the current ISO rating and how to achieve the highest possible ISO rating. He stated a split would result in an ISO rating of 3 for the City of Tifton and possibly a 2 with implementation of some recommendations. He discussed immediate recommendations, and 1-3 year recommendations for continued improvements. He discussed the Fire Department and how to improve upon it such as personnel, personal protective equipment, fire stations, apparatus, cooperative purchasing recommendations, and potential ratings improvement. He discussed monitoring for integrity. He stated a proactive approach to ISO improvements can positively affect community support for the fire department and its governing body, ultimately a better equipped, better trained fire department is an economic asset to the community. Council Member Ehlers asked about some of the recommendations that have already taken place. Chief Coleman stated the immediate recommendations have been taken care of for the most part. Mr. Folk asked for the cost of making these changes. Chief Coleman stated how those recommendations have been handled. Council Member Ehlers asked for regular updates to Council.

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AND DEFERRED TO THE 11/23/15 WORKSHOP/CALLED MEETING:

REPORT BY COMMITTEE ON THE POLICY FOR THE NAMING OF CITY OWNED STREETS, PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES – JULIE SMITH, WES EHLERS

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ELECTIONS RESULTS

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR 3% COLA FOR ELIGIBLE RETIREES

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR FLASH FOODS #173 LOCATED AT 1002 N. 8TH STREET

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR PEACHCREEK LOCATED AT 1310 US HWY 82 W.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR CVS PHARMACY LOCATED AT 111 E. 8TH STREET

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR TIF TOKYO JAPANESE STEAK & SUSHI LOCATED AT 192 S. VIRGINIA AVENUE, STE. 206

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR PIZZA HUT #2957 LOCATED AT 204 N. VIRGINIA AVENUE

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR 41 AND MAIN, LLC, LOCATED AT 343 MAIN STREET RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR RK INTERSTATE LOCATED AT 2302 US HWY 41 N.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LO-LO MEAT MARKET LOCATED AT 902 S. CENTRAL AVENUE SURPLUS OF ALLEY RUNNING WEST FROM LOVE AVENUE TO CENTRAL AVENUE

SURPLUS OF ALLEY LOCATED ON RIDGE LANE BETWEEN 18TH AND 20TH STREETS

SURPLUS OF ALLEY EAST OF HWY. 41 S. BETWEEN SYCAMORE STREET AND BEECH STREET BEHIND CURTIS FOODS SURPLUS OF AN UNOPENED ALLEY WEST OF S. CENTRAL BETWEEN 15TH AND 17TH STREETS

SURPLUS OF ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN COLLEGE AVE. & WILSON AVE. NORTH OF W. 12TH STREET

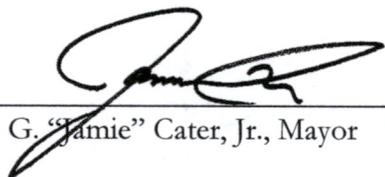
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION FOR TIFTON MAGNOLIA PROPERTIES, LLC

BOARD REPORT

DISCUSSION OF FY2016 DOT LOCAL MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Rona Martin, City Clerk


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