

CITY OF TIFTON
November 23, 2015
Tifton City Council Chambers
130 E. 1st Street
12:00 p.m.

SPECIAL CALLED WORKSHOP/MEETING

Mayor Cater and Council Members Ehlers, Parrott, and Smith were present. Vice Mayor Terrell was ill.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Council Member Smith gave an update on the landmark status project. She discussed the proposed signage and how it will tie in with downtown signage. She stated we will have a sample of some small signage due to cost.

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ELECTIONS RESULTS

Rona Martin, City Clerk stated this will be on the Council agenda for December 7th.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR 3% COLA FOR ELIGIBLE RETIREES

Carla Cooper, HR Director stated this provides for the 3% COLA for eligible retirees. This is for retirees from 2008 until now.

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

Rona Martin gave an update on items 7 thru 13 stating background checks have been done on all of these and all are recommended for approval.

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

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

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

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

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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.

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RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LO-LO MEAT MARKET LOCATED AT 902 S. CENTRAL AVENUE

Ms. Martin stated Lo-Lo Meat Market is located at 902 S. Central Avenue. She stated they came to us in August of this year, to obtain a license to operate a meat market. She stated she discussed with the owners whether they wanted to apply for an alcoholic beverage license as well and ultimately decided not to obtain one for the meantime. She explained to them clearly that they could not have or sell alcohol on premises without a valid alcohol license. She stated on November 3, 2015 she drove by their establishment and saw a beer sign lit in the front window. She stated Houston Shultz went to see them and they were, in fact, selling alcohol. She stated Houston shut them down until all alcohol was removed from the premises and were then able to operate. She stated based on this information, staff cannot recommend an alcohol license for this business. Attorney Wilmot stated this will be brought up in December with a staff recommendation and if Council chooses to not approve the request, they will be sent a citation where they can appear before Council at a date and time certain to review the request. Mr. Shultz stated both people were issued citations and pled guilty and paid the fines.

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

Mr. Riner stated the property owners have requested this alley be closed for purchase of the alley. He stated all property owners abutting the alley will be given the opportunity to purchase their portion. He stated there is a sewer line and an easement will have to be obtained. He stated all property owners will be notified.

SURPLUS OF ALLEY EAST OF HWY. 41 S. BETWEEN SYCAMORE STREET AND BEECH STREET BEHIND CURTIS FOODS

Mr. Riner stated this alley runs behind Curtis Foods and Mr. Earl Branch has requested the alley be surplus. He stated the alley will be offered to adjacent property owners however, there are utilities in the alley which will require easements for maintenance.

SURPLUS OF AN UNOPENED ALLEY WEST OF S. CENTRAL BETWEEN 15TH AND 17TH STREETS

Mr. Riner stated this alley runs behind 17th Street between S. Central and South Park Avenue where new front is. He stated the owners of the American Legion property are interested in purchasing this property.

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

Mr. Riner stated this is an east/west running alley and requested by Joe Pope that the alley be surplused. He stated this will be offered to the abutting property owners as well. Council Member Smith asked if she needed to recuse herself as she is the listing agent for the property owner that abuts that property on the other side. Attorney Wilmot stated yes.

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

Ms. Martin stated this application comes from Tifton Magnolia Properties for property on Tift Avenue. She stated the total estimated credits on this project is about \$79,000. She stated \$2.3 million in construct costs will be incurred. She stated these are estimates only.

BOARD REPORT

Ms. Martin gave an update on Keep Tift Beautiful, and the Zoning Board of Appeals. She stated there also a term expiring on the Tourism Association with Dr. Joe Turner's term expiring. She stated Mr. William Bowen has submitted an application for appointment to the Tourism Association.

DISCUSSION OF FY2016 DOT LOCAL MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG)

Mr. Riner stated staff is recommending streets one thru six on the priority list for improvements consisting of 20th Street, College Avenue, 6th Street, Lee Avenue, Emory Drive and Alder Street. He stated estimated cost of the project is \$1.256 million.

CALLED MEETING

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

Council Member Parrott moved, seconded by Council Member Cater and unanimously carried to approve an Ordinance requesting approval of Application Z15-000-009 for the modification of R14-PDO (Ordinance #2006-06) of land located at 20th Street between N. Ridge Avenue and Ridge Lane, 2.42 acres.

MR. RINER REMINDED EVERYONE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

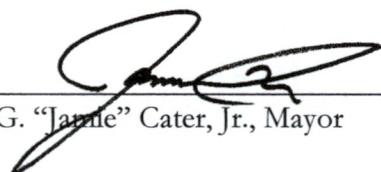
DISCUSSION OF DECEMBER WORKSHOP

Mr. Riner stated we have no items at this time for a workshop, however, if there is an emergency we can have a called meeting on 12/17/15. He also stated the City Christmas Party is that same evening at the UGA Conference Center.

Mr. Riner also mentioned that Christmas falls on a Friday this year with staff being off Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Discussion was held about allowing staff off on Thursday or Monday. Consensus was that Thursday will be an additional holiday. Mr. Riner stated we will partner again this year with ESG, Inc. It was suggested that the sanitation workers be invited. Mr. Riner stated he would do such. This item will be on the December 7th agenda for consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Rona Martin, City Clerk


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