

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 6, 2015 @ 7:30 P.M.

City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Chakira Johnson at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Council Members Coletti, Higgins, Mailman, Redmond, and Wells and Joe Fowler, City Attorney. Mayor Patricia Wheeler was absent.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Pro-tem Johnson determined a quorum was present.

INVOCATION

Council Member Higgins gave the invocation and Council Member Mailman led the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Aiyanna Smith of Poplar Springs Road, Stone Mountain, addressed Council. Ms. Smith thanked the City for its prompt response to her call that someone had placed a load of bamboo in front of her property. The bamboo was removed the same day that she made the report to the City.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting – December 2, 2014

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 5-0.

Minutes of the Special Called Meeting – December 5, 2014

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 5-0.

Minutes of the Special Called Meeting – December 15, 2014

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 5-0.

Minutes of the Committee/Work Session – December 15, 2014

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 5-0.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Council Member Wells made a motion to adopt the agenda of the day with a request for unanimous consent to add under New Ordinances and Resolutions, Item E. Resolution 2015-04 – Employee Medical Benefit Plan – Kaiser 2000-40/40 HMO. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda – No items.

Council's Confirmation of Mayor's Nomination of Candidate for Historic Preservation Commission Seat – Mr. Daniel Cook – To Serve Remainder of 3 Year Term to Expire 2/5/2016
Council Member Wells made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.
Motion passed 5-0.

Letter of Engagement – Audit Services – James L. Whitaker, P.C. – For Year Ended December 31, 2014

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.
Motion passed 5-0.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2015-01 – Cemetery Annexation

Council Member Wells made a motion to table Ordinance 2015-01 until a Special Called Session to be scheduled for January 20, 2015. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further discussion. Council Member Redmond wanted clarification of the meaning of the tax parcels listed in Appendix A of the ordinance. City Manager Gary Peet informed Council that the tax parcels listed define the boundary lines of the proposed area to be annexed.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2015-01 – Amendment to 2015 Budget

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further discussion. City Manager Gary Peet informed Council that discussion of the Amendment to 2015 Budget will also cover Item E. under New Ordinances and Resolutions. Mr. Peet explained that the initial spreadsheet of the plan alternatives omitted the specialty care benefit deductible satisfaction before implementation of copay. He informed Council that Administration recommends the approval of the new plan and that he expects general fund reserve to cover the increase in premium. Kaiser will make the new plan retroactive to December 1, 2014. Council Member Higgins made a motion to amend the previously stated motion to include funding the increase in premium for the change in the Employee Medical Benefits Plan from Kaiser 4500- 25/40 to Kaiser 2000- 40/40 HMO. There being no further discussion, the amended motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Pro-tem Johnson restated the original motion to approve Resolution 2015-01.

There being no further discussion, the original motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2015-02 – Set Fees for Collection of Solid Waste

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further discussion. Council member Mailman asked who makes the distinction on who is responsible when a trashcan is damaged or destroyed. Mr. Peet

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informed Council that the responsibility of replacement language is generally included for instances in which the tenant leaves and takes the trashcan with them. In that case, the owner would be responsible for replacement of the trashcan. He further informed Council that City

Hall is notified when there is an issue with a trashcan, and response to each issue is handled on a case by case basis.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2015-03 – Set Qualification Fees for Elected Officials for the year 2015
Council Member Wells made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.
Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2015-04 – Employee Medical Benefit Plan – Kaiser 2000-40/40 HMO
Council Member Wells made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further discussion. Mr. Peet mentioned, for clarification purposes, that this decision replaces the current Kaiser plan with the new Kaiser 2000-40/40 HMO plan. There being no further discussion, the motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning & Zoning – No report.

Community Affairs – Council Member Coletti reported that the Spring Yard Sale will be held Saturday, April 25th, 2015.

Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority – Mayor Pro-tem Johnson reported that DDA will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on January 26th, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

Finance – No report.

Community Outreach – Council Member Redmond reported that those persons that were violated by car burglaries during the month of December are concerned about police patrol during the early morning hours between 2 o'clock A.M. and 6 o'clock A.M. She also expressed concern about the questioning of those children being out past curfew. Mayor Pro-tem Johnson suggested that Ms. Redmond speak with Police Chief Troutman after the meeting regarding the concerns and to contact Chief with any concerns throughout the month so as to not have response to citizens' concerns delayed until the meeting date. Ms. Redmond also expressed concern that email through the website links have not been working properly and previous months newsletters have not been posted to the website. Mr. Peet informed Council that the City has changed its email server and have run into several glitches with the transition and that the work load at City Hall has not allowed for progress with newsletter posting. The City is in the process of revamping its website.

Public Safety – Council Member Mailman reported that the City's police department has increased its patrolling of the City. He reminded those in attendance to check on their elderly neighbors as we continue into the winter months and to please call 911 whenever the need arises.

Public Works – Council Member Wells reported that he'd spoken with Public Works Director Jim Tavenner, and that public works has reset 22 of the headstones that were damaged during recent vandalism at the cemetery. Mr. Wells announced the MLK day of service, scheduled for January 19, 2015. Volunteers will be needed. Council Member Mailman asked about progress at the Shermantown Cemetery. City Manager Gary Peet informed Council that expansion of the

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cemetery is on the City's work program and Mr. Tavenner said that six new grave spaces are set to be cleared.

Historic Preservation Commission – Mr. Al Capogrossi reported that the HPC meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 15th, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall. Mr. Peet informed Council that Administration is to submit the ordinance change for the maximum number of seats allowed on the commission, to Council during January Work Session.

Visitor Center – No report.

REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Wells made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Coletti. Motion approved 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Patricia Wheeler, Mayor

ChaQuias Miller Thornton, City Clerk