

**CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 26, 2007
6:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **INVOCATION:** *Councilmember LJ Williams*
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **ROLL CALL** **QUORUM: YES X NO**
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *November 13, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes*
November 13, 2007 Property Committee Minutes
November 13, 2007 Finance Committee Minutes

PRESENTATION:

FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORT.....TAB “A”

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- VI. **GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:**
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:** *None*
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **CITY COUNCIL MEMBER’S E-MAIL ADDRESSES**
 - B. **YARD WASTE GRINDING CONTRACT.....TAB “B”**
 - C. **BOND RESOLUTION: Water/Sewer.....TAB “C”**
 - D. **BUDGET ORDINANCE: Fire Station #7 at Cumberland Harbour.TAB “D”**
- IX. **REPORT OF AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES:**
 - A. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECEMBER TERM EXPIRATIONS:**
 - 1. **Airport Authority:** *Three*
 - 2. **Historic Preservation Commission:** *Two*
 - 3. **Tree Board:** *Two*
- X. **REPORT OF MAYOR:**
- XI. **REPORT OF CITY MANAGER:**
- XII. **GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC**
- XIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *Legal*
- XIV. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council for the City of St. Marys, Georgia met for its regular City Council session on Monday, November 26, 2007 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

PRESENT WERE:

Mayor Rowland Eskridge
Councilmember Gary Blount
Councilmember William DeLoughy
Councilmember Larry Johnson
Councilmember Jerry Lockhart
Councilmember Gull Weaver
Councilmember LJ Williams

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Max Tinsley, Asst. City Manager
Amanda Blackledge, City Attorney
Roger Weaver, Planning Director
Wiley King, Building Director
Tim Hatch, Police Chief
Bobby Marr, Public Works Director
Robby Horton, Fire Chief
Jennifer Brown, Finance Director
Gene Rudy, IT Director
Lt. Roger Wooten, Sergeant-At-Arms

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eskridge called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Williams gave the invocation. Mayor Eskridge led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. Council roll call indicated a quorum of council members present for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *November 13, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes*
November 13, 2007 Property Committee Minutes
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Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the November 13th City Council meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the November 13th Property Committee meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the November 13th Finance Committee meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Blount seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

PRESENTATION:

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Finance Director presented the 4-month report for General, Water/Sewer and Solid Waste Funds. Property taxes collected to date are \$400,297.00. Taxes are due December 20, 2007. A copy of the report is attached as part of the minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

Kay Sullivan, resident questioned the area of yard waste that could be put out for pickup and how would bills be calculated where neighbors pile it in one location.

The Assistant City Manager stated that yard waste is measured as 5x5x5 yards, with everyone being billed for yard waste pickup.

Tom Turner, resident asked whether center lines could be added on Douglas Drive when the Palmetto Street sidewalks are installed. He also asked about solid waste pickup for bulk items, soil delivery for residents to compensate for the grapple truck damage and recycling of telephone books and magazines.

The Assistant City Manager stated that there is no change to bulk item pickup; residents still need to call the City to schedule special pickups. The Public Works Director stated that Advance would not be using the same equipment as the city for yard waste. Mayor Eskridge stated that telephone books were recyclable but slick surface/glossy magazines were not.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no "Old Business" for Council consideration at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S E-MAIL ADDRESSES

The Assistant City Manager stated that newly elected officials were requesting City e-mail addresses, which is at no additional cost. He further stated that this option is open to the current officials and recommended approval because it is a good way to keep personal and business e-mails separate.

Councilmember Blount made a motion to approve the City Council Members e-mail addresses. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. YARD WASTE GRINDING CONTRACT

The Assistant City Manager stated that in order to be more efficient, Public Works has been taking the City's yard waste to the Pt. Peter Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) instead of making numerous trips to the landfill. Now, a big pile of debris is at the Plant that needs to be disposed of. The Assistant City Manager and Public Works Department recommended awarding a contract to Dennis Waters Development Company in the estimated amount of \$37,500 (\$1.50/sq. yd.) for grinding the yard waste, which has been budgeted.

Councilmember Blount made a motion to approve the yard waste Grinding Contract with Dennis Waters Development Company. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. BOND RESOLUTION: Water/Sewer

The Assistant City Manager stated that the City is trying to expand the Pt. Peter WWTP to 4.0 MGD and in order to pay for the project, a bond is needed. Signing of the resolution tonight would allow the Camden County Public Service Authority (PSA) to proceed with the bond process. The attorneys from Savannah were introduced to address Council's questions.

Councilmember Blount made a motion to approve the Bond Resolution for the Waste Water Treatment Plant at Point Peter. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Jim Pannell, Attorney at Law, Oliver Maner & Gray, LLP addressed the document changes with an explanation on fixed interest rates, verbiage corrections from the financial advisor and the new paragraph required by Legislature on performance reviews and audits. The purpose of the resolution is to request that the PSA adopt the bond resolution, which will be presented to them on November 27, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. Once adopted, the PSA's attorney will take it to the district attorney to proceed with the validation of the bond on December 13th. The final documents, adopted by the Authority, and transaction documents are scheduled to be presented to Council on December 10th.

Bill Johnston, Bank of America Securities spoke about the validation process, legal requirements, bond amount, interest rates, bond insurance, and local bond buying/selling options. A meeting is scheduled with City Staff on November 27th at 1:00 p.m. in City Hall to go into great detail concerning the bond.

Following much discussion, voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

D. BUDGET ORDINANCE: Fire Station #7 at Cumberland Harbour

The Assistant City Manager recommended the transfer of the funds remaining from the Special Tax Revenue from Cumberland Harbour into the Fire Department budget. The funds were reallocated for software, equipment and to complete the building of the new fire station.

Cumberland Harbour representatives have agreed to the purchases with the funds dedicated to the project.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget for Fire Station #7 at Cumberland Harbour. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

REPORT OF AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES:

A. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECEMBER TERM EXPIRATIONS:

- 1. Airport Authority:** *Three*
- 2. Historic Preservation Commission:** *Two*
- 3. Tree Board:** *Two*

Mayor Eskridge announced the upcoming expirations and anyone that is interested in an appointment should provide a letter of intent to the City Clerk before the December 10th Council meeting.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Eskridge presented plaques to Councilmember's Jerry Lockhart, LJ Williams and Gary Blount in recognition of their dedication and service to the City of St. Marys. The Mayor commended the Councilmember's for doing a fine job, working well together and accomplishing many good things.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:

- Pt. Peter WWTP construction is proceeding well. Haskell Company is doing an outstanding job and is ahead of schedule.
- The traffic signal poles were installed on St Marys Road at the Hospital and King Bay Road at Ciscos.
- Martha Drive paperwork has been completed and will be filed next week.
- Meeting Street Boat Ramp parking lot is paved and lights will be installed soon.
- Scrubby Bluff Force Main work at Osprey Cove is completed and flow has been restarted.
- Started the process for Requests For Proposals (RFP) services on Spur 40.

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no further comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Legal*

Councilmember Blount made a motion to adjourn to executive session for legal discussions. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Mayor and Council adjourned to executive session at 6:46 p.m., returning at 6:52 p.m. with Mayor Eskridge calling the Council meeting back to order.

Councilmember Blount made a motion to approve the legal issue as discussed in executive session. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Williams made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Lockhart seconded the motion. Mayor Eskridge declared the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Roellig, City Clerk