

CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 24, 2007
6:00 p.m.

AMENDED
AGENDA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **INVOCATION** *Assistant City Manager Max Tinsley*
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **ROLL CALL** **QUORUM: YES X NO**
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *September 10,, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2007 Public Hearing "Millage Rate"*

PRESENTATION:

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY REPORT **(Postponed to 10/8/07)**

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- VI. **GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:**
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:** *None*
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE:** *Bids.....*TAB "A"
 - B. **SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE:** *Detection Devices.....*TAB "B"
 - C. **RESOLUTIONS TO ABANDON/CONVEY CITY PROPERTY:**.....TAB "C"
From/To Adjacent Property Owners on Church Street
 - D. **ALLTEL LEASE AGREEMENT:**..... **(Removed)**.....TAB "D"
Dandy Street Water Tower Antenna
 - E. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUILDING:** *City Attorney's Office.....*TAB "E"
- IX. **REPORT OF AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**
 - A. **PLANNING DIRECTORS' REPORT.....**TAB "F"
 - 1. **WATER TAXI:** *Lease*
 - 2. **SUBDIVISION – MINOR** **(Postponed from 9/10/07)**
Mike Fulford requests final approval for a minor two lot subdivision on Riverview Drive. The parcel is zoned R-1, known as Tax Parcels 135A-01-054 and 135A-01-045A.
 - B. **WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE REPORT**

X. REPORT OF MAYOR:

XI REPORT OF CITY MANAGER:

XII. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Personnel & 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, September 24, 2007 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

PRESENT WERE:

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

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

William Shanahan, City Manager
Max Tinsley, Asst. City Manager
Amanda Blackledge, City Attorney
Roger Weaver, Planning Director
Tim Hatch, Police Chief
Bobby Marr, Public Works Director
Chad Kinzly, Assistant Public Works Director
Robby Horton, Fire Chief
Jennifer Brown, Finance Director
Wiley King, Building 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. Assistant City Manager, Max Tinsley, 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: *September 10, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes*
September 10, 2007 Public Hearing "Millage Rate"

No corrections to the minutes were mentioned.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the Regular City Council Meeting minutes and Public Hearing "Millage Rate" minutes as presented. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

PRESENTATION:

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY REPORT: (Postponed to 10/8/07)

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: *Jennifer Brown*

Jennifer Brown presented the August financial report, which is the 2nd month of the fiscal year. The general fund has an excess of \$77,327, which is good for this time of year. The City has not billed property taxes yet. The County's bill will go out some times this week, and the City's will hopefully go out in the next two weeks. Councilmember DeLoughy asked if the cash will be good until the end of the year. Mrs. Brown stated yes, adding that the City collects more in the summer months and that it will even out. The water/sewer fund has a short fall of \$297,045, due to paying invoices for the Point Peter Plant construction. The Council approved the loan from Bank of America, so once that is received the City can repay itself the money and the funds will go up. Finally, the solid waste fund is in excess of \$49,339.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

No one from the audience addressed the Mayor and Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A. RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE: *Bids*

Councilmember Blount, Chairman of the Water/Sewer Committee, stated that three (3) total bids were discussed at the meeting – PW, Advanced Disposal bid #1, and Advanced Disposal bid #2. The PW's bid totaled \$19.36. Bid #1 totaled \$16.53, which included tipping fees. Bid #2, where the City would negotiate with the County the cost of the tipping fees, was \$16.61. The Committee Members discussed the \$2.75 fee in bid #2 which is an average cost of fees. This was simply a guess, with all bids projected for five (5) years out. An exact number could not be calculated, but all are subject to the CPI. After much discussion, the Water/Sewer Committee decided to recommend to Council that they approve the Advanced Disposal bid #2 proposal at a price of \$16.61. Councilmember Blount believes that their price is a high estimate, so it may be less. He also stated that it will be beneficial to work with the County, since the City would be adding 5300 customers to an already existing 5100 customer basis.

Councilmember Johnson stated that he feels it unfortunate that the PW bid is being ruled out. The PW bid is a \$3.00 difference than the others. He stated he feels that if this part of PW is dismantled, than, as per a quote he had, it would take an estimated \$5,000,000 to reestablish it in the future. The Council could go with the PW bid, see how it works for one (1) year, and then contract out if it does not work. He stated that he believes that the Council would be prematurely removing an area of PW.

Councilmember Blount stated that there is \$3.00 higher than the other bids. The City would be giving up four (4) yard waste trucks and four (4) garbage trucks. It would cost the City a little over \$1,000,000 to buy four (4) new garbage trucks. He continued by stating that the City does not even have to get rid of the trucks, that they can be maintained and serviced. The Advanced Disposal contract would expire in four (4) years, and things can be reevaluated then. By going with Advanced Disposal, the yard waste would be picked up every week, and the current City employees can be transferred to other City jobs. Councilmember Blount continued that Advanced Disposal is even willing to hire the current City employees if that is something they would want to do. He stated it was too much to just do recycling. The City would be able to negotiate tipping fees, and the City will be adding more customers to the contract than are currently on there. He continued that doing jobs in-house is not always the best way to go.

Councilmember Johnson replied that he himself would choose bid #2 over bid #1, but that he is still holding reservations for PW. Councilmember Weaver asked about the new trash cans or bins that would be used. The Public Works Director, Bobby Marr, stated that those that have a lift bar on the front of the trash cans can be reused. Those without the lift bars would have to get new ones. Councilmember Weaver than asked who would pay for the new ones. Dave Shepler, General Manager of Advanced Disposal, addressed the Mayor and Council and stated that the company would purchase all new carts for all the residents or use the ones that are usable. The value of the usable ones can be negotiated, and provide new cans for the remaining residents. He stated, that all new cans could be ordered for everyone. He stated it was up to the Mayor and Council. The Mayor than asked if the contract could be terminated if need be. It was stated that it could be put in the contract. Councilmember Weaver than asked if there will be any restrictions on yard waste pick up. Mr. Shepler stated he would sit down with Mr. Marr and discuss the guidelines that would need to be put in place for that. He continued by stating that the company is represented by how well the community looks, and that this would be a partnership.

Councilmember Blount made a motion to approve Bid #2 from Advanced Disposal for the Recycling and Solid Waste. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion.

FOR

Councilmember Blount
Councilmember DeLoughy
Councilmember Weaver
Councilmember Williams
Councilmember Lockhart

OPPOSED

Councilmember Johnson

B. SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE: *Detection Devices*

The City Manager stated the purpose is to approve the speed limits and streets that speed detection devices, such as radar or lidar, may be utilized to monitor and regulate traffic on city streets. This ordinance has to be done each year in order for the police department to enforce the traffic laws. The City Manager recommends approval.

Councilmember Weaver asked about the current street list that was mentioned. Mr. Shanahan stated that is was the list approved at the last council meeting. It is the updated list with new streets and speed changes. Councilmember Weaver asked if there was a default speed of 25 mph if the speed is not posted. It was stated that that is a state law. Mayor Eskridge mentioned that all the Council members received a copy of the list of street speed limits of the City.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the Speed Limit Ordinance – Detection Devices. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**C. RESOLUTION TO ABANDON/CONVEY CITY PROPERTY:
*From/To Adjacent Property Owners on Church Street***

The City Manager stated the purpose is to abandon and then convey a 170 foot by 20 foot alleyway off of Church Street to Robert Paulk and James Peterman. The 170-foot by 20-foot alleyway located on Tax Map 33 Block 10 is not large enough to build upon and the City does not have any infrastructure located within this alleyway. The City has taken other small alleyways and sold them to adjacent property owners for the administrative and legal costs to place them back into the tax base. The City Council gave direction to sell this alleyway to adjacent property owners. The resolution to abandon and a resolution to convey must be signed so that the City Attorney may process the quit-claim deeds. The City Manager recommends approval.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the resolution to abandon and convey alleyway property on Church Street. Councilmember Blount seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

D. ALLTEL LEASE AGREEMENT: *Dandy Street Water Tower Antenna (Removed)*

The City Manager stated that he would like to speak with Alltel about this item before it gets put on the agenda.

E. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUILDING: *City Attorney's Office*

The City Manager stated that the purpose is to construct an office for the City Attorney and her staff assistant. The Economic Development Building was constructed with a portion of the space being set aside for storage per City Council. The Staff needs Council's approval to delete the storage space and to convert this space into two offices for the City Attorney and her assistant.

The City Attorney currently has an office in a small space previously used for the copy machine. The only other potential space is the small conference room. Our large and small conference rooms within the Economic Development Building are in continual use and are a great incentive to get conferences to come to our area and we recommend maintaining these two meeting spaces. With maintaining these two spaces, the best alternative to create new office space is the storage area within the Economic Development Building. Where the City Attorney is now, there is a lot of traffic and the materials she is working on are confidential. There are only about 35 boxes of data stored here that will need to be relocated. Cost of the renovation is about \$5200.00 coming from the building maintenance budget. The City Manager recommends converting the storage area into two offices and keeping the use of our two conference rooms. Storage space for the boxes will be located, and will bring up next budget year.

Councilmember Weaver asked if there had been any thoughts on the new storage area. Mr. Shanahan stated that it might be brought to City Hall or possibly rent or build an area. He stated there are several options to look at. Councilmember Johnson stated that with so much communication between the City Attorney and City Hall, why not make her office at City Hall. Mr. Shanahan stated that there is no more available space at City Hall, and that with the nature of the City Attorney's work, it is nice for her to be away. He believes her current location is great. The Mayor asked if the Police Department was available for storage. The Police Chief, Tim Hatch, stated that there is some room, but whatever records are brought over need to be purged regularly. The PD records are increasing, and there will be limited room. The Mayor stated he is concerned about renting space when there is space available to use. The City Attorney, Amanda Blackledge, also recommended a fire-proof and theft-proof area for storage.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the renovation for the City Attorney's office in the Economic Development Building. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

REPORT OF AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES:

A. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT: *Roger Weaver*

1. WATER TAXI: *Lease*

Roger Weaver stated that the Water Taxi Lease was discussed at a previous Council meeting, where they made suggestions. Incorporating those suggestions with the suggestions of the Property Committee, and those of Mr. McCarthy, the lease was changed. The changes to the lease were discussed:

- Can dock four (4) times a day instead of two (2)
- For weather related issues, no specific times are necessary.
- Dock access not exclusive to Mr. McCarthy. Others can be allowed to use dock at the Council's discretion.
- If an individual is stuck in a location, such as in weather related situations, land transportation must be provided back to their point of origin.
- Insurance was increased to \$300,000.
- No overnight docking will be permitted.

Mr. Weaver stated that Ms. Blackledge has reviewed the contract. Councilmember Blount asked if the lease was transferable or assignable, because he would like it to be added that it is not either if it is not in the lease. Ms. Blackledge stated that the provision can be added easily.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the water taxi lease with the addition of it not being transferable. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

2. SUBDIVISION – MINOR: (Postponed from 9/10/07)

Roger Weaver stated that this is a minor subdivision for Mike Fulford that had been postponed from the last Council Meeting. He stated that the information Mr. Blount requested was provide for he and the other Councilmembers. It was then asked for the item to be reviewed. Mr. Weaver reviewed the item, stated it is a minor (2) lot subdivision of existing properties and was a brand new application. The Planning Commission reviewed the application, and they recommended approval. It is for approximately 10,000 square feet, and is in compliance with the City Ordinances.

Councilmember Johnson began by stating that he was out of town last Council meeting. He continued by saying that the situation had a plot of land with two different finding. He believes this puts a cloud on the City to resolve it. It was proposed that a second opinion be gotten to clarify everything. He understands that the residents that live in that area are willing to pay for the second survey, and he does not understand why the City does not go forward and let them do it. Mr. Weaver stated that it is not up to the City to make anyone do any surveys. If the community wants to hire someone, they are more than welcome to do so, but that it is not up to the City to direct someone to pay for them or to advocate or not advocate it. Mr. Weaver reminded everyone that this was a brand new application with a survey from a licensed surveyor. Councilmember Johnson stated that the City is involved to the point that the Councilmembers have to make a decision on approving the item or not.

Councilmember DeLoughy asked what the ordinances read in respect to this—the requirements of the City. Mr. Weaver answered that the City requires 10,000 square feet of lot area which is between the lot lines. The property, both parcels proposed, have been in excess of 40,000 square feet. Mr. Weaver provided some of the Council Members with parcel maps. Councilmember Blount than asked how the lot was plotted when it was originally sold. Pete Brandon addressed the Mayor and Council, and stated that the difference between the lake size and lot size is the difference between the top of the bank of the lake and the edge of water—the slope all the way around. He went back to the 2nd plat from 1978 which showed the edge of the water as the property line. By having figures go to the water line, which is the boundary, it increases the lot size and reduces the lake size. Councilmember Blount asked if the land line was simply moved. Mr. Brandon answered that when the Privett Subdivision plat was first done, the top of the bank of lake was used to describe the difference in the land and lake. Looking back on the lake plat, it took in the

difference of the slope to the water, which increased the land amount and decreased the lake amount.

Councilmember Blount asked how much the land was increased by. Mr. Brandon stated it is approximately 3,000 square feet total for the two lots. Councilmember Blount then asked how the lot has changed since Mr. Casey had it platted. Mr. Brandon stated that it did not include the lake. He stated it is being taken from 3 back to 2 to achieve the 10,000 sq feet. Councilmember Blount then began calculating the depth of the lot. He stated it looks like the lot is 70 to 71 feet deep, and asked if he was looking at it correctly. Mr. Brandon stated that the lots are approximately 130 feet by 71 feet and 140 feet by 70 feet.

Councilmember Weaver stated that the biggest fear with the subdivision is that there are going to be tiny homes built. The homes in the area have deep set back homes. She stated that the neighborhood would like to know that the homes will not be miniature. It was remarked that the homes will be a minimum of 1800 square feet. Mayor Eskridge stated that to build, it would have to have the same set backs on the front and back and sides, as long as all the requirements are met. Councilmember Blount stated that approving the plats does not mean that they are approving the homes being built. The Assistant City Manager, Max Tinsley, stated that the Council could approve it conditionally with a minimal 1800 square foot home. Councilmember Blount spoke about the footage left to build on the lot. Mr. Tinsley stated that it would need to be built probably about six (6) to eight (8) feet off of the water, but it depends on the depth of the water. Councilmember Johnson stated that the concern is the size of the house, if it will have any appreciable yard around it. In the neighborhood, all the lots have a nice house and a nice size yard surrounding it. This maintains the property value of the area. Councilmember Blount asked if Mr. Fulford gave any consideration to filling in some of the lake. Mr. Fulford said yes, but it depends on the nature of the house that is put on the lot, stating that there are a number of ways to do this.

Mr. Wayne McKenzie, a member of the audience, asked if he could address the Mayor and Council. He stated he was representing the homeowners. Back in 2005, the (2) lot minor subdivision was approved by the Planning Commission, and then City Council disapproved it. He stated that now the City is in the same situation again. Mr. McKenzie stated that if you hold the original plat and the current plat, the two are exactly the same, yet the numbers are different on the total square footage. He does agree with the calculating. It is about the 3,100 square foot difference of land area. He stated he would like to have that land area too. That is 56 feet by 56 feet. He stated that there are homeowners around the lake that can testify that the water level has risen because Mr. Fulford is putting a well in. In 2005, Terry Floyd, the former City Attorney, mentioned to the Council that if you believed that putting in the smaller home would significantly affect the values of the homes in the area, then you had a right to disapprove the application for the lot subdivision. He stated that he is asking that the Council disapprove it again. He does not feel the homes will match the aesthetics of the neighborhood. All of the homes have to have garages, and the

neighborhood is kept up. Mr. McKenzie continued that this does not fit in the master plan of the area. The value of the homes will be devalued. The Mayor asked if Mr. McKenzie had seen the houses Mr. Fulford is going to build. Mr. McKenzie said he had not, and that Martha Holland, a neighbor, had asked about them and did not receive a response. Mr. McKenzie does not feel that this is the right thing. He continued that people purchase the homes as the main investment in their lives for themselves, their family, as a retirement community, and he does not feel it is right. Mr. McKenzie stated that he feels that Council should deny the request for the minor (2) lot subdivision.

Mr. Jim Stein stated that he has been in the area for 35 years and anytime a piece of property is on water it is worth more money. Anywhere in Camden County where you have a riverfront property or a lake, it increases the value of the lots and the lots are generally smaller in size. He stated he lives on the St. Marys River and his lot across the front is 100 feet and runs back 125 feet. It is small, but extremely valuable. Mr. Stein stated that this is not going to devalue the neighborhood. People pay a premium to be on water, any kind of water. Mr. Fulford plans to build the finest homes he can get out there and make the most money he can make out of it. He stated Mr. Fulford is not doing anything to devalue the neighborhood.

Martha Holland then addressed the Mayor and Council. She stated that she lives across from Mr. Fulford. She stated the property is not a two house property. She stated she is petitioning Council to not ok this. She had told Mr. Fulford if he could build a home with the yardage he has, that she will agree with it. Mr. Fulford has a beautiful home and a well manicured lawn. She stated it is not fair for him to put two small houses there. Ms. Holland stated that if he builds two (2) small houses there he is losing the value of his home. When he looks out on his porch and his dock, he is going to see two (2) little houses there. There will be people running everywhere and he is going to loss his privacy. She stated she does not feel comfortable with him building two (2) homes and having children there. There have been two (2) people that has died in the lake already. She stated that she does not want to see that happen again. She addressed the Mayor and Council and stated that she truthfully wanted them to consider this, adding that this is not the proper thing or the moral thing.

Councilmember Blount asked if Mr. Fulford could do anything that would be acceptable. Ms. Holland stated that if he could build a home, equivalent to what he has got with a yard it would be acceptable. She continued that if he could pick his house up and have the yard he has, that would beautify the neighborhood. Councilmember Blount stated that the depth is the issue. Ms. Holland stated that if Mr. Fulford filled in the lake to acquire the necessary land, it would ruin the lake for everyone.

Councilmember Blount asked how far back the foundation of the house could be off of the road. Mr. Tinsley answered that it has to be 25 feet off of his property line. Councilmember Blount stated that it is roughly 40 feet from the edge of road for the beginning of his building. Mr. Tinsley stated that in the neighborhood, there are

some houses which are set back deep, while others are not. In the back where the marsh is, the houses are closer to the road. There is a mixture. Councilmember Blount stated that whether there are one (1) or two (2) lots, the size of the set back is the same.

Councilmember Blount stated that Mr. Fulford has to meet other zoning requirements. He continued that as far as the subdivision plats and plotting this, the City's ordinances have allowed the calculation of the lot size using water or marsh, whether usable or not. The Mayor stated that the City's ordinances take care of the variances. Councilmember Williams than remarked on the size of the buildings and the difficulty of building them on the piece of property.

Mr. Tinsley stated that from the last time this item came up, the size of the homes were an issue. He stated that this is the Casey Subdivision, and any other lot in area can build 1800 sq feet home which is a requirement in Riverview. Councilmember Blount added that Mr. Fulford probably meets the requirements for more than two (2) lots. He added that it would be difficult to say that there is an economic impact, and to show to a certain value. Mr. Stein added that all approvals of subdivisions can economically impact an area. It can always have some impact. Councilmember Blount stated that he understood.

Ms. Holland stated that Mr. Fulford has a flowing well which is constantly being utilized and running which raises the water level. She stated that for him to build there is not a good thing. She stated that the property opposite of Mr. Fulford on the lake has the water up to the property, and that it could go over with a good rain. Mr. Tinsley stated that there will be drainage requirements for any new building put there. He continued by stating that raising the pond increases how far back from the pond he would have to build. It would be counterproductive. Ms. Holland than stated that she had to raise her dock because the water was going over it. She stated that she is not trying to badger him, and that she likes him as a neighbor. She does not like what he is doing, and does not think it is right. Ms. Holland continued that she does not think the lot is buildable. Councilmember Johnson that mentioned visualizing this in that neighborhood—that two (2) lots will not work. To put two (2) houses on the lot without any appreciable surrounding area will not be good for the neighborhood or the City. He stated that he felt on that alone, the Council could deny it.

Mr. McKenzie asked about the measurements of the plats, that it does not meet the 10,000 square feet. Councilmember Blount stated that it is between the lot lines, and that water can be included in that. Councilmember Weaver than asked about the variances. Mr. Weaver stated it is self controlling, because the Planning Commission would have to approve that before it goes before Council again. Mr. Stein reiterated that Mr. Fulford is in compliance with the ordinance. Councilmember Blount stated that the City can not do anything to legally deny him.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the (2) minor lot subdivision as submitted with an addition of 1800 sq feet minimum size heated building.
Councilmember Weaver made a second. Voting was unanimous.

B. WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING: *Councilmember Gary Blount*

The Water/Sewer Committee met on September 24th at 4:00 pm in Council Chambers. A copy of the minutes is attached. Councilmember Blount stated that recycling was discussed. Another item discussed at the meeting was the improvements to the Point Peter Wastewater Treatment Plant. Bobby Marr stated at the meeting that the construction was on schedule, and actually a little ahead of schedule. The 1.8 MGD should be online by late May 2008.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

- **September 11th:** The City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and he traveled to Waycross for a meeting about the HR 900 tax reform. The Mayor mentioned the forum that will be held on October 10th at 5:30 pm at the Coastal Georgia Community College. There will be a presentation by GMA at this meeting.
- **September 12th:** The City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and he went to an EPD meeting in Brunswick to discuss a spillage issue.
- **September 12th:** Attended a Board of Health meeting that night.
- **September 13th:** Attended a PSA meeting.
- **September 14th:** Had a meeting with a lady from Georgia Trend Magazine.
- **September 14th:** There was a Wounded Warriors Meeting. This is being put on to honor those wounded in service. That is coming together well. There will be a special day for that on Nov 10th.
- **September 18th:** Attended the Planning Subdivision Ordinance Meeting.
- **September 19th:** Had a meeting with a British envoy. Their ship will be coming in around October 30th, and they are planning a get together for that.
- **September 21st:** Talked to individuals on land the City is trying to acquire to get an easement to extend Colerain Rd.
- **September 24th:** Attended the Water/Sewer Meeting.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER:

- The City Manager stated that the DOT gave notification to proceed with the installation of the lights at the hospital and Cisco. The materials are coming in, and should be in within the next two (2) weeks.
- Councilmember Johnson asked if a line can be drawn down the center of Douglas Rd., since there is no median line now.
- Department Heads and he were in NIMS 300 and 400 classes, directed by Homeland Security, in the previous week. It is training on what to do during natural or man-made disasters or events. Mr. Shanahan stated it was used that day by Chief Horton with the mill demolition. Chief Horton set up areas, and such.
- Mr. Shanahan stated he has three (3) individuals to recognize for a "Good Job":

- Shawn Clearwater with the Water Department noticed someone was on vacation and their water spigot outside was broken, so he fixed it.
- Bobby Picket and Terry Sanders from PW noticed an accident while driving, and no one was there, so they jumped out and kept everyone safe.
- The Mayor stated he forgot to mention a drive thru flu clinic on Oct 20th at 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Coastal GA Community College. It is being sponsored by the Camden County Board of Health.
- Councilmember Weaver mentioned that the building next to Coastal Orthopedic is going to be a KFC.

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

- **Bob Darced:** Mr. Darced mentioned that there may be an issue, because of the complaints of golf carts parking on the lawn in the Howard Gilman Waterfront Park. Citizens were told if they parked on the lawn again they would be ticketed. A great number of people drive golf carts, and there needs to be a decision made on whether parking is allowed. The area in question is between the playground area and Lang's Restaurant. The Mayor stated he has passed the idea by several Councilmembers to try and make that into a Veterans Memorial Park, but that that area is now apart of the Waterfront Park. The Mayor continued that there is already parking for golf carts across the street. Mr. Darced asked if for the time being individuals could park their golf carts on the lawn. He stated that no property is being damaged. The Mayor stated he is not for or against, but currently there are no bicycles or skateboards allowed in the park. Why would golf carts be permitted? Mr. Darced stated that it is fine if individuals are not allowed to, but that is just needs to be properly posted or noted so that individuals do not get tickets at the next Starry Night event. Councilmembers discussed how to block off the area, such as putting up tape or no parking signs. The Police Chief, Tim Hatch, stated that tape can be put up for the temporary purposes.
- **Dave Smitt:** Mr. Smitt stated he had the low speed vehicle ordinance in hand, and proceeded to read that "every person operating a low speed motor vehicle shall be granted all the rights and subject to all rules of road and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under this chapter except as to special regulations in this part except as those provisions in this chapter by their nature have no application." Mr. Smitt than began speaking on the Fulford Subdivisions discussed earlier in the meeting. He stated that the City keeps getting stuck by the ordinances. Why not change the ordinance? He stated this came up in 2005. People were complaining about the property, changes were made, and now stuck by the same ordinance. Councilmember Lockhart stated that the City has been working on the subdivision ordinance for quite some time. Mr. Tinsley stated that the subdivision ordinance has been worked on for two (2) years and the zoning ordinance for about little over one (1) year. He continued that the Coastal Comprehensive Plan is apart of our ordinances. There are requirements in that that the City has to put in the zoning ordinance. The process is ongoing, but the City has to wait for certain things to proceed. Mr. Tinsley stated that it is a huge deal to change the subdivision and zoning ordinances. Mr. Smitt than asked about speed limits. He stated he lives in Shadowlawn, and down Hwy 40 the speed limit use to be 45 mph. Near where

there was the construction zone it was at 35 mph. Going through the stop light use to be 35 mph, and then went to 40 mph. Now, he stated, it is 45 mph all the way through the intersection. He does not believe this is a good thing. In addition, Mr. Smitt believes that the City needs to do something about the speed limit by the hospital.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Legal*

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss legal. Councilmember Blount seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Mayor and Council adjourned to executive session at 7:41p.m., returning at 7:54 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem Gull Weaver calling the Council meeting back to order.

LEGAL:

No actions were taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Blount made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Weaver declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Goebel, Deputy Clerk