



**CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA**  
418 Osborne Road  
St. Marys, GA 31558

January 20, 2015

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**“New Alcohol License for Pat Thai 1 LLC D/B/A Pat Thai Restaurant & Sushi Bar”**  
**5:45 P.M.**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

**AMENDED AGENDA (1/20/2015)**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **INVOCATION:** *Councilmember Dave Reilly*
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **ROLL CALL** **QUORUM: YES X NO**
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *January 5, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes*  
*January 5, 2015 Executive Session Meeting Minutes*
- VI. **PRESENTATIONS:**  
**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION (MR. ED ROBINSON):** *Mayor John F. Morrissey*  
(ADDED)  
**PUBLIC SAFETY:** *Police Chief Timothy Hatch & Fire Chief Robert Horton*  
**NEW EMPLOYEE:** *Police Chief Timothy Hatch*  
**FIRE FIGHTERS OF THE YEAR:** *Fire Chief Robert Horton*  
**BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS (TERM EXPIRATIONS):**  
*Convention & Visitors Bureau Authority (Kevin Berry, Mardja Gray and Sugar Yadav)*  
**BOARD APPOINTMENT (VACANCY):**  
*Development Authority of St. Marys (Simon Scott)*
- VII. **SET CONSENT AGENDA**
- VIII. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**IX. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC**

**X. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE PAT THAI 1 LLC D/B/A PAT THAI RESTAURANT & SUSHI BAR:** *Council consideration to approve a new 2015 liquor license for Pat Thai1 LLC D/B/A Pat Thai Restaurant & Sushi Bar for the sale of beer and wine on premise consumption with food*
- B. FEBRUARY 16, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:** *City Clerk  
To discuss whether to cancel or reschedule meeting due to President's Day holiday*

**XI. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICER SALARY PLAN:** *John J. Holman  
(City Manager) Request City Council approval of a five year salary plan for certified Police Officers*
- B. EMPLOYEE ONE TIME PAYMENT & BUDGET ORDINANCE:**  
*John J. Holman (City Manager) Request approval of a one time employee payment and Budget Ordinance amendment*
- C. SOUTHEAST GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEM AGREEMENT & RESOLUTION:**  
*John J. Holman (City Manager) Request approval of agreement between the City and St. Marys Southeast Georgia Health System regarding the restructure and leasing to a newly formed Georgia non-profit corporation*
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- E. ST. MARYS ROAD RIGHT TURN LANE/S.R. HWY 40-GDOT LOCAL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT GRANT FY 2013:** *Bobby Marr (Public Works Director) Request authorization for Mayor John F. Morrissey to sign contract with Charlie Hester Construction for the modified FY 2013 LMIG Project*
- F. SAN JOSE MEXICAN GRILL & CANTINA LLC 2015 ALCOHOL LICENSE:** *City Clerk  
Request approval to advertise a public hearing for beer, wine and liquor license for on premise consumption for San Jose Mexican Grill & Cantina Restaurant*
- G. RESOLUTION-DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT (ORANGE HALL):** *Roger Weaver (Planning Director) Request approval of resolution for grant application for improvements to Orange Hall*
- H. RESOLUTION-DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT (BARTLETT STREET HISTORY TRAIL):** *Roger Weaver (Planning Director)  
Request approval of resolution for grant application regarding Bartlett Street History Trail*
- I. AGREEMENT FOR TAX COLLECTIONS WITH GOVERNMENT TAX SERVICES, LLC:**  
*Jennifer Brown (Finance Director) Request approval of agreement between the City and Government Tax Services, LLC for tax collections*

**J. BUDGET ORDINANCE-ST. MARYS ROAD GATEWAY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT:**  
*Jennifer Brown (Finance Director) Request approval to amend the FY 2015 to reflect the final payment to Thomas & Hutton which crossed fiscal years*

**K. PERSONNEL-GRIEVANCE REGARDING CITY MANAGER: (ADDED)**  
*Donna Folsom (Human Resources Director)*

**XII. REPORT OF AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES:**

**A. MONTHLY SEA GRANT & COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM UPDATE:** *Roger Weaver*  
*(Planning Director)*

**B. CALENDAR:** *City Clerk*

**XIII. REPORT OF MAYOR**

**XIV. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

**XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel (Added)**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**This is a tentative agenda and is subject to change. Please check with City Hall prior to the Meeting for any revisions.**

**CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA**  
**January 20, 2015**  
**5:45 p.m.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR PAT THAI 1 LLC D/B/A PAT THAI RESTAURANT & SUSHI BAR**

**MINUTES**

The Mayor and Council for the City of St. Marys, Georgia met to conduct a public hearing on Monday, January 20, 2015 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

**PRESENT WERE:**

Mayor John F. Morrissey  
Councilmember Sam Colville  
Councilmember Jim Gant  
Councilmember Elaine Powierski  
Councilmember Dave Reilly

**ABSENT WERE:**

Councilmember Robert L. Nutter  
Councilmember Linda P. Williams

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

John J. Holman, City Manager  
Jennifer Brown, Finance Director  
Donna Folsom, Human Resources Director  
Bobby Marr, Public Works Director  
Robert Horton, Fire Chief  
Timothy Hatch, Police Chief  
Roger Weaver, Planning Director

The Mayor Morrissey called the public hearing to order at 5:45 p.m. for Pat Thai Restaurant & Sushi Bar new alcohol license application. The floor was opened to the public for questions and/or comments.

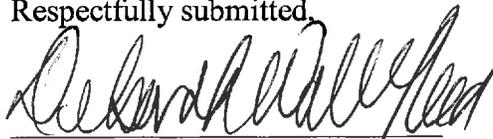
**GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Morrissey declared the public hearing closed at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Walker-Reed, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 20, 2015**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Mayor and City Council for the City of St. Marys, Georgia met for its regular City Council session on Monday, January 20, 2015 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

**PRESENT WERE:**

Mayor John F. Morrissey  
Councilmember Sam Colville  
Councilmember Jim Gant  
Councilmember Elaine Powierski  
Councilmember Dave Reilly

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Councilmember Robert L. Nutter  
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John J. Holman, City Manager  
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Donna Folsom, Human Resources Director  
Bobby Marr, Public Works Director  
Robby Horton, Fire Chief  
Timothy Hatch, Police Chief  
Roger Weaver, Planning Director

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *January 5, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes*

Councilmember Colville moved to approve the January 5, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Reilly seconded the motion. Councilmember Powierski moved for discussion and stated under the Senior Advisory Committee her name should be listed as opposed for Joyce Galloway. Councilmember Colville amended his motion to include the revision. Councilmember Reilly seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

*January 5, 2015 Executive Session Meeting Minutes*

Councilmember Colville moved to approve the January 5, 2015 Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Reilly seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION (MR. ED ROBINSON):** *Mayor John F. Morrissey (ADDED)*

Mayor Morrissey stated Angela Wigger (Tourism Director) would present the certificate of appreciation to Mr. Robinson at a later date. Mayor Morrissey thanked Mr. Robinson for his support and monetary donation to Orange Hall.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** *Police Chief Timothy Hatch & Fire Chief Robert Horton*

Chief Hatch gave a brief overview of community service projects, service calls, training and hiring for 2014. Chief Hatch referenced numbers in his 2014 Public Safety Report. Chief Hatch spoke highly of the collaboration between Camden County, Kingsland and St. Marys Police Departments.

Fire Chief Horton mentioned various service calls including fire, hazardous, EMS and false alarms. Chief Horton spoke about the collaboration between Camden County, Kingsland and St. Marys for improved services for all residents. Chief Horton stated approximately 8,000 children in various areas in Southeast Georgia attended the fire safety presentations.

**NEW EMPLOYEE:** *Police Chief Timothy Hatch*

Chief Hatch introduced new Officer Michaela Batten and spoke about her high academic achievement at the Police Academy. Mayor Morrissey and Council joined the public in welcoming Office Batten to the St. Marys Police Department.

**FIRE FIGHTERS OF THE YEAR:** *Fire Chief Robert Horton*

Fire Chief Horton recognized and congratulated fire fighter Michael W. Velez and volunteer fire fighter Josh Walton as Fire Fighters of the Year. Chief Horton thanked them for their dedication to the Fire Department and City of St. Marys.

**BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS (TERM EXPIRATIONS):**

*Convention & Visitors Bureau Authority (Kevin Berry, Mardja Gray and Sugar Yadav)*

Mayor Morrissey announced upcoming vacancies on the St. Marys Convention & Visitors Bureau Authority

**BOARD APPOINTMENT (VACANCY):**

*Development Authority of St. Marys (Simon Scott)*

Mayor Morrissey stated no applications were received and announced an opening on the Development Authority of St. Marys.

**SET CONSENT AGENDA (\*):**

Councilmember Reilly moved to approve the consent agenda as Old Business A, and New Business C, F, G, H, and J. Councilmember Powierski seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Councilmember Colville made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Reilly seconded the motion. Mayor Morrissey stated item K should be added under New Business as Personnel-Grievance regarding City Manager and Personnel under Executive Session. Councilmember Colville amended his motion and Councilmember Reilly seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:**

*Cathy Kloess, 127 Airport Road, Statesboro, Georgia:* Ms. Kloess stated she had no bad will toward Council, read correspondence from Attorney Stein and gave Council a copy.

*Jay Moreno, 501 Victoria's Court:* Mr. Moreno mentioned the Development Authority of St. Marys, Fire and Police Department statistical numbers.

Max Golliday, 210 Chase Court North: Mr. Golliday stated the War of 1812 Commemoration Event was great and thanked Public Works and Bobby Marr (Public Works Director) for cleaning various areas in the City.

Tom Canning, 410 Point Peter Place: Mr. Canning announced volunteers are needed for the Get Out the Vote Event at Mardi Gras Event.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE PAT THAI 1 LLC D/B/A PAT THAI RESTAURANT & SUSHI BAR (\*):** *Council consideration to approve a new 2015 liquor license for Pat Thai1 LLC D/B/A Pat Thai Restaurant & Sushi Bar for the sale of beer and wine on premise consumption with food*

Councilmember Reilly made a motion to approve a new 2015 alcohol license for Pat Thai1 LLC D/B/A Pat Thai Restaurant & Sushi Bar for the sale of beer and wine on premise consumption with food. Councilmember Powierski seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

- B. FEBRUARY 16, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: (POSTPONED)** *City Clerk*  
*To discuss whether to cancel or reschedule meeting due to President's Day holiday*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICER SALARY PLAN:** *John J. Holman (City Manager)*  
*Request City Council approval of a five year salary plan for certified Police Officers*  
Mr. Holman gave an overview of the proposed five year salary plan to recruit professional Police Officers and retain current experienced Officers at the City. Mr. Holman stated the goal of 32 Officer would be reduced to 30 Officers with monetary funds from the two positions being redistributed within the department for profession growth and salaries.

Councilmember Reilly made a motion to approve the certified Police Officer Salary Plan. Councilmember Colville seconded the motion. Councilmember Colville moved for discussion and thanked City personnel for their hard work on the proposal. Councilmember Gant asked for clarification on how the figures were derived. Mr. Holman mentioned various agencies like Glynn County Police Department's hiring salary and others as a reason the City was losing Officers. Mr. Holman stated he would provide an annual update but at least three to five years are needed to test the program. Mayor Morrissey stated several cities have encountered the same issues. Councilmember Colville made a Call to Question. Voting was recorded as follows:

FOR

Councilmember Colville  
Councilmember Gant  
Councilmember Powierski  
Councilmember Reilly

OPPOSED

- B. EMPLOYEE ONE TIME PAYMENT & BUDGET ORDINANCE:** *John J. Holman (City Manager)*  
*Request approval of a one time employee payment and Budget Ordinance amendment*  
Mr. Holman stated any employee hired after November 2014 and any Officer that receives an increase under the new Police Salary Plan is not eligible. Councilmember Gant made a motion to approve the Employee One Time Payment and Budget Ordinance Amendment.

Councilmember Colville seconded the motion. Councilmember Powierski moved for discussion and asked if employees under disciplinary action for attendance or performance would be eligible. Mr. Holman stated no City personnel were under disciplinary action for attendance or performance. Councilmember Gant stated the City should move toward a merit based system. Mr. Holman stated it was budget time but performance based increase plans would be reviewed. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**C. GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEM AGREEMENT & RESOLUTION (\*): *John J. Holman (City Manager) Request approval of agreement between the City and St. Marys Southeast Georgia Health System regarding the restructure and leasing to a newly formed Georgia non-profit***

Councilmember Reilly made a motion to approve the agreement and resolution between St. Marys Southeast Georgia Health System and City of St Marys regarding the restructure and leasing to a Georgia non-profit. Councilmember Powierski seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**D. MARSHVIEW LANE & WRIGHT STREET SANITARY SEWER EXTENSIONS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD: *Bobby Marr (Public Works Director)***

*Request approval to award contract to Underground Excavation, Inc. in the amount of 361,383 for construction of sanitary sewer extensions*

Councilmember Gant made a motion to award the contract to Underground Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$361,383 for construction of sanitary sewer extensions on Marshview Lane and Wright Street. Councilmember Colville seconded the motion. Councilmember Gant moved for discussion and asked the amount left in SPLOST VI. Mr. Holman stated Marshview Lane and Wright Street would finish out SPLOST VI and approximately \$30,000 of SPLOST VII would be needed as well. Councilmember Powierski asked about the wide variation in bid numbers. Mr. Marr stated the variation was normal. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**E. ST. MARYS ROAD RIGHT TURN LANE/S.R. HWY 40-GDOT LOCAL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT GRANT FY 2013: *Bobby Marr (Public Works Director) Request authorization for Mayor John F. Morrissey to sign contract with Charlie Hester Construction for the modified FY 2013 LMIG Project***

Councilmember Reilly made a motion to award the contract to Charlie Hester Construction for the modified FY 2013 LMIG Project (St. Marys Right Turn Lane/S.R. Hwy 40) in the amount of \$155,899.68. Councilmember Colville seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**F. SAN JOSE MEXICAN GRILL & CANTINA LLC 2015 ALCOHOL LICENSE(\*):**

*Request approval to advertise a public hearing for beer, wine and liquor license for on premise consumption for San Jose Mexican Grill & Cantina Restaurant*

Councilmember Reilly made a motion to approve advertising a public hearing for San Jose Mexican Grill & Cantina LLC for beer, wine and liquor license on premise consumption with food. Councilmember Powierski seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**G. RESOLUTION-DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT (ORANGE HALL) (\*)**: *Roger Weaver (Planning Director) Request approval of resolution for grant application for improvements to Orange Hall*

Councilmember Reilly made a motion to approve a resolution pertaining to grant application for improvements to Orange Hall with the Department Of Natural Resources Historic Preservation. Councilmember Powierski seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**H. RESOLUTION-DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT (BARTLETT STREET HISTORY TRAIL) (\*)**: *Roger Weaver (Planning Director) Request approval of resolution for grant application regarding Bartlett Street History Trail*

Councilmember Reilly made a motion to approve a resolution pertaining to grant application for improvements with the History Trail with the Department Of Natural Resources Historic Preservation. Councilmember Powierski seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**I. AGREEMENT FOR TAX COLLECTIONS WITH GOVERNMENT TAX SERVICES, LLC**: *Jennifer Brown (Finance Director) Request approval of agreement between the City and Government Tax Services, LLC for tax collections*

Councilmember Colville made a motion to approve the agreement with Government Tax Services, LLC for tax collections on City property taxes. Councilmember Gant seconded the motion and moved for discussion. Councilmember Gant mentioned he thought the City already had a company handling collections. The Finance Director stated that company is handling collections for water/sewer accounts but Government Tax Services, LLC being proposed would handle delinquent City property taxes. Councilmember Colville asked if City had control over which accounts would be sent to them so that accounts that owe small amounts such as \$10.00 are not sent. Mrs. Brown stated they would be handling older cases first. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**J. BUDGET ORDINANCE-ST. MARYS ROAD GATEWAY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**: *Jennifer Brown (Finance Director) Request approval to amend the FY 2015 to reflect the final payment to Thomas & Hutton which crossed fiscal years*

Councilmember Reilly made a motion to amend the FY 2015 Budget Ordinance for the St. Marys Road Gateway Enhancement Project payment to Thomas & Hutton. Councilmember Powierski seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**K. PERSONNEL-GRIEVANCE REGARDING CITY MANAGER**: *(Added)*  
*Donna Folsom (Human Resources Director)*

The Mayor and City Council received information/discussion from Ms. Shavon Gibbs (Municipal Court Clerk) and Mr. John J. Holman (City Manager).

**REPORT OF AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES:**

**A. MONTHLY SEA GRANT UPDATE**: *Roger Weaver (Planning Director)* The Planning Director mentioned a meeting between Sea Grant personnel and the Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. Weaver stated building elevations were being collected. Mr. Weaver

mentioned correspondence that is expected to arrive from state and federal agencies regarding the CRS Rating.

**B. CITY CALENDAR:** City Clerk

The City Clerk announced the upcoming events, activities and meetings up to February 2, 2015.

**REPORT OF MAYOR:**

Mayor Morrissey thanked media outlets for coverage on the War of 1812 Commemoration Event and History Walk. Mayor Morrissey stated the event was a very well organized professional event.

**GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:**

*Jay Moreno, 501 Victoria's Circle:* Mr. Moreno asked for clarification on the Certified Police Salary Plan and trying to remain budget neutral. Mr. Moreno also spoke about the Employee One Time Payment.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Reilly stated the War of 1812 Event was wonderful and very informative. Councilmember Gant stated the War of 1812 was one of the best events he has attended. Mr. Gant stated sponsors are currently needed for the History Walk. Mr. Gant stated St. Marys once had over 300 ships in harbor and was the third largest naval port in the country. Councilmember Powierski stated she would be working with the City Manager, authorities, boards and commission gathering information for the master plan. Ms. Powierski stated she would be going through ordinances and documents to assist with the Master Plan.

**CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

The City Manager thanked the Council for awarding the contracts. Mr. Holman stated he would be providing the pro side per City Council on Seismic Air Gun Testing. Mr. Holman asked Council if a work session for 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2015 would be enough time. City Council set the work session for Monday, February 2, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The City Manager stated an application would be submitted over the next two weeks for additional funding pertaining to the Master Plan/Strategic Plan with an answer in approximately six weeks. Mr. Holman announced the revised arrival of the Tall Ship Peacemaker which is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 2015. Mr. Holman stated tours will be Monday – Thursday, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Friday, Saturday and Sunday all day. Mr. Holman gave a brief overview of the boating schedule and final destination. Mr. Holman also stated the Peacemaker crew indicated she would like to be home ported in St. Marys.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel** *(Added)*

Councilmember Reilly made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss Personnel. Councilmember Colville seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Mayor and City Council adjourned to executive session at 7:48 p.m., returning at 8:17 p.m. with Mayor Morrissey calling the Council meeting back to order. Councilmember Reilly made a motion to call a Special Called City Council meeting regarding the grievance against the City Manager be continued until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 in Council Chambers. Mr. Reilly stated at that time; Mrs. Gibbs and Mr. Holman may present any evidence they wish to present to City Council regarding the grievance. Councilmember Colville seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Colville made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Powierski seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Morrissey declared the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah Walker-Reed", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Deborah Walker-Reed, City Clerk