

CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 9, 2007
6:00 P.M.

“AMENDED”
AGENDA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **INVOCATION** *Councilmember LJ Williams*
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **ROLL CALL** **QUORUM: YES___ NO___**
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *March 26, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes*
March 26, 2007 2nd Quarter Town Meeting Minutes
PRESENTATION:
FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORT
PROCLAMATIONS:
 - 1. **Arbor Day**
 - 2. **Crooked River: Cultural Heritage Production**
GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **EASEMENT:** *City Property (Postponed 3/26/07).....TAB “A”*
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **JJ& G ENGINEERING SERVICES:** *Mill Creek Subdivision.....TAB “B”*
 - B. **KICK BACK CAFÉ ALCOHOL LICENSE:** *Public Hearing Advertising.....TAB “C”*
 - C. **REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION:** *Water and Wastewater Facilities.....TAB “D”*
 - D. **AQUATIC CENTER SECURITY SYSTEM:** *Quotes.....TAB “E”*
 - E. **UTILITIES ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:** *Application for Water and Sewer ServicesTAB “F”*
 - F. **NON-BINDING RECYCLING REFERENDUM:** *Discussion*
 - G. **RESOLUTION:** *Redevelopment Powers Law.....TAB “G”*
- VIII. **REPORT OF AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES:**
 - A. **PLANNING DIRECTOR’S REPORT.**.....TAB “H”

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IX. REPORT OF MAYOR:

X REPORT OF CITY MANAGER:

XI. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Personnel & Legal*

XIII. 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, April 9, 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
Councilwoman Gull Weaver
Councilmember LJ Williams

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

William Shanahan, City Manager
Gary A. Bacon, City Attorney
Max Tinsley, 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: *March 26, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
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Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the minutes with a change on page 7, item G to add "Johnson" to the motion. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

PRESENTATION:

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Finance Director presented the 7-month report. She also reported the receipt of Georgia Power's franchise tax on March 1, 2007 in the amount of \$554,000. A copy of the report is attached as part of the minutes.

PROCLAMATION:

Arbor Day

Mayor Eskridge read a proclamation to proclaim the fourth Friday in April as “*Arbor Day*” and urged St. Marys’ citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and well being of future generations. He also read a letter from The National Arbor Day Foundation naming the City of St. Marys a “Tree City USA Community” honoring the commitment to community forestry. A copy of the letter is attached as part of the minutes.

Crooked Rivers: Cultural Heritage Production

Mayor Eskridge read a proclamation to proclaim “*Crooked Rivers*” the Official Cultural Heritage Production of St. Marys and called all citizens to show their appreciation for the efforts and contribution of the performers. The proclamation was accepted by Royal Weaver on behalf of the performers.

“AMENDED AGENDA”

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

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

Kay Sullivan, resident commended Council and staff for printing the agenda items on both sides of the paper. Ms. Sullivan stated that four years ago St. Marys partnered in the base’s recycling program, which was discontinued for economic reasons. There are many other cities that stopped their programs because of the debts they generated. She further stated that her girl scout troop recycled aluminum cans once a month as a community service by collecting them from the neighborhoods and suggested this service to the large group interested in recycling. Some people do not have things to recycle and many on fixed incomes cannot afford to pay costs associated with recycling programs.

Barbara Ryan, resident commended the City for the Arbor Day Proclamation and Tree City USA designation, which shows the concern for the environment and keeping within the spirit of St. Marys Earth Keepers. Ms. Ryan made a statement on the discussion of curbside recycling referendum and on behalf of the growing citizens group. St. Marys Earth Keepers respectfully asked Council to stay the initial course of taking the issue to committee, then after the critical data is collected by the City Staff, if the Council still feels a need for additional public input then hold community workshops. We are confident that if the City does all of their homework, gathers all the facts, and reviews the most cost effective ways to deliver the service; the only sensible outcome will be a unanimous decision to move forward with curbside recycling. We are also confident that City Council knows that curbside recycling is the right thing to do. We ask that tonight, our Council takes a leadership position and do what the citizens have voted you into office to do, and that is make wise decisions on our behalf.

Reverend Rick Douylliez, resident made a statement strongly encouraging Council, beginning tonight, to actively pursue and investigate the environmental and financial impact of curbside recycling. Both as a cost savings for the City of St. Marys in regards to possible reduced landfill costs as well as the financial impact on its taxpayers, who perhaps could afford, as well as those who possible could not afford the anticipated \$2.00 or \$3.00 per month. Other communities just like ours, across this county, have even provided the means to subsidize the burden placed upon taxpayers, so as to promote and to encourage the highest level of participation of recycling in their communities as possible, and at the same time saving and protecting our most valuable resources. We are simply asking you tonight to confirm some of the homework that has already been done and just simply do a little more, so a responsible recommendation can surface from those that we have elected to serve us. Some might say that a referendum is the responsible thing to do in this situation; he personally felt that it is not the very best option available to you. For over ten years, Reverend Douylliez worked in the electoral process and has seen many a referendum that were worthy of approval go down in defeat, not because it was the wrong thing to do, but because the issue itself had become so politicized. People voted from a wide spectrum of motives that is irresponsible of all of us if we were to allow that to happen. It is a clear sign of a weak and ineffective government, and a weak and ineffective electorate as well. This issue is pretty straight forward, simply because it's the right thing to do. A grassroots campaign has resulted in our being here tonight, again, to encourage our elected leaders to thoroughly examine the concept of curbside recycling. Our slogan, "We're Doing Our Part, Won't You", says it all. Please do not delay the process by choosing to ask for permission, three months from now. Not one of you were elected because you were not quite sure of the pulse of this community, all of you are much wiser then that. Make a decision tonight to place this in the hands of a responsible citizens group who will come back to this council with a recommendation and in doing so; you will continue to govern the City of St. Marys from a position of strength rather than from one of weakness.

Alex Kearn, resident stated that Arbor Day and Tree City USA are admirable things. Lovely legacies to give to our children. We do not have referendums to deal with whether it is right or wrong to litter, vandalism and waste. Why would we have a referendum on recycling? How do we go home to tell our children and grandchildren that the citizens in St. Marys, the adults, are going to vote on whether or not to do the right thing?

Carol Scully, resident stated that she is passionate about recycling and keeping St Marys beautiful. During discussions with people throughout town, many want recycling and there are even more that we do not know about. Ms. Scully urged Council to review the issue again and here the wishes of the citizen group.

Mary Keating, resident requested Council support for recycling and shared concerns about the delay in time and costs of a referendum. Ms. Keating stated that any City that cares enough to be a Tree City certainly cares enough about this issue.

Ann Orr, resident stated that while taking newspapers to the Kings Bay Village recycling bins, there were two separate notices posted “no plastic”. If plastic bags are in the newspaper bin it goes to the landfill and is not being recycled. Since this program simply is not working, her suggestion is to try curbside recycling and if it does not work try something else.

Ed Torgersen, resident stated that there is a large mound of leaves at his home for collection and did not believe St. Marys put leaf or garbage collection in a non-binding referendum. Mr. Torgersen respectfully requested Council to move into the next stage of environmental responsibility for this town and have curbside recycling as part of the overall program that the City offers its citizens without going to a referendum. It’s what’s needed, do the research and get on with it. There is a wealth of information and programs on the internet from all levels of government.

Barbara Ryan, resident stated that it is honorable that St. Marys is designated a Tree City and the future announcement as a designated Main street City. There will be times that the City will not qualify for those designations because there is not a very specific and productive recycling system. This is something to think about when looking at curbside recycling because it would look really good in the City portfolio.

Tom Turner, resident addressed Council regarding a notice from Comcast for the restructuring of rates, municipal tax free bonds for blighted areas, and with the amount of cars on St. Marys Street he suggested looking into launch or parking fees.

Mayor Eskridge stated that the City does not regulate rates but does regulate whether or not they could be in the City. Councilmember Blount stated that the Tax Allocation District is only in place to pay for the clean up, which will be used to pay for any bonds or how the monies would be obtained. Providing municipal bonds to have a clean up, the TAD is there for repayment and it does not preclude from having a municipal bond to give businesses an opportunity to participate in the tax free process.

Royal Weaver, Crooked Rivers Assistant Director thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support and the Proclamation for official designation that will help in obtaining grants. Mr. Weaver announced the production schedule as follows:

April 20 & 21	7:00 p.m.	April 21	2:00 p.m.
April 27 & 28	7:00 p.m.	April 28	2:00 p.m.
May 4 & 5	7:00 p.m.	May 5	2:00 p.m.

The entire cast and staff is made up of all Camden County residents.

Royal Weaver, board member submarine museum addressed the City property giveaway that is up for discussion. The museum is the City’s tenant. As a taxpayer he is not one for giving property away or the need for the giveaway. The area between the museum needs to be maintained as a buffer between the two properties. There is a suggestion that eight feet of the property be given up but something for Council’s consideration is the back of the property which has the museums air conditioning units where there is a fence line that sticks out three feet.

By ADA requirements there needs to be a five foot buffer. An emergency exit is also there, so along with the buffer that needs to be in the front for the electrical panel, if there is an evacuation the buffer in the back needs to be maintained. Mr. Weaver suggested a walkway continued to the road behind the building to alleviate some of the parking problems. Plus, the area happens to be the museums utility ease way and there is a continued drainage problem. Part of the problem is that the lip of the sidewalk is higher and catches the water. He also urged Council to take these issues into consideration for any decisions that are made. Why give up what the City already owns and that would be another beautification project for downtown.

Sandy Feller, resident stated that over the past 12 years, three administrations walked around the recycling issue when it is time to dispose of it in a positive way. The time has come for the transfer station that was in discussion, which would work out well and save money from less trips to the landfill. He also questioned whether the City has negotiated a tentative agreement with LandMar for the funds they seek to cleanup the Durango property and would it be before or after the referendum?

Mayor Eskridge responded that the City is not to that point yet. The referendum is to establish a redevelopment area, not the TAD which will follow later.

Arlene Norris, resident addressed Council regarding the observation of the amount of white goods on the roadside all over town. She has been trying to get some of the things picked up for four weeks without success. Recycling is fine but there is more urgent business that needs to be considered.

OLD BUSINESS:

B. EASEMENT: *City Property* (Postponed 3/26/07)

Mayor Eskridge stated that Council approval is needed for an easement of City property to a private citizen. The City has a small 12 foot strip of land by Trolley's, which is land locked and only beneficial to them or the museum. On March 14, 2007, the Planning Committee recommended giving 8 feet for an easement and maintaining four feet for drainage.

Paul Talley addressed Council regarding the quit-claim deed in his possession that was recorded in Woodbine and requested approval of the resolutions to close this issue that has been ongoing for the past 3 years. He discussed his intent to expand and rebuild Trolleys and agreed to a 2 foot easement at the back of the property for the museums assess.

Councilmember Blount made a motion to approve the easement for discussion.
Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

Council members discussed the cities intent to give the property to Mr. Talley, access for the submarine museum and easements. The City Attorney stated that the matter was previously approved when Terry Floyd was the City Attorney and was being processed.

He further stated that his office prepared the quit-claim deed for City official's signatures. At a later date, Mr. Talley's attorney requested that the City enter the resolutions to abandon and convey the property as part of the title, which was presented at another Council meeting but were not approved. The City Clerk stated that there is also the issue of preparing a corrective quit-claim deed conveying the property to Trollys instead of Paul Talley requested by his attorney.

Royal Weaver addressed Council on behalf of St. Marys Submarine Museum regarding the City's lack of notification in writing with the intent to convey the property, the lack of consideration given to the tenant and a written easement from Mr. Talley to the museum for the electrical panels.

Following much discussion, Councilmember Blount withdrew his original motion. Councilmember Johnson seconded the withdrawal of the motion.

Councilmember Blount made a motion to approve the resolutions to abandon and convey the property contingent to providing a permanent 2 foot easement back to the City from the back door to the end of the property line. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Following much discussion, Councilmember Blount withdrew the motion. Councilmember Johnson seconded the withdrawal of the motion.

Councilmember Blount made a motion to declare the 12 foot piece of City property between Trollys, Inc. abandoned, as the alleyway or street is no longer useful or convenient and the maintenance to the City. Councilmember Johnson seconded to the motion. Voting was recorded as follows:

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Councilmember Blount	Councilmember Weaver
Councilmember DeLoughy	
Councilmember Johnson	
Councilmember Lockhart	
Councilmember Williams	

Councilmember Blount made a motion to quit-claim to convey the abandoned property to Trollys, Inc. to include an easement of 2 feet wide with the length to be determined by the Planning Director from the backdoor to the end of the property line to determine a specific number given and provide it to Council. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. JJ& G ENGINEERING SERVICES: *Mill Creek Subdivision*

The City Manager stated that the Public Works Department recommends approval of JJ&G Task Order No. 8, Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$30,650 with the new total price of \$130,125. The City contracted with Douglas Asphalt Company for \$1,051,798.00 to install the Mill Creek Subdivision Drainage Improvement Project. Earlier this year Douglas Asphalt Company defaulted on their contract with the City. The

JJ& G ENGINEERING SERVICES (CON'T.)

City has re-advertised this project and since awarded the new Contract to Littlefield Construction Company. This change order includes fees for dealing with the Surety Company, apart from normal construction administration, plus additional services resulting from the contractor (Douglas Asphalt Company) being terminated.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve Jordon, Jones and Goulding's engineering services change order number four for \$30,650.00. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. KICK BACK CAFÉ ALCOHOL LICENSE: *Public Hearing Advertising*

The City Manager stated that Kick Back Café requests approval to advertise for a beer and wine alcohol license for consumption on premises with food. Ms. Atrash plans to open a coffee shop and lounge at 103 City Smitty Drive. Staff recommends approval to advertise for a public hearing on April 23, 2007 at 5:45 P.M. in the Council Chamber at City Hall. The City Manager recommended approval to advertise for a public hearing.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the advertising for an alcohol license public hearing. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION: *Water and Wastewater Facilities*

The City Manager stated that the resolution is to be able to repay ourselves by drawing funds from the bank if construction begins prior to final approval of the loan. As we prepare to start construction of the waste water improvements at the Point Peter Plant, financing is a priority. This resolution will permit the City to pay for the initial phases and draw bank funds to repay ourselves until the loan is completed.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the reimbursement resolution for water and wastewater facilities. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

D. AQUATIC CENTER SECURITY SYSTEM: *Quotes*

The City Manager stated that Council approval is needed to purchase and install a new security system at the Aquatic Center. The new system will have DVR capabilities, digital playback, infrared cameras and other features. It will be monitored 24/7 during the season. Monitoring was provided for 6 months of the season over 2 years so we are actually paying for 12 months of service.

Breakdown of costs:

Equipment, Labor, Connectors:	\$4675.00
Keypads, Sensors and Siren:	650.00
Cost/Year of Monitoring (24.95mo x 11 months) - 1 month free	274.45
Total of Proposal	\$5599.45

AQUATIC CENTER SECURITY SYSTEM (CON'T.)

During the last week of August 2006, the St. Marys Aquatic Center was broken into. Approximately \$1300 in cash was stolen and several hundred dollars worth of damage was done to the facility. Police were unable to determine who the responsible parties were. The 2007 Aquatic Center season is ready to begin, and once again the facility is vulnerable with approximately \$15,000 worth of inventory, computers, copier, printers, a new secure safe and even employee information. IDS Alarm Services and the City IT Director will be managing the system installation.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the security system at the Aquatic Center. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion.

Councilmember Johnson amended the motion to include moving money from the Contingency Fund for the system. Councilmember Weaver seconded amended motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The City Manager stated that new information has been received that the purchasing policy has not been followed and recommended withdrawing the motion. Councilmember Johnson withdrew the original motion and amended motion. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion to withdrawal the original motion and amended motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

E. UTILITIES ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: *Application for Water and Sewer Services*

The City Manager stated that Council approval is needed to revise the utility ordinance by changing the application process. Currently, checks are not accepted when applying for water and sewer services and a cash security deposit is required. With the controls and ability the Water Department has to disconnect service, a check could now be used to pay for a deposit. In addition, the calculation of charges for failure to submit a completed application has been removed thus charging only a flat fee of \$250.00 for this violation. The City Manager recommended approval of the amended ordinance.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the amended utilities ordinance as written. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

F. NON-BINDING RECYCLING REFERENDUM: *Discussion*

Councilmember Lockhart made a motion to postpone the recycling referendum until the Water and Sewer Committee could assemble all the information. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Council Members discussed the pros and cons of initiating a referendum, wording and costs associated with a referendum, review of the recycling information through Committee and recycling as a City service. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

G. RESOLUTION: Redevelopment Powers Law

The City Manager read the Redevelopment Powers Law Resolution and recommended approval. A copy of the resolution is attached as part of the minutes. Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the resolution for the purpose of a Redevelopment Powers Law for the redevelopment of the area within the City of St. Marys. Councilmember Blount seconded the motion. Following much discussion, voting was recorded as follows:

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Councilmember Lockhart made a motion to approve the Special Use for the Bartlett Street property for the City of St. Marys on Tax Parcel S40-01-002. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Councilmember Johnson stated that calls continue to be received regarding the parking issue and the need to clear cut trees on the property and Bartlett Street. Additionally, as long as there are other sites more suitable, he recommends an alternative site. Voting was recorded as follows:

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A Planning Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 16, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Eskridge announced two term expirations on the Hospital Authority coming up at the next Council meeting and read the calendar of events and meetings.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER:

There was no report of the City Manager at this time.

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

Lee Bernasek, Secretary of the Convention and Visitors Bureau expressed concerns that were forward to the CVB regarding the amount of trash not picked up in the public tourist areas, on the streets, between businesses and the impact it presents for St. Marys visitors. Mr. Barnasak suggested a Monday and Friday garbage pick up schedule.

Lori Hipshire, resident addressed the Special Use permit and the lack of consideration to the public by postponing the issue after sitting through tonight's two hour meeting.

Steve McKinney, resident stated that according to the subdivision covenants a daycare is illegal and it should take precedence over the City's Ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Personnel & Legal*

There were no personnel or legal issues to discuss at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Blount seconded the motion. Mayor Eskridge declared the meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Roellig, City Clerk