



CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA
June 9, 2008

PUBLIC HEARING
Comprehensive Plan Community Agenda
5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING
“Silver Star Steakhouse, Inc. Alcohol License”

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 p.m.

AMENDED
AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INVOCATION:** *Councilmember Deborah Hase*
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. ROLL CALL** **QUORUM: YES X NO**
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *May 12, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes*
May 12, 2008 Water and Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2008 Property Committee Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2008 Public Safety-Police Committee Minutes

PRESENTATION:

BOARDS AND AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS

- 1. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:** *One Seat*
- 2. ORANGE HALL FOUNDATION:** *Four Seats*
- 3. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY:** *One Seat*
- 4. SR. DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** *One Seat*

STORMWATER MASTER PLAN: *Thomas and Hutton*

SPUR 40 ANNEXED AREA SEWER EXTENSION CONCEPT PLAN: *Thomas and Hutton*

BRAND CAMPAIGN: *Steve Carey with Georgia Technology Authority*
SIGNATURE COMMUNITY UPDATE: *Alyce Thornhill (POSTPONED)*
FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: *Jennifer Brown*

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

VI. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **PROPOSED FY 09 BUDGET ORDINANCE (POSTPONED FROM 5/12/08)**.....TAB “A”
- B. **NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE:** *Silver Star Steakhouse, Inc*.....TAB “B”

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **CUMBERLAND COVE’S REQUEST:** *Discussion*.....TAB “C”
- B. **SAIL COVE’S REQUEST:** *Discussion*.....(POSTPONED).....TAB “D”
- C. **BLUE WATER PROMOTION’S REQUEST:** *Discussion*.....TAB “E”
- D. **UTILITIES ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:** *Water & Sewer Rates*.....TAB “F”
- E. **THOMAS AND HUTTON TASK ORDER:**.....TAB “G”
Design of Sewer Extension for Spur 40Annexed Area
- F. **JUNE 23RD CITY COUNCIL MEETING:** *GMA Conference-Cancellation/Reschedule*
- G. **BUDGET ORDINANCE INSURANCE FUNDS:** *Vehicle*.....TAB “H”
- H. **BUDGET ORDINANCE COASTAL INCENTIVE GRANT AWARD:**.....TAB “I & J”
Multi-Grant & General Funds
- I. **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:** *City Council Salaries*.....TAB “K”
- J. **BRAND CAMPAIGN RESOLUTION**.....TAB “L”
- K. **EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE PROGRAM:** *Grant Administrator*.....TAB “M”
- L. **CAMDEN CHILDREN’S ALLIANCE & RESOURCES, INC.:** *M.O.A*.....TAB “N”
- M. **BUDGET ORDINANCE:** *Year End*.....TAB “O”
- N. **SENIOR MEALS CONTRACT**.....TAB “P”
- O. **LANDSCAPE CONTRACT**.....TAB “Q”
- P. **ADVERTISING NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE:**.....TAB “R”
Patco Energy Express LLC (Cisco)
- Q. **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FORM:** *Discussion*.....(REMOVED).....TAB “S”
- R. **GOLF CART USAGE IN WATER DEPARTMENT:**(POSTPONED)TAB “T”
- S. **ST. MARYS COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS:** *Councilmember Trader*
(ADDED)

IX. REPORT OF AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES:

- A. **LIBRARY BOARD TERM EXPIRATIONS ANNOUNCEMENT:** *Two Seats*
- B. **PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT**.....TAB “U”
 - 1. **LAND’S END SUBDIVISION:** *Street Light*
 - 2. **DDA BOUNDARIES MAP**
 - 3. **CITY OF KINGSLAND REQUEST:** *Right-of-Way and Ingress/egress onto Winding Road*

4. **CATHOLIC CHURCH & METHODIST CHURCH REQUEST:** *Street Lights*
5. **SALT WATER FISHERMAN SIGN:** *Wheeler Street and Boat Ramp*
6. **REZONING:** Temothy MacDonell requests rezoning of 22 acres located at Colerain Road and Spur 40, Tax Map 134A 001, from R-3 to PD.
(POSTPONED FROM 5/12/08)

C. **PUBLIC SAFETY-POLICE COMMITTEE REPORT** TAB “V”

1. ALCOHOL ORDINANCE
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D. **WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE REPORT**..... TAB “W”

1. BRANT CREEK: DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT

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X. **REPORT OF MAYOR:**

XI **REPORT OF CITY MANAGER:**

XII. **GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC**

XIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *Real Estate & Personnel* **Legal (ADDED)**

XIV. **ADJOURNMENT:**

CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA
PUBLIC HEARING
“Silver Star Steakhouse, Inc.”

June 9, 2008
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council for the City of St. Marys, Georgia met in a Public Hearing on Monday, June 9, 2008 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

PRESENT WERE:

Mayor Rowland Eskridge
Councilmember Greg Bird
Councilmember William DeLoughy
Councilmember Deborah Hase
Councilmember Larry Johnson
Councilmember Chuck Trader
Councilmember Gull Weaver

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

William Shanahan, City Manager
Max Tinsley, Asst. City Manager
Amanda Blackledge, City Attorney
Tim Hatch, Police Chief
Bobby Marr, Public Works Director
Wiley King, Building Director
Roger Weaver, Planning Director
Robby Horton, Fire Chief
Alyce Thornhill, Economic Dev. Director
Bilal Muhammad, City Marshal
Nicole Goebel, IT Assistant
Richard Riggles, Sergeant-At-Arms

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eskridge called the public hearing to order at 5:52 p.m., and stated the purpose of the public hearing was for “Silver Star Steakhouse, Inc.” alcohol license application. The floor was opened to the public for questions and/or comments.

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

There were no question and or comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Eskridge declared the public hearing closed at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Roellig, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 9, 2008

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, June 9, 2008 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

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Robby Horton, Fire Chief
Jennifer Brown, Finance Director
Marsha Hershberger, Asst. Finance Director
Alyce Thornhill, Economic Dev. Director
Janet Brinko, Tourism Director
Bilal Muhammad
Nicole Goebel, IT Assistant
Richard Riggles, Sergeant-At-Arms

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eskridge called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Councilmember Deborah Hase 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:

May 12, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the May 12, 2008 regular City Council meeting minutes. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

May 12, 2008 Water and Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the May 12, 2008 Water and Sewer Committee meeting minutes. Councilmember Hase seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

May 14, 2008 Property Committee Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the May 14, 2008 Property Committee meeting minutes. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

May 19, 2008 Public Safety-Police Committee Minutes

Councilmember Bird made a motion to approve the May 19, 2008 Public Safety-Police Committee meeting minutes. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

PRESENTATION:

BOARDS AND AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS (MOVED TO OLD BUSINESS)

5. **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:** *One Seat*
6. **ORANGE HALL FOUNDATION:** *Four Seats*
7. **HOSPITAL AUTHORITY:** *One Seat*
8. **SR. DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** *One Seat*

STORMWATER MASTER PLAN: *Thomas and Hutton*

Ray Pittman presented the City's stormwater maps indentifying complaints of flooding from the public hearing and deficiencies though-out the storm water system. The improvements presented would cost the city approximately \$6.9 million. The project could be prioritized into three phases, which were identified on a "needs" basis. The highest priority item in the project would cost approximately \$4 million; priority two would cost \$700,000 and priority three would cost \$2.2 million. Numerous funding sources could include general funds, Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), special assessment, bonds, impact fees and user fees.

SPUR 40 ANNEXED AREA SEWER EXTENSION CONCEPT PLAN: *Thomas and Hutton*

Chris Stovall presented the Concept Plan to service Spur 40 with two new pump stations. A funding option could be through a Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority Grant. The project is estimated to cost \$2.3 million dollars for engineering and contingencies.

BRAND CAMPAIGN: *Steve Carey with Georgia Technology Authority*

Steve Carey, Executive Producer for Media Productions Georgia Technology Authority is the facilitator of the City's Brand Campaign. Public hearings will be scheduled to collect input from the Mayor, Council and the community for the development and design of a logo. The costs of

the project were established in the budget to include Mr. Carey's travel expenses at an estimate of \$2,000.

SIGNATURE COMMUNITY UPDATE: *Alyce Thornhill* (POSTPONED)

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Finance Director presented the 10-month (April) report on the General, Water/Sewer, Solid Waste, Tourism, and Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Funds. A copy of the finance report is attached as part of the minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

Rosemary Rillo, resident spoke in opposition of the raise to increase council salaries.

Cookie Johnson, resident thanked the Police Department for repairing a citizen's air conditioning. She also reported that many people called questioning why a person could write a letter about Councilmember Bird when Councilmember Hase is a realtor who could benefit from the sale of the airport.

Councilmember Hase replied that she will not be in the real estate business by the time the airport is moved.

Doug Vaught, resident presented a petition on behalf of the St. Marys Golf Cart Association requesting expedition to designate Point Peter's path and creating a crossing on Highway 40 by Harvey's for golf carts.

OLD BUSINESS:

BOARDS AND AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS (MOVED TO OLD BUSINESS)

1. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: *One Seat*

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to appoint Jim Lomis to the Downtown Development Authority. Councilmember Bird seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

2. ORANGE HALL FOUNDATION: *Four Seats*

Councilmember DeLoughy made motion to reappoint Ashley Levy, Cecil Gay, Jamie Segear and Conn Cole to the Orange Hall Foundation. Councilmember Hase seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

3. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: *One Seat*

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to appoint Chuck Landham to the Hospital Authority. Councilmember Bird seconded the motion. Councilmember Hase made a motion to appoint Louie Casey to the Hospital Authority. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Voting was recorded as follows:

Chuck Landham – Councilmember’s Bird, DeLoughy, Johnson, Weaver and Trader
Louie Casey – Councilmember Hase

4. SR. DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: *One Seat*

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to appoint Becky Whitacre to the Sr. Department Advisory Committee. Council member Bird seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

F. LIBRARY BOARD TERM EXPIRATIONS ANNOUNCEMENT: *Two Seats*

Mayor Eskridge announced the term expirations of two seats on the Library Board in July. All citizens interested in serving on the Board should provide a letter of intent to the City Clerk.

G. PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. LAND’S END SUBDIVISION: *Street Light*

The Committee discussed and reviewed a map of the existing and proposed street light locations in Land’s End.

Councilmember Bird made a motion to approve the street light in Land’s End. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

2. DDA BOUNDARIES MAP

The Committee discussed and reviewed a map of the proposed DDA boundaries. Downtown being the C-1 area between the St. Mary’s River and Herb Bauer Drive as per our ordinances, plus the Commercial PD area of the Old Mill Site. Midtown being the C-2 area along Osborne (GA 40) between Herb Bauer Drive and Dark Entry Creek.

Councilmember Bird made a motion to approve the Boundaries Map. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

3. CITY OF KINGSLAND REQUEST: *Right-of-Way and Ingress/egress onto Winding Road*

The Committee recommended denial to put Kingsland's water in St. Marys' right-of-way because it was not the best plan and potential liability issues.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to allow the City Manager to suggest alternatives to the City of Kingsland. Councilmember Bird seconded the motion.

Marcus Day, P&A Engineer explained that the right-away would allow two commercial properties to share driveway access on Winding Road.

Councilmember DeLoughy amended the motion to approve the right-of-way on Winding Road and to review the final plan. Councilmember Bird seconded the amended motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4. CATHOLIC CHURCH & METHODIST CHURCH REQUEST: *Street Lights*

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church on Dillingham Street requested street lights along Ready Street between Dillingham and Conyers Streets. The request was for adequate lighting for the safety and security of pedestrians, residents and church attendees.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the street lights for the Catholic Church and Methodist Church. Councilmember Bird seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

5. SALT WATER FISHERMAN SIGN: *Wheeler Street and Boat Ramp*

The Planning Director advised the Committee that they have not been able to determine who owns the sign. The sign has not been maintained and is currently in disrepair. The sign is located on City property.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the sign. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

6. REZONING: Timothy MacDonell requests rezoning of 22 acres located at Colerain Road and Spur 40, Tax Map 134A 001, from R-3 to PD. **(POSTPONED FROM 5/12/08)**

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the rezoning of the Planned Development (PD). Councilmember Bird seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

H. PUBLIC SAFETY-POLICE COMMITTEE REPORT

3. ALCOHOL ORDINANCE

The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed amendments to the current alcohol beverage ordinance. The Committee requested several changes and corrections. It was requested that the licensing fees be removed from the ordinance and be replaced with a fee schedule. This schedule could be reviewed and changed as needed without having to change the entire ordinance. The schedule includes the three different exhibits one with current licensing fees, an additional 10%, and additional 25%.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the alcohol ordinance amendment. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion.

Councilmember Hase questioned section 10-16 “All eating establishments must provide an annual report of daily sales ...” not stating the recipient of the report.

Councilmember Hase amended the motion to include in section 10-16 “provide the annual report to the City Clerk”. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Councilmember Bird made a motion to keep the current license fees by approving Exhibit “A”. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4. TAXI ORDINANCE

The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed taxi ordinance that provided restrictions to safeguard St. Marys’ citizens.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the taxi ordinance. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

I. WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE REPORT

2. BRANT CREEK: DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT

The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed developer’s agreement and recommended approval.

Councilmember Trader made a motion to approve the developer’s agreement with Brant Creek as presented. Councilmember Hase seconded the motion.

Councilmember Weaver commented on the wording on the last page, first paragraph, third line: “The City, through the oral or written approval of ...” should be changed.

Councilmember Trader amended the motion to strike “oral or” in the agreement. Councilmember Hase seconded the amended motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

J. BOARD OF ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee met to discuss the creation of rules and procedures. A Board of Ethics hearing is scheduled on June 11, 2008.

C. PROPOSED FY 09 BUDGET ORDINANCE (POSTPONED FROM 5/12/08)

The City Manager recommended the adoption of the FY09 Budget, required by law to pass each fiscal year.

Councilmember Trader made a motion to approve the FY 09 Budget with the alcohol ordinance adjustment. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

D. NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE: *Silver Star Steakhouse, Inc.*

Silver Star Steak House, Inc. requests approval of a 2008 Alcohol License for sale of beer, wine and spirituous liquor, on-premise consumption with food. The hearing was duly advertised in the newspaper and held prior to this evening’s Council meeting. The City Manager and staff recommended approval of the new alcohol license contingent upon final inspection of the building by the Building Department and Fire Marshal.

Councilmember Bird made a motion to approve the alcohol license for Sliver Star Steakhouse, Inc. contingent upon final inspections. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

RECESS

Mayor Eskridge called short minute recess at 7:15 p.m., and called the meeting back to order at 7:22 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

J. BRANDING CAMPAIGN (CHANGE IN ORDER)

The City Manager stated that approval is needed to adopt the resolution to allow the City to move forward with a local Branding Project at a cost of \$15,000. During the 2008-2009 Planning Session and again during budget workshops the concept of having a Brand/Marketing Campaign to unify the message of who our city is was discussed at great length. The Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) is a state agency in charge of marketing the State. They have agreed to assist us with this project at a cost of \$15,000. The funds are in the current budget and our request would be to allow us to move forward with the assistance of GTA and accomplish this goal. A brand is more than a logo; it

encompasses the experience you have in our city. Simply defined, the brand can be the immediate image, emotion or message people experience when they think of St Marys. This comes at a great time with our Comprehensive Plan, Master Plan, web page program and signage. The City Manager recommended approval.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the brand campaign. Councilmember Hase seconded the motion. Voting was recorded as follows:

FOR

Councilmember Bird
Councilmember DeLoughy
Councilmember Hase
Councilmember Trader
Councilmember Weaver

OPPOSED

Councilmember Johnson

T. CUMBERLAND COVE'S REQUEST: Discussion

The City Manager stated that Scott Seckinger with Southport Financial Services, Inc. is seeking Council support through a resolution to build a low to moderate income apartment complex on Martha Drive between Pelican Point Apartments and Myrtle Street. The City Manager recommended approval as this could be a great help to our lower/mid level workforce.

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

U. SAIL COVE'S REQUEST: Discussion (POSTPONED)

V. BLUE WATER PROMOTION'S REQUEST: Discussion

The City Manager recommended approval to expand the open container area into the park during the fishing tournament. Due to the small attendance, this could be a test for whether or not council would like to have this type of activity in the future.

Councilmember Bird made a motion to approve the request with the separation of the playground area. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. The Mayor and Council discussed the negative impact on businesses and citizens, closing the park and moving the activity to Meeting Street Boat Ramp. The Police Chief was opposed to opening the park to alcohol because of the problems associated with it.

Councilmember Bird withdrew the original motion. Councilmember Weaver seconded the withdrawn to the motion.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to deny the request. Councilmember Hase seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

W. UTILITIES ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: *Water & Sewer Rates*

The City Manager recommended approval to increase in Water/Sewer Rates that are part of the schedule as recommended by JJ&G to aid with maintaining the City's infrastructure and to match EPD's requirements. The increase is scheduled to start on 7/1/2008.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the utilities ordinance for the water and sewer rates. Councilmember Hase seconded the motion. Councilmember's discussed the cost burden to citizens. Voting was recorded as follows:

FOR

Councilmember DeLoughy
Councilmember Hase
Councilmember Trader
Councilmember Weaver

OPPOSED

Councilmember Bird
Councilmember Johnson

X. THOMAS AND HUTTON TASK ORDER: *Design of Sewer Extension for Spur 40 Annexed Area*

The City Manager recommended approval to authorize Thomas and Hutton to proceed with the design for the sanitary sewer extension to the Spur 40 annexed area for the cost of \$178,500, budget for FY09.

Councilmember Hase made a motion to approve the Thomas & Hutton's task order for the Spur 40 annexed area. Councilmember Trader seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Y. JUNE 23RD CITY COUNCIL MEETING: *GMA Conference-Cancellation/Reschedule*

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to cancel the June 23rd City Council meeting. Councilmember Bird seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Z. BUDGET ORDINANCE INSURANCE FUNDS: *Vehicle*

The City Manager recommended approval to record insurance revenues received for a totaled vehicle and increase the Police expenditure account in the amount of \$6,442.00 to replace it with a motorcycle.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the budget ordinance for insurance funds. Councilmember Bird seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

H. BUDGET ORDINANCE COASTAL INCENTIVE GRANT AWARD: *Multi-Grant & General Funds*

The City Manager recommended approval to record the necessary transactions in regards to the Coastal Incentive Grant Award for Greenprint. This ordinance is necessary to record the transfer of the grant from the Multi-Grant fund into the General Fund for payment of the invoice.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the budget ordinance for the Coastal Incentive Grant Award. Councilmember Trader seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

I. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: *City Council Salaries*

The City Manager recommended approval to increase the future compensation paid to the mayor and city council after the next election. In accordance with Home Rule Powers Section 36-35-4 (3) a notice of intent to take action has been duly published in the general circulation designated as the legal organ in the county and municipal corporation once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding action taken tonight. The increase will not become effective until January 2010.

Councilmember Trader made a motion to approve the ordinance for City Council salaries. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. The Mayor and Council discussed the current salary, the increase, a lower percentage and when the increase would take effect.

Councilmember Weaver amended the motion for \$750 for Council Members and \$1,000 for the Mayor effective at the time the post is up for election. Motion failed for lack of seconded.

Voting was recorded as follows:

FOR

Councilmember Bird
Councilmember Hase
Councilmember Trader

OPPOSED

Councilmember DeLoughy
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Weaver
Mayor Eskridge

Councilmember Hase made to motion to add council salary increase to the next agenda. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

J. BRAND CAMPAIGN RESOLUTION (MOVED TO OLD BUSINESS)

K. EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE PROGRAM: Grant Administrator

The City Manager stated that formal adoption is needed in the form of a motion to approve the contract for grant administration with Associates in Local Government Administration (ALGA) as directed by Mayor and Council. The City of St Marys and The Downtown Development Authority have been working with Gateway Employment Manufacturing (GEM) on a \$495,000 Employee Incentive Program Grant. This Federal Funded Grant has been approved and will establish a Downtown Redevelopment Loan Fund within the city as these funds are repaid. The City Manager recommended approval, which will improve the building facade, add 50 new jobs at \$10,000 per job into facility and add a revolving loan for redevelopment.

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the grant administrator for the Employee Incentive Program. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Following much discussion on review of the proposal, voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

L. CAMDEN CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE & RESOURCES, INC.: M.O.A.

The City Manager recommended approval to accept a \$1,000 donation from the Camden Children's Alliance and Resources, Inc. to improve the community garden. The money would be used to reimburse the \$1,073.20 spent to install the sprinkler system to Councilmember Bird for the following invoices:

Southern Pipe and Supply	\$741.55
Southern Pipe and Supply	\$288.16
City Electric Supply	<u>\$43.49</u>
	\$1,073.20

The two progress reports, as per the agreement, will be completed and submitted by Councilman Bird of the Senior Department Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Hase made a motion to refer the CCAR Grant to the Airport Authority, who was the property manager that approved the garden. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Following much discussion regarding the garden and invoice, voting was recorded as follows:

FOR

Councilmember DeLoughy
Councilmember Hase
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Trader
Councilmember Weaver

ABSTAINED

Councilmember Bird

M. BUDGET ORDINANCE: Year End

The City Manager recommended approval of the yearend adjustments to ensure a balanced budget. The adjustments are as follows:

Citation Fee & CourtWare Pass Thru: This was the first full year of collecting this revenue and the first full year for the expense. This is a pass through and we are adjusting the budget to reflect the corrected amounts.

Temp Employee: A position in the Courts came available during the year and a temporary employee was hired through Satilla until the position could be filled permanently. Funds need to be transferred to cover the expense payout of leave balance for an employee who left the city.

Medical: This is the medical expense for the prisoners. Funds need to be transferred to cover this expense.

Aquatic Park: The expansion of the concessions area has realized more revenue and expenditures. Also, there has been an increase costs in the chemicals. This is to recognize the revenue and to cover the additional expenditures.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the yearend ordinance as presented. Councilmember Trader seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

N. SENIOR MEALS CONTRACT

The City Manager recommended approval of the contract to provided daily meals for senior citizens that attend the Center. Bids were accepted for this service and staff recommended BJ's Kitchen & Catering at a cost of 5.00 per meal.

Councilmember Bird made a motion to approve the senior meals contract with BJ's Kitchen & Catering. Councilmember Trader seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

O. LANDSCAPE CONTRACT

The City Manager recommended approval of the contract for landscaping at the Aquatic Park. Staff recommended contracting with East Coast Land Care for six months at a cost of \$6,798.00. The responses received on the bid are as follows:

- Lady & Sons Lawn Service – \$19,475.00
- East Coast Landcare - \$14,714.00
- NJ Janitorial – non-responsive due to no landscape experience

- East Coast Landcare - \$6,798.00 for 6 months

A supplement of the six (6) month contract would be for June, July, August & September 2008 and the remainder in May & June 2009

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the landscape contract with East Coast Land Care for the specified months. Councilmember Trader seconded the motion. Voting was recorded as follows:

FOR

Councilmember DeLoughy
Councilmember Hase
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Trader
Councilmember Weaver

OPPOSED

Councilmember Bird

P. ADVERTISING NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE: *Patco Energy Express LLC (Cisco)*

The City Clerk requests approval to advertise for a public hearing for a new 2008 alcohol license. Mr. Patel has made application for an alcohol license located at 491 St. Marys Road for sale of beer and wine for consumption off-premises without food at Cisco. He wishes to conduct business as a convenience store, gas station and restaurant.

The City Manager and City Clerk recommended approval to advertise for a public hearing on July 14, 2008 at 5:45 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve advertising for a public hearing for Patco Energy Express, LLC. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Q. HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FORM: *Discussion (REMOVED)*

R. GOLF CART USAGE IN WATER DEPARTMENT: **(POSTPONED)**

S. ST. MARYS COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS: *Councilmember Trader (ADDED)*

Councilmember Trader moved to direct the City Manager to prepare a letter to the County tax assessor expressing Council's concerns with the recent commercial property re-assessments. The Current economic trends and real estate market has the St. Marys City Council concerned with the significant financial impact this re-assessment will have on the businesses within the City and county. Councilmember Bird seconded the motion. Voting was recorded as follows:

FOR

Councilmember Bird
Councilmember Hase
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Trader

OPPOSED

Councilmember DeLoughy
Councilmember Weaver

REPORT OF AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES:

(MOVED A THROUGH D TO OLD BUSINESS)

REPORT OF MAYOR:

May 14, 2008 – Regional Development Center meeting in Richmond Hill and Property Committee meeting.

May 21, 2008 – Coastal Regional Development Center meeting in Tifton

May 22, 2008 – Department of Transportation meeting in Jessup

May 26, 2008 – Memorial Day Observance at the VFW

May 28, 2008 – Board of Ethics meeting

June 3, 2008 – Regional Development Center Workshop, met with contractors and Planning Commission meeting

June 9, 2008 – Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager read a letter of appreciation from Captain W.E. Stevens, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay for the outstanding support provided by the St. Marys Police Department for the USS Georgia's Return to Service Ceremony.

- Point Peter Waste Water Treatment Plant scheduled to have its Grand Opening on Thursday, June 19th at 10:00 a.m.
- Employee Appreciation Day is being held at St. Marys Aquatic Center on Friday, June 13th at 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

Dave Schmitz, resident recommended that municipalities lower the millage rate because of the tax increases on residential and commercial properties. Golf carts could get to Harveys by driving around the airport. Mr. Schmitz supported the 100% pay raise for council because the last one was given so long ago.

Kay Sullivan, resident spoke in support of raising council salaries.

Sidney Howell, resident and former councilmember spoke in support of the pay increase because it is hard work.

Rob McDearmid, reporter for the Tribune & Georgian commented that tonight's Council meeting was the longest he has ever attended but he enjoyed it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Real Estate & Personnel* **Legal (ADDED)**

Councilmember Bird made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss real estate, personnel and legal. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Mayor and Council adjourned to executive session at 9:23 p.m., returning at 9:42 p.m. with Mayor Eskridge calling the Council meeting back to order.

PERSONNEL

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the merit increase of 5% for the City Manager. Councilmember Trader seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

REAL ESTATE

No discussion took place at this time.

LEGAL

No official action was taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Bird made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Mayor Eskridge declared the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Roellig, City Clerk