



**CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA**  
**May 11, 2009**

**CONSENT AGENDA MEETING**  
**5:15 p.m.**

**ALCOHOL LICENSE PUBLIC HEARING**  
**SOUTHEASTERN PIZZA GROUP, LLC**  
**D/B/A Pizza Hut**  
**5:45 p.m.**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INVOCATION:** *Councilmember Bird*
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. ROLL CALL** **QUORUM: YES  NO**
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *April 27, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes*  
*April 27, 2009 FY 10 Budget Public Hearings*

**PRESENTATION:**

**ST. MARYS YACHT CLUB:**

To propose a cooperative plan to develop the St. Marys waterfront as a boating and leisure destination.

**CARL VINSON INSTITUTE CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICER LEVEL I:**  
*Marsha Hershberger* **POSTPONED**

**SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE VACANCY:** *Appointment*

**LIBRARY BOARD VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT:** *(McDonald)*

**HOSPITAL AUTHORITY JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> TERM EXPIRATION'S ANNOUNCEMENT:**  
*(Roberts, Frasca, Stilson & Eaton)* **REMOVED**

**ORANGE HALL FOUNDATION JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> TERM EXPIRATION'S ANNOUNCEMENT:** *(Dixon, Weaver & Levy)*

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**VI. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:**

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. SOUTHEASTERN PIZZA GROUP, LLC:.....TAB “A”  
Consideration to approve a new alcohol license for Pizza Hut.**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**AA. PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT (MOVED)**

- A. LINDA KIRK’S REQUEST TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL:  
Consideration to allow three vendors in Howard Gilman Waterfront Park during a fundraising event on June 6, 2009 to benefit Camden House.**
- B. MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> & JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS: .....TAB “B”  
Discussions on whether to reschedule or cancel the meetings due to the Memorial Day Holiday in May and council attendance at GMA Conference in June.**
- C. MEETING STREET BOAT RAMP PORT-A-POTTIES: .....TAB “C”  
Consideration to award a contract to McClendon’s Portable Toilet Inc. in the amount of \$138.00 per month.**
- D. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: Justice Assistance Grant Program Award.....TAB “D”  
Approval to authorize the Mayor to sign an MOU between St. Marys, Kingsland and Camden County seeking grant funding for the Police Department.**
- E. 2009 GMA ANNUAL CONVENTION ACTIVITIES:..... TAB “E”  
Consideration to appoint a voting delegate and flag bearer and to authorize the solicitation of a door prize for the GMA Annual Convention in Savannah.**
- F. MEDICAL INSURANCE RENEWAL:.....TAB “F”  
To discuss the increase in medical insurance costs for next year’s budget**

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

- A. PLANNING DIRECTOR’S REPORT.....TAB “G”**
- 1. REVERSE SUBDIVISION: John & Rosalind Toshach request a “Reverse Subdivision” approval for a two lot to one lot minor final Plat. The parcels are lots S39-09-006 and S39-09-015 on Patricia Avenue in Rio Borrell Subdivision.**
  - 2. FINAL SUBDIVISION: Tri-City Land Development, Inc. requests Final Subdivision approval for Phase I (6 lots) of a 20 lot/1 tract lot subdivision known as Fox run located north of The Atrium at Kings Bay for the purpose of building duplex units. The property is 2.05 acres zoned PD-R2, Tax Parcel 121-060.**

**B. PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT (MOVED TO AA)**

**X. REPORT OF MAYOR:**

**XI. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER:**

**XII. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC**

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Personnel & Legal***

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT:**

**CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA  
May 11, 2009**

**ALCOHOL LICENSE PUBLIC HEARING  
5:45 p.m.**

**“Southeastern Pizza Group, LLC D/B/A Pizza Hut”**

**MINUTES**

The Mayor and City Council for the City of St. Marys, Georgia met in a Public Hearing on Monday, May 11, 2009 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  
Amanda Blackledge, City Attorney  
Tim Hatch, Police Chief  
Bobby Marr, Public Works Director  
Roger Weaver, Planning Director  
Robby Horton, Fire Chief  
Jennifer Brown, Finance Director  
Donna Folsom, HR Director  
Bilal Muhammad, City Marshal  
Richard Riggle, Sergeant-At-Arms

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Eskridge called the public hearing to order at 5:47 p.m., and stated the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comments in regards to Southeastern Pizza Group, LLC D/B/A Pizza Hut alcohol license. The floor was opened to the public for questions and/or comments.

There were no requests to address Council. Mayor Eskridge therefore declared the public hearing closed at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Darlene M. Roellig, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
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, May 11, 2009 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  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Eskridge called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Bird 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:** *April 27, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2009 FY 10 Budget Public Hearings Minutes*

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion to approve the April 27, 2009 City Council meeting and Public Hearing minutes. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**PRESENTATION:**

**ST. MARYS YACHT CLUB:**

To propose a cooperative plan to develop the St. Marys waterfront as a boating and leisure destination. The City Manager stated that the lease for the Bait Shop expires at end of July 2009. Members of the St. Marys Yacht Club wish to discuss their proposal with the Property Committee. A Property Committee meeting was scheduled on May 28, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in City Hall.

**CARL VINSON INSTITUTE CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICER LEVEL I:**  
*Marsha Hershberger (POSTPONED)*

**SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE VACANCY: *Appointment***

Mayor Eskridge stated that there were three candidates for the Sr. Advisory Committee. Councilmember Bird nominated Gene Sumner. Councilmember Bird asked Chuck Lanham whether he would be interested in serving as an exofficio member since he served on the Hospital Authority Board to give someone else a chance to serve. Councilmember Hase nominated Sue Saffold.

Voting was recorded as follows:

Chuck Lanham: Councilmember Trader

Sue Saffold: Councilmember Hase and Weaver

Gene Sumner: Councilmember Bird, DeLoughy and Johnson

**LIBRARY BOARD VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: *(McDonald)***

Mayor Eskridge announced the vacancy on the Library Board; and anyone interested in an appointment should provide a letter of intent to the City Clerk.

Councilmember Hase suggested contacting Penny Hahn because of her interest in an appointment last year.

**HOSPITAL AUTHORITY JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> TERM EXPIRATION'S ANNOUNCEMENT:  
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**ORANGE HALL FOUNDATION JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> TERM EXPIRATION'S ANNOUNCEMENT: *(Dixon, Weaver & Levy)***

Mayor Eskridge announced three upcoming term expirations on the Orange Hall Foundation Board, and anyone interested in an appointment should provide a letter of intent to the City Clerk.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Finance Director presented the 9-months financial reports for General, Local Option Sales Tax (LOST), Water/Sewer, Solid Waste, Tourism, Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and Aquatic Center. A copy of the report is attached as part of the minutes.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the agenda and moving the Property Committee Report to New Business "AA." Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:**

**Linda Kirk**, child/legal advocate Camden House addressed Council regarding Paws for a Cause (PAWS) event to allow Pet Supplies Plus, a Face Painter and Camden House to vend in the park. Pet Supplies Plus and Camden House will donate all proceeds to Camden House. The face

painter will donate a percentage of the proceeds to Camden House after supplies and travel expenses.

**Dave Schmitz**, resident observed that Council appears to be articulating facts that do not have any correlation. Mr. Schmitz commented that the City Manager is working on the airport relocation, which is in conflict with taxpayers not spending any money on the issue. He further commented that there was some suspicion that the FAA will allow the City to keep the money for the property, which will not happen. Councilmember DeLoughy responded that it was being worked on.

Mr. Schmitz questioned the current status on the Durango property. The Planning Director stated that there were bankruptcy meetings about taxes, a payment schedule through the appeal and finishing area clean-up.

Mr. Schmitz commented that he was mystified and impressed with the statistics provided by the City Manager on the Fire, Police and Public Works Departments at the last meeting. He also questioned the Police Chief about how many people does he employ. The Police Chief responded that there 33 sworn positions with 5 vacancies, no less than four officers are staffed at any given time on the road with some shifts having 5.

**Sidney Howell**, resident thanked the Police Chief for his efforts with the trouble at the Meeting Street boat ramp.

Mayor Eskridge stated that most people do not know there is a large parking lot over to the side unless you drive through the bushes.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **SOUTHEASTERN PIZZA GROUP, LLC:**  
Consideration to approve a new alcohol license for Pizza Hut.

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- AA. **PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT (MOVED)**

Councilmember Weaver reported that the Committee visited the Bartlett Street property next to the cemetery, reviewed the plan to move the gazebo into the shade for the memorial park. The caveat was to be at no cost to the city and at any point in time the property is looked at for sale, the gazebo would be removed.

Councilmember Bird made a motion to approve the Memory Garden w the caveat. Councilmember DeLoughy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**A. LINDA KIRK'S REQUEST TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL:**

Consideration to allow three vendors in Howard Gilman Waterfront Park during a fundraising event on June 6, 2009 to benefit Camden House.

Councilmember Weaver motioned for approval and discussion. Councilmember Hase seconded for discussion only.

The city manager stated it is against the ordinance to allow vendors in the park. He thought this might set a precedent since the city has denied other requests in the past.

Councilmember Johnson agreed with the city manager. Councilmember Weaver stated we have allowed other events to be held in the park. Mayor Eskridge stated the city allowed Christmas in the Park to utilize the entire park so the precedent has already been set. Councilmember Hase referred her concern to the issues of landscaping and any damage that may occur.

Councilmember Weaver made a motion to approve the use of the lot on the Westside of the park. Councilmember Hase seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**B. MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> & JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

Discussions on whether to reschedule or cancel the meetings due to the Memorial Day Holiday in May and council attendance at GMA Conference in June.

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

**C. MEETING STREET BOAT RAMP PORT-A-POTTIES:**

Consideration to award a contract to McClendon's Portable Toilet Inc. in the amount of \$138.00 per month.

Councilmember Trader made a motion to approve up to two port-a-potties. Councilmember Bird seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**D. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: Justice Assistance Grant Program Award**

Approval to authorize the Mayor to sign a MOU between St. Marys, Kingsland and Camden County seeking grant funding for the Police Department.

The city manager stated the grant amount of \$98,666.00 would be divided between St.

Marys, Kingsland and the County. The City of St. Marys would retain 6% of the grant funding to cover administration costs. The City of St. Marys portion would be \$40,458.00. He also indicated that St. Marys would utilize their funds for start-up costs for a canine unit. Any officer placed in the canine unit would agree to a three year commitment with the city. The continued maintenance and upkeep of the program would cost the city \$9,642.00.

Councilmember Bird made a motion for discussion. He applauded the efforts of Chief Hatch but made an objection due to the state of the economy. Councilmember Bird referred to the \$10,000.00 that would be needed for the upkeep of the program. He stated he would like to see an inter-governmental agreement with the other cities for the use of the canine program to defray the cost.

Councilmember Trader stated we need to be proactive due to the current growing problem with drugs in the city. He indicated the canine unit is a great opportunity to utilize these funds while they are available and the city could review the program in a year.

Councilmember Hase made a motion to approve the grant for use in the canine unit. Councilmember Weaver seconded the motion. Voting was recorded as follows:

**FOR**

Councilmember DeLoughy  
Councilmember Hase  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Trader  
Councilmember Weaver

**OPPOSED**

Councilmember Bird

**E. 2009 GMA ANNUAL CONVENTION ACTIVITIES:**

Consideration to appoint a voting delegate and flag bearer and to authorize the solicitation of a door prize for the GMA Annual Convention in Savannah. Councilmember Trader volunteered to carry the flag, Councilmember DeLoughy volunteered to be the voting delegate for the City of St. Marys and the City Clerk was authorized to solicit for a door prize.

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

**F. MEDICAL INSURANCE RENEWAL:**

To discuss the increase in medical insurance costs for next year's budget . Councilmember Bird made a motion to approve the increase but with the stipulation of the employees absorbing any amount above what is budgeted. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

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

## **REPORT OF MAYOR:**

April 29, 2009 – Attended the GMA District 12 meeting

April 30, 2009 – Met with the Planning Director

May 5, 2009 – Met with Artie Jones regarding the Paupers Cemetery

May 6, 2009 – Conference call with the Regional Development Center regarding the budget

May 7, 2009 – Conference call with Economic Development

May 11, 2009 – Tourism invitation to meet and greet a group from Florida but needed to leave to attend the Council meeting

The Mayor read the calendar of events, meetings and activities for the next two weeks.

## **REPORT OF CITY MANAGER:**

- The City Manager read a statement from Mary Lee Clark Elementary School concerning the dedication and support the St. Marys Police Department has given to the school.
- The City Clerk attended the Pandemic Flu Committee Meeting and there were recommendations. One of the recommendations included employees staying home when sick or with a fever of 100 degrees or more. The presentation is available on the city website.
- The Court Technician position has been filled and they will start a week from Wednesday.
- The Police Department is currently conducting interviews for their position. We had a police vehicle that was wrecked and instead of purchasing a new vehicle, our Planning & Building and the Police Department are working together to swap one of their extra vehicles.
- Repairing fire hydrants identified during ongoing flow testing by Fire Department.
- The Mickler Drive Bridge Project is on schedule. Public Works is continuing to work on

- Point Peter Road sidewalk repairs.
- Coastal Area District Development Authority (CADD) presented small business finance opportunities to our DDA, IDA and SCORE Volunteers. The Federal Government Stimulus money flowing into the Small Business Administration has some valuable outcome for businesses wishing to open, refinance, expand, etc. A plan for getting this out to our business community will follow. Please forward anyone interested to the St. Marys Economic Development Office for more details.
  - On May 6<sup>th</sup> thru the 8<sup>th</sup>, the St. Marys Fire Department and Camden County Fire Rescue have been having the Georgia Fire Academy at our training site conducting Base Fire Control, as well as Search and Rescue Classes. The Georgia Fire Academy has informed Chief Horton that he has clearance to teach more of the Fire Academy Classes here at our site. This will help us to maintain our certifications without having to send our employees off for all of the training.
  - The Airport Appeal has come back from Superior Court.
  - Finance Department has fully converted three of their accounts to the new Incode System. They are currently utilizing both systems while the conversion takes place. Finance Director announced if a department is waiting on a purchase order that is taking longer than usual, it is because the budgeted account is showing a lack of funds and Sarah will contact you. All departments should follow their purchasing policy. Credit card purchases need prior approval from the Finance Director.
  - Aquatic Center had a pretty good weekend and the season pass sales are up.

### **GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:**

**Alex Kern**, resident thanked Council for the support of the Memory Garden. She also wanted permission to solicit public funds for the gazebo.

**Zachary Isaiah Goldwire**, resident presented the mayor with a gift.

**Doug Cooper**, resident thanked Council for the approval of Keep Camden Beautiful. Mr. Cooper invited council to the certification ceremony being held at 12:30 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. on June 3, 2009 at the Woodbine Satilla Waterfront Park.

**John Morrissey**, resident thanked Chief Hatch for implementing the canine unit. Mr. Morrissey felt the canine unit will send a message to the criminal elements in the city. He also feels the process of naming the dogs will be good public relations for the city.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *Personnel/ Legal*

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

The Mayor and Council adjourned to executive session at 7:20 p.m., returning at 7:34p.m. with Mayor Eskridge calling the Council meeting back to order.

**PERSONNEL/LEGAL**

No official action was taken at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Bird seconded the motion. Mayor Eskridge declared the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Darlene M. Roellig, City Clerk