



**CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 19, 2009  
5:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. INVOCATION:** *Bill Shanahan, City Manager*

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. ROLL CALL**

**QUORUM: YES X NO**

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

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

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**MINUTES**

The Mayor and City Council for the City of St. Marys, Georgia met for a Special City Council meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

**PRESENT WERE:** Mayor Rowland Eskridge  
Councilmember Greg Bird  
Councilmember Bill DeLoughy  
Councilmember Deborah Hase  
Councilmember Larry Johnson  
Councilmember Chuck Trader  
Councilwoman Gull Weaver

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Bill Shanahan, City Manager  
Amanda Blackledge, City Attorney  
Roger Weaver, Planning Director  
Donna Folsom, HR Director  
Richard Riggle, Sergeant-At-Arms

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Eskridge called the Special City Council meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. City Manager Bill Shanahan 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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Personnel & Legal***

Councilmember Bird 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 5:01p.m., returning at 5:37 p.m. with Mayor Eskridge calling the Council meeting back to order.

**PERSONNEL**

Councilmember Weaver stated that it is with great regret that Amanda Blackledge has turned in her resignation. Councilmember Weaver made a motion to seek further legal counsel. Councilmember Bird seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**LEGAL**

No official action was taken at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember DeLoughy made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Trader seconded the motion. Mayor Eskridge declared the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Darlene M. Roellig, City Clerk

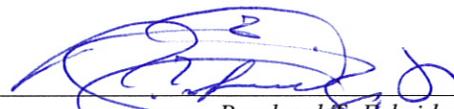


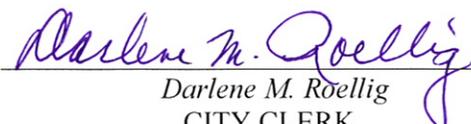
**City of St. Marys, Georgia**  
**418 OSBORNE STREET**  
**ST. MARYS, GEORGIA 31558**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING WITH CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE ATTACHED, AND THE WAIVER OF NOTICE AND CONSENT TO THE SPECIAL MEETING, AS SIGNED BY THE COUNCILMEMBERS OF SAID CITY, WERE READ AND ORDERED SPREAD UPON THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING FILED FOR OFFICIAL RECORD.

TO: *Councilmember Greg Bird*  
*Councilmember Williams DeLoughy*  
*Councilmember Deborah Hase*  
*Councilmember Larry Johnson*  
*Councilmember Chuck Trader*  
*Councilmember Gull Weaver*

You are hereby notified that the Council of the City of St. Marys, Georgia is hereby called to a Special City Council Session on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall in St. Marys, Georgia, for the following purpose:

BY:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Rowland T. Eskridge, Sr.*  
MAYOR

ATTEST:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Darlene M. Roellig*  
CITY CLERK

DATE: *August 13, 2009*

**CERTIFICATION AS TO SERVICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

I, Darlene M. Roellig, the duly appointed Clerk of Council for the City of St. Marys, Georgia, do hereby certify that on Wednesday, August 19, 2009, I served in the manner prescribed by law upon each of the Councilmember's named in the foregoing Notice of Special Council Meeting.

Darlene M. Roellig  
Darlene M. Roellig, City Clerk

**WAIVER OF NOTICE AND CONSENT OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

We, the undersigned Council members of the City of St. Marys, Georgia, do hereby accept service of the foregoing Notice of Special City Council Meeting and do hereby consent and agree that the Council of the City of St. Marys, Georgia shall meet at the time and place named in the said Notice of Special City Council Meeting and for the purpose(s) stated therein.

Greg Bird  
Councilmember Greg Bird

William T. Deloughy  
Councilmember William Deloughy

Deborah Hase  
Councilmember Deborah Hase

Larry Johnson  
Councilmember Larry Johnson

Chuck Trader  
Councilmember Chuck Trader

Gull Weaver  
Councilmember Gull Weaver

ATTEST: Darlene M. Roellig  
Darlene M. Roellig, City Clerk

DATE: August 19, 2009

City of St. Marys, Georgia

STATE OF GEORGIA )
COUNTY OF CAMDEN )

Date: August 19, 2009

MOTION TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED MEETING OF A CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Bird makes the following motion:

That this Mayor and Council now enter into closed session as allowed by O.C.G.A. §50-14-4 and pursuant to advice by the City Attorney, for the purpose of discussing the following:

- (x) In order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved. [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)]
( ) Those tax matters which are otherwise made confidential by State Law. [O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(2)]
( ) Staff meeting held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law. [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(1)]
( ) In order to discuss the future acquisition of real estate. [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4)]
(x) Meetings when discussing or deliberating (but not voting) upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee. [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6)]
( ) Meetings when discussing any records that are exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to paragraph (15) of subsection (a) of Code Section 50-18-72 or when discussing any information a record of which would be exempt from public inspection or disclosure under said paragraph. [O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72 (a) (15) as set forth in this code section]
( ) Other. (Explanation and citation of statutory authority required):

Motion Seconded by: Council Member Trader

Vote on Motion:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Yay, Nay. Rows include Mayor Rowland Eskridge, Councilman Greg Bird, Councilman William DeLoughy, Councilman Deborah Hase, Councilman Larry Johnson, Councilman Chuck Trader, Councilwoman Gull Weaver.

City of St. Marys, Georgia

STATE OF GEORGIA)
COUNTY OF CAMDEN)

AFFIDAVIT
CLOSURE OF OPEN MEETINGS

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer, duly authorized under the laws of the State of Georgia to administer oaths, Rowland T. Eskridge, Sr., who in his/her capacity as Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem presiding over a City Council Meeting of the City of St. Marys, and after being first duly sworn, certifies under oath and states to the best of his/her knowledge and belief the following:

At its meeting held on August 19, 2009, the City of St. Marys City Council voted to go into closed session and exclude the public from all or a portion of its meeting. The legal exceptions applicable to the exempt matters addressed during such closed meeting are as follows:

Check or initial as appropriate:

- (x) In order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved. [O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)]
( ) Those tax matters which are otherwise made confidential by State Law. [O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(2)]
( ) Staff meeting held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law. [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(1)]
( ) In order to discuss the future acquisition of real estate, except that such meetings shall be subject to the requirements of this chapter for the giving of the notice of such a meeting to the public and preparing the minutes of such a meeting for future disclosure. [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4)]
(x) Meetings when discussing or deliberating (but not voting) upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee (but not when receiving evidence or hearing argument on charges filed to determine disciplinary action or dismissal of a public officer or employee. The vote on any matter covered by this paragraph shall be taken in public and minutes of the meeting as provided in this chapter shall be made available. Meetings by an agency to discuss or take action on the filling of a vacancy in the membership of the agency itself shall at all times be open to the public as provided in this chapter). [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6)]
( ) Meetings when discussing any records that are exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to paragraph (15) of subsection (a) of Code Section 50-18-72 or when discussing any information a record of which would be exempt from public inspection or disclosure under said paragraph (Specifically any records that, if revealed, would compromise security against sabotage or criminal terrorist acts, the nondisclosure of which is necessary for the protection of life, safety, or public property.). [O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72 (a) (15) as set forth in this code section]
( ) Other. (Explanation and citation of statutory authority required):

I certify that the subject matter of the closed meeting or the closed portion of this meeting was devoted to matters of official business or policy within the exceptions provided by law as set forth above.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 19th day of August, 2009.

Notary Public, County of Camden
State of Georgia
My Commission Expires: Nov. 24, 2009

Notary (Signature)

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