CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA
March 19, 2012

ALCOHOL LICENSE PUBLIC HEARINGS
5:45 p.m.

DT GLOBAL, LLC D/B/A LUCKY DAWGS &
MCBLACK, INC. D/B/A WEE PUB

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 p.m.

AMENDED
AGENDA

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **INVOCATION:**

III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

IV. **ROLL CALL** **QUORUM: YES__X__ NO____**

V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *March 5, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes*

VI. **PRESENTATION:**

WATERFRONT WAREHOUSE THEATRE GROUP PRESENTATION: *Bill Creed, Chairman*

PROCLAMATION: *100 Years of Girl Scouting and the Year of the Girl*

PROCLAMATION: *Kiwanis Club of St. Marys Fiftieth Birthday Celebration Month*

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT: *Kay Westberry, Chairman*

ST. MARYS SUBMARINE MUSEUM ANNUAL REPORT: *Doug Cooper, Chairman*

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW OF HISTORICAL, PERSONNEL, MILLAGE RATES, AND BUILDING PERMITS, ETC.: *Steven S. Crowell, Jr., City Manager*

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1. Downtown Development Authority (Lomis & Smith) *3/28/12 Term Expirations*
2. Hospital Authority (Hall) 3/28/12 Term Expiration
3. Airport Authority (Harden) *Resignation*
4. CVB Board (Councilmember)

VII. SET CONSENT AGENDA

VIII. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

IX. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

X. OLD BUSINESS:

A. DT GLOBAL, LLC D/B/A LUCKY DAWGS NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE:.....TAB "A"
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C. WASHINGTON FLY-IN: (ADDED)
To finalize the attendee appointment for the Fly-In

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B. BUDGET ORDINANCE: *Hazmat Reimbursement*.....**TAB "D"**
Record funds received from Hazardous Material cleanup and use them for training expenses

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Transfer funds to cover Codification expenses

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To request permission to hire a full-time firefighter to fill a SAFER Grant Position

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To authorize selection of a consultant to assist in developing information and strategies to address Utility Department fiscal challenges

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To adopt the Employee Appeal Policy for employee suspensions, demotions and terminations

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I. **LOCAL PREFERENCE BID AWARD**: *Discussion*
Council direction on how to proceed with awarding bids to local businesses

J. **ELECTED OFFICIALS SOCIAL**: *Discussion*

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

A. **PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**:.....**TAB "I"**

1. **Appeal of HPC Decision**: Donna Asbell, The Blue Goose located at 126 Osborne Street has requested an appeal to the decision of the Historic Preservation Commission made at the October 18, 2011 HPC Meeting (POSTPONEMENT)

2. **Special Use Permit**:
Mary E. Woods, Camden Collision Center, 507 Charlie Smith Sr. Highway, St. Marys, GA 31558 is requesting a Special Use permit to operate an auto sales & repair shop at 507 Charlie Smith Sr. Highway. The property is zoned C-2. Tax Parcel 135E-026

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

XIII. REPORT OF MAYOR:

XIV. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER:

XV. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

XVII. ADJOURNMENT:

CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA

PUBLIC HEARING
March 19, 2012

"New Alcohol Licenses for DT GLOBAL, LLC D/B/A LUCKY DAWGS & MCBLACK, INC. D/B/A WEE PUB"
5:45 p.m.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council for the City of St. Marys, Georgia met to conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 19, 2012 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

PRESENT WERE:
Mayor William DeLoughy
Councilmember Greg Bird
Councilmember Jim Gant
Councilmember Sidney Howell
Councilmember John Morrissey
Councilmember Keith Post

ABSENT WERE:
Councilmember Nancy Stasinis

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:
Steven S. Crowell, Jr., City Manager
Gary Moore, City Attorney (Skype)
Roger Weaver, Planning Director
Robby Horton, Fire Chief
Tim Hatch, Police Chief
Gene Rudy, IT Administrator
Nicole Goebel, IT Assistant

Mayor DeLoughy called the public hearing to order at 5:45 p.m. for "DT Global, LLC D/B/A Lucky Dawgs and McBlack, Inc. D/B/A Wee Pub" alcohol license applications. The floor was opened to the public for questions and/or comments.

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:
There were no comments from the public at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:
Mayor DeLoughy declared the public hearing closed at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Roellig, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 19, 2012
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, March 19, 2012 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

PRESENT WERE:

Mayor William DeLoughy
Councilmember Greg Bird
Councilmember Jim Gant
Councilmember John Morrissey
Councilmember Keith Post
Councilmember Sidney Howell
Councilmember Nancy Stasinis

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Steven S. Crowell, Jr., City Manager
Gary Moore, City Attorney (Skype)
Roger Weaver, Planning Director
Robby Horton, Fire Chief
Tim Hatch, Police Chief
Gene Rudy, IT Administrator
Nicole Goebel, IT Assistant
Bobby Marr, Public Works Director
Donna Folsom, HR Director
Jennifer Brown, Finance Director
Marsha Hershberger, Asst. Finance Director

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor DeLoughy called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Post gave the invocation. Mayor DeLoughy 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 5, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes*

Councilmember Stasinis moved to approve the March 5, 2012 regular City Council meeting minutes. Councilmember Gant seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

PRESENTATION:

WATERFRONT WAREHOUSE THEATRE GROUP PRESENTATION: *Bill Creed, Chairman*

Mr. Creed introduced the members of the Theatre Group in attendance, and presented the City with the title and receipt for the equipment trailer.

PROCLAMATION: *100 Years of Girl Scouting and the Year of the Girl*

Mayor DeLoughy proclaimed March 11-17, 2012 as "Girl Scout Week" and 2012 as "The Year of the Girl" in St. Marys.

PROCLAMATION: *Kiwanis Club of St. Marys Fiftieth Birthday Celebration Month*
Mayor DeLoughy proclaimed April 2012 as "Kiwanis Club of St. Marys Fiftieth Birthday Celebration Month" in the City of St. Marys, in appreciation of its past and current members for all of their countless volunteer hours and monetary donations to help make St. Marys a better place to live. The Mayor announced that the Kiwanis 4th of July parade and festival were named one of the top 20 events in the southeast.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT: *Kay Westberry, Chairman*
Ms. Westberry introduced the Commission members in attendance and gave a brief history of their task to provide guidance to property owners in the historic district. They also preserve the historic quality that draws businesses and home owners to the district to bring economic growth and visitors to St. Marys. A copy of the report is attached as part of the official minutes.

ST. MARYS SUBMARINE MUSEUM ANNUAL REPORT: *Doug Cooper, Chairman*
Mr. Cooper reported on the Museum's attendance; revenues; past, current and future activities and events; their renamed and redesigned newsletter; periscope repair and receptions. A copy of the report is attached as part of the official minutes.

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW OF HISTORICAL, PERSONNEL, MILLAGE RATES, AND BUILDING PERMITS, ETC.: *Steven S. Crowell, Jr., City Manager*
The City Manager presented "Back to the Future" with data for Fiscal Years 2004 to 2011. A copy of the presentation is attached as part of the official minutes.

BOARD APPOINTMENT:

1. Downtown Development Authority (Lomis & Smith) *3/28/12 Term Expirations*

Councilmember Gant moved to reappoint Jim Lomis and Charles Smith to the Downtown Development Authority. Councilmember Morrissey seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

2. Hospital Authority (Hall) 3/28/12 Term Expiration

Councilmember Howell made a motion to reappoint Flem Hall to the Hospital Authority. Councilmember Post seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

3. Airport Authority (Harden) *Resignation*

Mayor DeLoughy stated that four people showed interest in the appointment to the Airport Authority. Each name was read, and voting was recorded as follows:

Lou Casey, Jr	No Votes
Bill Creed	No votes
*Raymond Hein	Councilmember's Stasinis, Gant, Post and Morrissey
Richard Russell	Councilmember's Bird and Howell

Councilmember Gant stated that Mr. Hein is an engineer with very good credentials. He will bring a technical perspective to the Board which will serve the Authority well in the future.

4. CVB Board (Councilmember)

Mayor DeLoughy nominated Councilmember Stasinis for the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board. Mrs. Stasinis has served on Kingsland Downtown Development for six years and has a wealth of experience from interfacing with that department.

Councilmember Morrissey moved to appoint Councilmember Stasinis to the CVB Board. Councilmember Post seconded the motion. Councilmember Howell spoke in opposition of the appointment since he requested the position three years ago, after being elected, but it was already given to Mr. Post before they were sworn into office. Now the position was given to someone who was newly elected, when he has lived in St. Marys all his life. Voting was recorded as follows:

FOR	OPPOSED	ABSTAINED
Councilmember Bird	Councilmember Howell	Councilmember Stasinis
Councilmember Gant		
Councilmember Morrissey		
Councilmember Post		

SET CONSENT AGENDA (*):

Councilmember Post made a motion to approve the consent agenda as Old Business A & B and A, B & C New Business. Councilmember Gant seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councilmember Morrissey moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Stasinis seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

Elaine Powierski, 571 Cardinal Circle, East: Support of rescheduling the town hall meeting and the symposium

Philip Jones, 501 Catherine Street: Waterfront park usage during filming; City's compensation for services and economic impact reports; use of Coast Guard equipment and personnel; the number of derelict boats in the water; increases and notification of water/sewer rates

Councilmember Gant responded that future utility rates were possibly 2-3 years out when the "tsunami" would hit. In the meantime, every means should be explored to eliminate or reduce any needed utility increase including hiring the proposed consultant.

Greg Lockhart, owner Camden Printing: Support of local preference

Chuck Trader, 804 Silverleaf Walk: Support of local preference, utility authorization and Love Town

OLD BUSINESS:

A. DT GLOBAL, LLC D/B/A LUCKY DAWGS NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE (*):

Council consideration to approve a liquor license for a beer, wine and spirituous Liquor, on-premise with food for Lucky Dawgs

Councilmember Post made a motion to approve the new Alcohol License for DT Global, LLC D/B/A Lucky Dawgs. Councilmember Gant seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. MCBLACK, INC. D/B/A WEE PUB NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE (*):

Council consideration to approve a liquor license for a beer, wine and spirituous Liquor, on-premise with food for Wee Pub

Councilmember Post made a motion to approve the new Alcohol License for McBlack, Inc. D/B/A Wee Pub. Councilmember Gant seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. WASHINGTON FLY-IN: (ADDED)

To finalize the attendee appointment for the Fly-In

Mayor DeLoughy stated that Ms. Stasinis was interested and the City Manager has funds in the budget to attend.

Councilmember Gant moved to approve both Ms. Stasinis and the City Manager attend the Washington Fly-In. Councilmember Post seconded the motion. Voting was recorded as follows:

FOR	OPPOSED	ABSTAINED
Councilmember Bird	Councilmember Howell	Councilmember Stasinis
Councilmember Gant		
Councilmember Morrissey		
Councilmember Post		

NEW BUSINESS:

A. UTILITY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (*):

To update the Utility ordinance to permit applicants for subdivision approval and/or building permits to use Earthcraft and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification standards

Councilmember Post made a motion to approve the Utility Ordinance amendment as presented. Councilmember Gant seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. BUDGET ORDINANCE (*): *Hazmat Reimbursement*
Record funds received from Hazardous Material cleanup and use them for training expenses

Councilmember Post made a motion to approve the Budget Ordinance for hazmat reimbursement. Councilmember Gant seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. BUDGET ORDINANCE (*): *Codification of Minutes Expense*
Transfer funds to cover Codification expenses

Councilmember Post made a motion to approve the Budget Ordinance for the codification of minute's expense. Councilmember Gant seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

D. FIRE DEPARTMENT POSITION:
To request permission to hire a full-time firefighter to fill a SAFER Grant Position

Councilmember Morrissey made a motion to approve hiring a full-time firefighter position. Councilmember Howell seconded the motion. Council discussed the expiration date of the current grant cycle and resubmission of the new grant application. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

E. UTILITY AUTHORITY:
To authorize selection of a consultant to assist in developing information and strategies to address Utility Department fiscal challenges

Councilmember Morrissey made a motion to authorize the selection of a consultant. Councilmember Gant seconded the motion. Council discussed the consultant assisting staff with a process to develop a plan and model in phases to make recommendations to Council. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

F. APPEALS POLICY:
To adopt the Employee Appeal Policy for employee suspensions, demotions and Terminations **(POSTPONED)**

G. SCHEDULE A WATER/SEWER WORK SESSION:
To schedule a meeting regarding the Gaines Davis Subdivision

Council scheduled a work session on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Marys Senior Center.

H. RESCHEDULE THE 2ND QUARTER TOWN MEETING: *Discussion*
To reschedule the meeting due to a conflict with the spring "Leadership and Civil Discourse" Symposium on the same date

Council rescheduled the 2nd Quarter Town meeting to Thursday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chamber.

I. LOCAL PREFERENCE BID AWARD: *Discussion*
Council direction on how to proceed with awarding bids to local businesses

Council discussed local business license and tax payments; setting caps on smaller projects; the City Attorney justifying a percentage preference and whether there was a procurement policy or ordinance. The City Attorney stated there are legal considerations, and it is possible to have a policy but it needs to be backed up with criteria or numbers, which could be defended. Personally, smaller contracts at 10% would be easier to defend. Staff could come up with numbers, and he was willing to help so those numbers could be defended. There are some things, when looking at a price, might be less expensive if dealt with local vendors.

Councilmember Bird moved to task staff and in the event they need to ask legal questions that they have the opportunity to do so with the attorney. Councilmember Stasinis seconded the motion. Council discussed introducing multiple options, exploring qualified differences and setting limits. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

J. ELECTED OFFICIALS SOCIAL: *Discussion*
Mayor DeLoughy stated that elected officials and the press gathered many years ago. One of the cities or the county hosted a gathering on a quarterly basis, with no business conducted. Light meals served and held at one of their facilities. It helped elected officials network and build relationships. A couple hundred dollars would be budgeted for an annual event.

Council discussed socials providing opportunities to get to know other elected officials and their spouses by networking and building better working relationships. No official action was taken at this time.

REPORT OF AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES:

A. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

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Councilmember Bird moved to approve Ms. Woods' Special Use Permit for Camden Collision Center. Councilmember Howell seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. CITY CALENDAR: *City Clerk*

The City Clerk announced the upcoming events, activities and meetings for the last two weeks in March.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

- Admiral Papp, Commandant U.S. Coast Guard visited and a luncheon was held in his honor at the Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base
- The Kiwanis 4th of July parade and festival were named one of the top 20 events in the southeast.
- Attended the designation of the Peace Garden, and complemented Ms. Kearns for doing such a good job coordinating the project
- Attended the Quarterly Ministerial Alliance meeting that focused on assisting the community
- Read a proclamation at the Girl Scout Rally and Jamboree

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC:

Doug Cooper, 814 River View East: Support of elected officials socials by their attendance at other community events and not spend additional money on a separate event

Dave Schmitz, 112 New Hammock Circle:

1. Safety concerns regarding concrete pillars on Norris & Ready Streets and opposed to destroying the oak trees for boat storage
2. Proposed local vendors hold monthly events with music, entertainment and/or refreshments

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Councilmember Bird agreed with Mr. Cooper's comments on gathering at local events but it would be nice to have something more narrowly focused as far as a social event with elected officials and others. When attending local events, people pull you off to the side for discussion, which could go on for longer periods of time. Whereas, interacting with other elected officials from various places helps with networking. Both have great merits but he does agree there are many opportunities presented. Is it possible to network with the Navy on removing some of the derelict boats? Find out what rules apply to abandonment. Let's create a policy to allow us to deal with the issue of derelict, neglected or abandoned boats. See if volunteer help could be used to remove them or if there are liability insurance issues, to sum it up in a different way. At least, put it back on the radar as a priority issue.

Councilmember Post commented on Mr. Schimtz' suggestion about the first Friday event, that one of the reasons the ordinance was changed is to have the ability to accommodate these types

of events. The tools are in place. Councilmember Post further commented that the men and women who man the Coast Guard ships at the base (MFFP) unit have a sole mission to protect the submarines in and out of port daily. The Navy pays the expenses for the two cutters and support ships. It was an honor to see the volunteer Coast Guard show the City what they are capable of doing 24/7 and transporting a VIP. The only other time a Coast Guard ship came to

St. Marys was for Mardi Gras two years ago, which was sponsored by the Navy League. There are 11 statutory jobs for the Coast Guard that are tasked by Congress with not near enough people or ships to do everything from fisheries, environmental to law enforcement. The whole reason why the Coast Guard is here is to protect those ships, with authority to arrest, sink the offending craft and whatever else needs to be done to stop those who are trying to get near the submarines. The Navy does not have that authority. Councilmember Post salutes the U.S. Coast Guard for volunteering and being a part of something bigger than any of us could do for the event. They have been a unique part of the community since 2003.

Councilmember Morrissey commented that 40 residents attended the Gaines Davis meeting on March 8th. An excellent informational package was distributed showing how the area might be impacted and finding a possible solution for revisiting the design in the middle of the street. Only two easements were left to obtain. The rest of the neighborhood will be informed to answer questions about water taps fees. One more informative meeting will be necessary to finalize the plans. Councilmember Morrissey further commented that significant progress was made and positive feedback received. Staff was thanked for putting together the material for the presentation.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

1. The bank owned Cisco property was taken over by federal regulators and is going through some transition, which has an impact on the property.

2. Chief Hatch has tendered his resignation. The City Manager requested Council approval to advertise the position to fill the vacancy. An interim appointment would be looked at, then go through with a hiring process. If an interim was appointed, it would be someone who was not interested in the position to not show favoritism.

The City Attorney stated that the Police Chief resignation and position needed to be added to the agenda.

POLICE CHIEF VACANCY: (ADDED)

Councilmember Post made a motion to add to the agenda to authorize the City Manager to hire the Police Chief vacancy. Councilmember Stasinis seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Councilmember Bird moved to empower the City Manager to hire an interim. Councilmember Howell seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

EXCUTIVE SESSION:
There was no "Executive Session" at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:
Councilmember Bird made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Post seconded the motion. Mayor DeLoughy declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Roellig, City Clerk

Historic Preservation Commission - Annual Report to Council - March 19, 2012

After hearing last meeting's presentation from Mr. Frasca on the hospital authority, I would love to be able to tell you that the HPC also saves lives, but unfortunately that is not the case.

Instead I might say to you that the HPC saves a "quality" of St. Marys that is not available anywhere for many miles in any direction. With this many buildings between 100 and 200 years old, I think it is safe to say that you would have to drive 120 miles to Savannah or maybe to St. Augustine, and if you went west possibly to New Orleans to see a historic district with as much as ours has to offer. That's how special our historic district is.

If you see a sign on the interstate or a web site or in a brochure that says "Historic St. Marys," you might decide to drive this way to see it. Picture, if you can, St. Marys without the old structures that the HPC preserves.

Without them and Oak Grove Cemetery, there would be no historic St. Marys.

Personally, I believe that when you drive toward the waterfront and see the oak trees and then the churches and chapels and the old homes, and you can see the waterfront in the distance, your blood pressure seems to drop a little. You are on vacation, and best of all, it's free.

When I spoke recently to the Georgia Municipal Cemetery Association's board to urge them to hold a future conference here, one of the members spoke up in support stating that he urged them to okay the proposal. With a pure glow on his face, he proceeded to tell them all how he often brings his grandchildren here for weekends and how much they love St. Marys and how much he enjoys the history of it. I am sure you have heard this type of reaction from many of our visitors.

The HPC was appointed by you the council to preserve just that feeling, that quality. We do not see our task as the opportunity to sit in judgment of other people's plans for their properties. We see our task as the opportunity to give guidance on what is permissible under our statutes. By and large, most people who purchase a structure in the district have no doubt that they are in a historic district and most of them are very proud of that fact. They fell in love with their homes and their locations the first time they saw them. They come to us because they want to do what is right to preserve them.

A major consideration is the economic benefit to property owners in the district when we all work together to maintain its character. Just as subdivisions have covenants which property owners must follow, the historic district has its own restrictions. People moving into such areas expect restrictions. Such restrictions aid in maintaining higher property values while greatly benefiting tourism as well.

At the same time, they are interested in maintaining the monetary value of these homes. They have spent a lot of their own wealth in purchasing such a building, they usually know in advance that the upkeep of such a building can be very pricy, and they count on the city to see that the district does not become just another downtown.

But, right here, let me say to you that no matter what you've seen in the movies, HPC members are not the types who throw ourselves bodily in front of bulldozers to save historic buildings. The threats to our structures are more closely based on a chipping away one detail at a time at what makes them unique.

What we do is make decisions based on three documents. If you hear that we have turned down a plan by the owner of a building in the district, you can be assured that the decision is pretty much spelled out in so many words in one of these documents.

The first is this one, basically from our" mother ship" The U.S. Dept. of Interior, more specifically the guidelines for preservation of federal historic register districts put forth by the secretary of that department, which state that historic buildings should be preserved as records of their time and place and use. The second document was commissioned by the city council. It is an intensive study done in 1986 by Galyon & Associates in Charleston on the details of the buildings in the federal register district which we have been charged to preserve. It also lays out what should be required in the design of new construction in the district and other government regulations which apply to the district such as those required by FEMA. In other words, what it is that we should preserve, what it is that makes St. Marys historic St. Marys, and how to preserve it. And third, is the ordinance which you approved in 2010 regarding the commission's method of operation.

The members of the HPD want you to know that we try to stay well versed in what makes our district historic.

1. We do not make decisions based on any other aspect of the project.

2. There is no personal feeling or interpretation interjected into our decisions.

3. Where structures are used for commercial enterprises, we go the extra mile because we want our downtown to be vibrant. We preserve the historic aspect that draws business to the district so that the commercial enterprises can keep those visitors here.

In 2011 we handled 23 separate applications for buildings in the district. Of those only two have been denied. In both of those cases, the owner disregarded the application process. We only make these decisions when we must. We want to provide guidance to those in the district who need for some reason to alter a historic building— not just want, but need.

We cannot work with owners who have already made the unapproved alterations. The two which were denied were on houses much older than 150 years. Obviously, we have to take that into very serious consideration because we only have around 25 houses and 4 churches which are older than 100 years. If we do not preserve them, there is no historic St. Marys.

The HPC is very much interested in the proposal for a heritage waterfront overlay district and feel that it along with the historic district of St. Marys and Oak Grove Cemetery will continue to draw visitors to explore and enjoy our history which is our calling card to the world.

St. Marys Submarine Museum
Annual Report to City Council - 19 March 2012

Presented by: Doug Cooper, President, Board of Directors

Mayor Deloughy and Councilmembers,

Thank you for providing this opportunity for me tonight to report on the status of our Submarine Museum to you and the citizens of St. Marys.

Some of the data and numbers for the 2011 calendar year are:

- The Museum had just over 6,400 visitors last year, down slightly from 2010, which generated over $34,000 in entrance fees and gift shop sales. The Museum collected just shy of $2400 in sales tax revenue for state and local government.
- In addition to our annual membership dues, corporate sponsorship continues to be an important source of our income, however, as in most areas of our economy those numbers and amounts are down.
- We did receive some unanticipated income in January last year, a $25,000 unrestricted grant from the Exelon Corporation in honor of Admiral Bruce DeMars. Admiral DeMars served Exelon Corporation for 14 years since retiring from the navy, and we are most grateful for his generosity and that of Exelon Corporation.

Some other items of interest to share with you tonight are:

- Last year we celebrated our 15th anniversary as a museum and the 100th anniversary of the building itself.
- Our Quarterly Newsletter was re-named and re-designed and the first issue of 'Angels and Dangles' debuted in September. This has been well received by our membership, and has allowed us to highlight the activities of the Museum in a new format, with great photographs to share and preserve our day to day history. Our next issue will be out the end of this month.
- In April Trident Refit Facility, with assistance from our partners the St Marys Public Works, Fire and Police Departments, replaced our broken Type 8 periscope with a Type 2 Attack Periscope thereby restoring one of the great attractions we have at our museum to fully functional capability. Additionally, TRF proved us with the top of an old periscope that is on display on the first

floor near the periscope stand so folks can see what the top of a submarine periscope looks like up close.

- In May the Museum was host for a special reception for the Officers and Chiefs of the USS FLORDIA, following a Change of Command after their deployment which included air strikes into Libya totaling more than 90 Tomahawk cruise missiles.
- Over the summer we hosted Sea Cadets during their annual summer training at Kings Bay, 4 Boy Scouts Troops who visited Cumberland Island, as well as a Youth Mission group from Oklahoma.
- In October, the Museum was a co-host along with the Navy Base and local SubVets Chapter the annual WWII SUBVET Memorial Service. We had 45 World War II SubVets and over 300 guests, who attended from as far away as California which included 5 crew members from one WWII Submarine the USS SPOT. Guests stayed in local hotels and campgrounds – which generated significant tourism and sales tax revenue for our area. The Chiefs Club and St Marys Eagles hosted a Steak Night and Shrimp Boil respectively for our guests.
- In December we were proud to be a part of the annual St Marys Christmas Tour of Homes.

The Museum Board was honored to jointly host a reception two months ago in January with The Camden Partnership and The Navy League in honor of all local elected officials and senior military leadership from Kings Bay. This is the third year in a row this event has been hosted at the Museum. I hope all of you that were able to attend enjoyed the evening and had the opportunity to look around the museum.

We have developed an outstanding working relationship with the St Marys Tourism Director, Angela Wigger, who in her first year in the job has done a great job of promoting Tourism here in St Marys and Camden County. In fact we have 2 tours groups coming in over the next couple weeks, one tomorrow afternoon with 40 folks from the Hilton Head Area.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening and for the City's continued support of the museum and our great submarine heritage and traditions.

This concludes my report subject to any questions you may have.

BACK TO THE FUTURE

City of St. Marys Personnel

Department	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		2011	
	FY05		FY06		FY07		FY08		FY09		FY10		FY11		FY12	
	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT
Finance - Front Counter	3		3		4		4		4		3		3		3	
Finance - Accounting	5		5		5		7		7		7		7		7	
Finance - Meter Reading	4		4		4		5		5		5		5		4	
Public Works	25		32		38		48		46		40	1	40	1	26	1
Police	33		38		46		46		46		40	1	40	1	36	1
Fire*	11	20	13	20	18	20	30	25	30	18	23	16	23	16	26	17
Water/Sewer	12		14		18		21		21		21		20		18	
Solid Waste	6		7		7		7									
Building/Planning	4		6		7		7		5		4	1	4	1	4	
Economic	0		1		2		2		2		2		2		2	
Tourism/Orange Hall*	1	5	1	5	1	5	1	5	1	7	1	7	1	7	0	5
Human Resources	1		1		2		2		2		1	1	1	1	1	
Court Administration	2		2		2		2		2		1	1	1	1	1	
Aquatic Center**	1	52	1	52	1	52	1	52	1	52	1	52	1	52		52
Senior Center		2		2		2	1	2	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3
Executive & Legislative	3		3		3		4		6		3	1	3	1	3	
Legal	0		0		0		2		2		1	1				
IT	0		1		1		2		2		2		2		2	
Library	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	1	5		5		5	
Totals	116	81	137	81	164	81	197	86	188	81	161	85	159	84	139	79

City Data	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Population	16,368	16,468	16,231	16,697	16,783	16,778	16,404	17,121
Budget Total	$20,861,968	$29,400,908	$30,116,140	$52,704,355	$81,581,829	$56,540,731	$35,061,915	$24,311,353
Number of FT Employees	116	137	164	197	188	161	159	139
Number of Single Family Building Permits	192	215	338	102	48	43	34	25
Gallons of Water Sold	291,515,885	294,667,027	295,480,557	350,864,580	277,720,347	357,939,929	455,081,208	407,849,362
Median Home Value	N/A	$89,339	$92,552	$139,678	$142,522	$154,145	$154,012	$150,966
Median Income	$24,231	$25,805	$27,913	$28,288	$30,316	$30,340	$54,016	$54,016
Total Outstanding Debt	$14,129,220	$12,866,458	$12,866,458	$14,152,217	$56,447,907	$53,362,465	$51,071,461	$46,498,989
Price of Gallon of Gas	$1.53	$2.22	$2.36	$3.04	$1.62	$2.60	$3.08	$3.29

What is the total budget for the City of St. Marys?

City of St. Marys FY2012 Budget

• General Fund	$8,675,124
• Water & Sewer	$7,749,350
• Solid Waste	$1,201,429
• SPLOST V	$60,000
• SPLOST VI	$5,859,000
• Tourism	$168,031
• Aquatic Center	$375,419
Total of all funds	$24,088,353

What percent of the total budget is derived from Property Taxes?

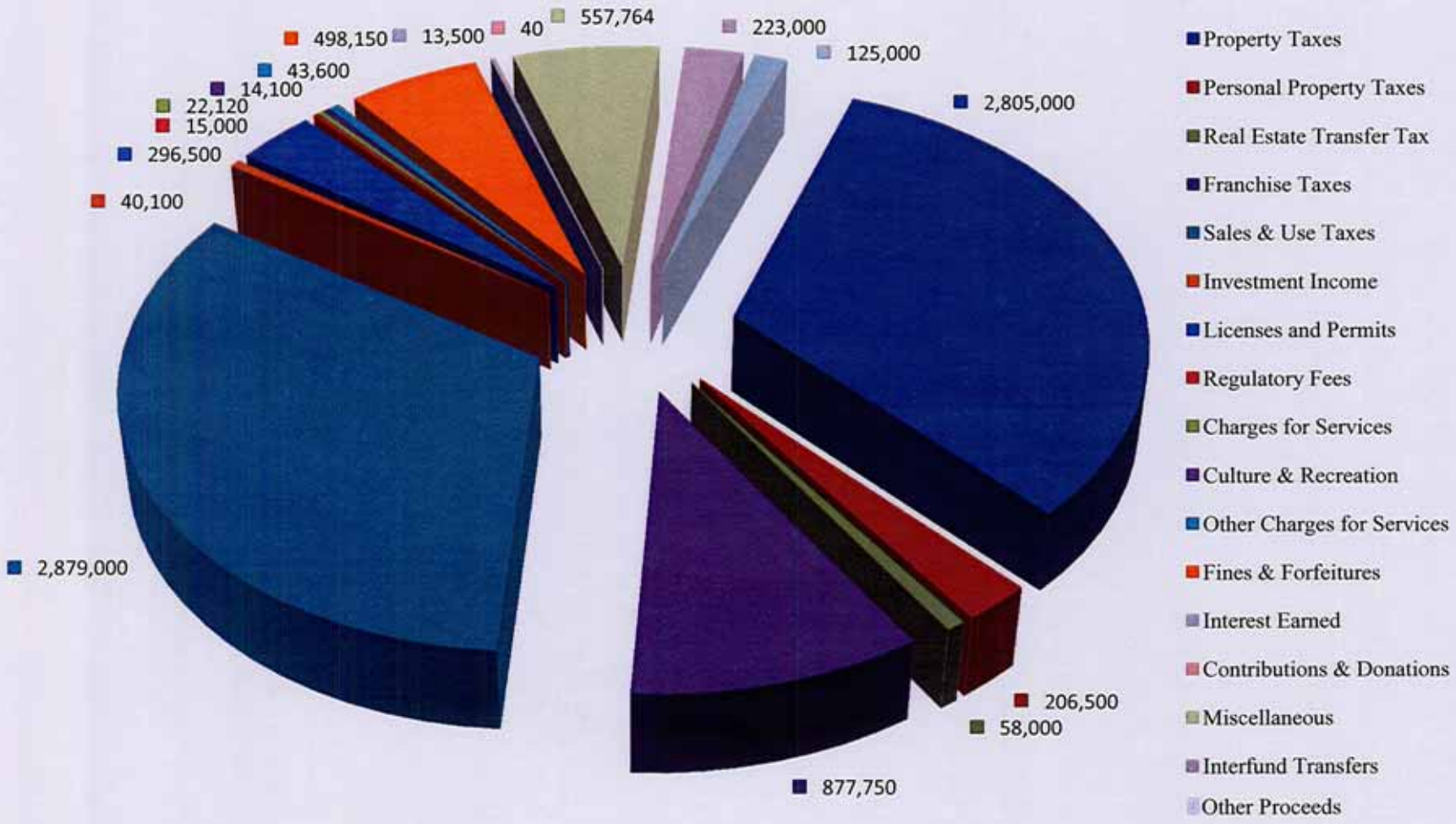
Property Taxes

$2,805,000

% of TOTAL= 11.64%

% OF GENERAL FUND= 33.19%

FY 2012 GENERAL REVENUES



Property Taxes Collected

- FY 2004 $2,220,855
- FY 2005 $2,360,175
- FY 2006 $2,318,810
- FY 2007 $2,809,606
- FY 2008 $3,188,746
- FY 2009 $3,280,665
- FY 2010 $3,260,497
- FY 2011 $3,255,300
- FY 2012 $2,805,000 (Budgeted)

What are the City Property Taxes on a home assessed at $100,000?

Property Tax Based on 2011 Millage Rates

Home with Assessed Value of	$100,000
Taxed on 40%	x 40%
Taxable Value	$40,000

	Millage Rate	2011 Property Tax
St. Marys	5.351%	**$214.00**
Camden County	11.70%	$468.00
Board of Education	15%	$600.00
State of Georgia	0.25%	$10.00
Total		$1,292.00
If:		
Kingsland	8%	$320.00
Woodbine	7.5%	$300.00

St. Marys Millage (Property Tax) Rates

Year	Millage	Year	Millage
1992	12.500	2002	8.500
1993	12.500	2003	7.690
1994	10.000	2004	6.900
1995	7.000	2005	6.200
1996	5.000	2006	6.700
1997	4.000	2007	5.600
1998	4.000	2008	5.600
1999	5.000	2009	5.351
2000	6.500	2010	5.351
2001	7.500	2011	5.351

Back to the Future

Building Permits	Before 1990
Mill Levy	1996/1999
Employees	Before 2004
Budget	About 2005
Property Tax Receipts	2007