

**CALLED MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2009**

The Mayor and City Council held a called meeting immediately following a Public Hearing ending at 9:29 AM on Monday, September 28, 2009, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor W. E. Burns presided.

Those present were the same as those listed in the Public Hearing held September 28, 2009.

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND SWURP AND ESTABLISH A URA**

On motion by Pope, second by Barnett, council approved a resolution amending the Southwest Washington Urban Redevelopment Plan and creating an Urban Redevelopment Authority. Voting for the motion were Council members Pope and Barnett. Voting against the motion were Council members Cullars and a provisional vote against by Council member Mahoney. Council member Avery abstained due to family members living within the target area. Mayor Burns cast a provisional vote for the motion to break the tie vote.

City Attorney Fleming advised Council member Mahoney of Federal regulations governing actions by elected officials having family members living within the target area. City Attorney Fleming will seek further information on guidelines for elected officials once their family members are no longer within the target area. At this time, Council member Mahoney's vote against the resolution is provisional pending outcome of City Attorney's research.

Resolution follows:

**RESOLUTION TO CREATE AN URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, GEORGIA, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GEORGIA URBAN REDEVELOPMENT LAW O.C.G.A. 36-61-17**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, find that within the area roughly bounded by Lexington Avenue and Liberty Street to the north, 42<sup>nd</sup> and Spring Street to the east, and the southern and western municipal limits there are areas where exist a predominance of buildings or improvement, whether residential or nonresidential, which by reason of environmental or other contamination and other causes; are detrimental to the public health, safety, morals, or welfare; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, find that within a portion of the City roughly bounded by Lexington Avenue to the north, Mercer Street to the east, McLendon Street to the south, and Erwin Avenue to the west there area areas in which there is presence of underutilized property suitable for economic development.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, find that the combination of such factors substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of the municipality, retards the provisions of housing accommodations, and constitutes an economic or social liability and is a menace to the public health, safety, morals, or welfare in its present condition and use;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, have previously prepared and adopted an urban redevelopment plan in accordance with Title 36, Chapter 61 of the Official Code of Georgia;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, believe that an Urban Redevelopment Authority is the entity best suited to implement Goal #4 Topics A & B of the Southwest Washington Urban Redevelopment Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, pursuant to the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Section 36-61-17, create and designate the City of Washington Urban Redevelopment Authority as the Implementing Agency within the area roughly bounded by Lexington Avenue to the north, Mercer Street to the east, McLendon Street to the south, and Recreation Drive to the west and charge it with the implementation of Goal #4 Topic B of the Southwest Washington Urban Redevelopment Plan. The authority is also designated the implementing agency

for Goal #4 Topic A of the Southwest Washington Urban Redevelopment Plan throughout the entire Southwest Washington Urban Redevelopment area. The City of Washington remains the implementing agency for all other goals and strategies throughout the entire Southwest Washington Urban Redevelopment area.

This resolution shall become effective on September 28, 2009.

Adopted and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Mayor Burns recommended council approval for Charles Jackson, Toombs McLendon IV and Henry Harris, Jr., to make up the Urban Redevelopment Authority.

On motion by Pope, second by Cullars, council approved 4 to 1 the appointees to the Authority. Council member Avery abstained.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

\_\_\_\_\_MAYOR

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