

**REGULAR MEETING
MAY 10, 2010**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 10, 2010, beginning at 6 PM at the Edward B. Pope Conference Center. Mayor W. E. Burns presided.

Present were Mayor Burns, council members Barnett, Cullars, Eaton, Pope, Rainey and Tutt. Also present were City Administrator Eskew, City Clerk Danner, City Attorney Fleming and City Police Chief Davis.

Visitors present included: Kenneth Echols, Linda Echols, Charles Jackson, Hilda Wright, Henry Harris, Jr., Mildred Hackney, Patsy Winn, Ann Tanner, Candy Hopkins, Rachel Jackson, David Toburen, Laura Toburen, Judy Anderson, Barbara Ricciuti, Theron Wilkinson, Archecia Ann Cullars, Hattie Callaway, Annie R. Wilkinson, Mildred Hudson, Capt. Theodosia Glenn, Sim Dill, Jr., Frederick Gartrell, Claudell McClendon, Janice Quinn, Shirley Gunter, Clara Sutton, Shameco Tutt, Carrington Tutt and Kip Burke of the News Reporter.

The meeting was opened in prayer by Council member Tutt followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED

On motion by Eaton, second by Pope, council approved 6 to 0 the minutes of a public hearing held April 12, 2010 and the minutes of the regular meeting held April 12, 2010.

MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

On motion by Cullars, second by Tutt, council approved 6 to 0 the May meeting agenda as presented and adding an executive session to follow the regular meeting to discuss three personnel matters.

MAIN STREET UPDATE

Main Street Director David Jenkins advised that the bids for construction of Phase I (seven homes) of the Rusher Street project have been reviewed and recommended that council approve awarding the contract for construction to Doug Hall Construction, Inc. of Watkinsville.

Mr. Jenkins and Mrs. Bacon advised council that seven firms submitted bids with three of those bids coming from local firms. The DCA scoring guidelines were used in selecting the recommended firm, who has built similar homes in Athens. Mrs. Bacon assured council that all DCA sanctions would be met by the builder in hiring of local persons and purchasing from local businesses. Council members Rainey and Tutt stated that they felt strongly that a local firm should be contracted for this project.

On motion by Eaton, second by Pope, council approved 4 to 2 awarding of Phase I contract to Doug Hall Construction Inc. Council members Rainey and Tutt voted against the motion.

Mrs. Bacon urged local bidders to come by her office to review the scoring process, so that future bid phases may be scored higher.

Mr. Jenkins advised that an advertisement will appear in this week's News Reported seeking bids for a contractor for the 08 CHIP rehabilitation work. This work is not for new construction, but for rehab of existing homes.

Mrs. Bacon distributed to council copies of the UGA Charrette for the gateway study.

Mr. Jenkins introduced the Main Street Consultant Mr. Joe Willis to council.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Asst. Chief Glenn entertained questions regarding the monthly department report. Capt. Glenn advised that to her knowledge there were no GSP license checks within the city during April. Capt. Glenn was reminded that loitering on Whitehall Street continues to be a problem and further requested that officers do more "foot patrols".

BERKSHIRE DRIVE – RESURFACING REQUEST

Mrs. Shirley Gunter requested that council add Berkshire Drive to the DOT LARRP list for resurfacing. Mrs. Gunter also requested that the street be re-lined.

MOSS STREET – ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

Ms. Sandra Mathis, a resident at 202 Moss Street, advised of illegal sales of alcohol, loud music and fights in the area of Moss and Jackson Streets. Ms. Mathis further advised that this activity has been ongoing for the past two years even though she has made numerous complaints.

Ms. Mathis was advised to meet with Asst. Chief Glenn after the meeting to discuss her issues.

UPCOMING DDA MEETING

Council member Eaton advised that the DDA meeting will be held on May 20, 2010, 8:30 AM at the Farmers State Bank.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

POPE: Council member Pope asked about the status of current Fitzpatrick debt. This is an account that will be turned over to GMA Debt Collections.

EATON: Council member Eaton advised that she had received a call about elected officials using city vehicles for personal use. Council member Eaton was advised that elected officials use the vehicle for business use which is permissible under our insurance policy.

BARNETT: Council member Barnett asked about internet service status. Council was advised that ElbertonNet is contracting to do service work. Any complaints should now be called into City Hall. A service email will then be issued. ElbertonNet will be in Washington for service work on Tuesdays and Fridays.

CULLARS: Council member Cullars asked the status of receiving credit card payments. Mayor Burns advised that he is hopeful that Mr. Willis can assist in developing a webpage for online establishment of services, occupational tax and building permits.

Cullars also asked if there is a flood map to be included in the proposed ordinance distributed to council in their meeting packets. This information will be supplied at the May 21 retreat.

Cullars asked the status of funding for the Austin Dabney statue. Mr. Jenkins advised that the National Park Service is being contacted for funding.

Cullars further questioned the status of the swimming pool. Mr. Jenkins advised that site location is being determined.

Council member Cullars made a motion to re-name the Pope Conference Center to the Burns-Pope Conference Center, second by Rainey, council voted 3 to 1 in favor of the motion. Council member Barnett voted against the motion. Council members Pope and Eaton abstained from voting.

RAINEY: Council member Rainey asked what could be done about dilapidated housing on Whitehall Street. City Administrator Eskew advised that the process has already begun to remove the eyesores, but reminded council that this is a long process.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

On motion by Eaton, second by Cullars, council approved 2009 Budget adjustments and resolution as follows:

FOURTH QUARTER 2009 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City Council approved a budget for fiscal year 2009 for the City of Washington in November 2008; and

WHEREAS, the budget required adjustment from time to time as circumstances change; and

WHEREAS, these adjustments maintain a balanced budget for all funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the adjustments to the budget listed on "Attachment A", attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution is hereby adopted.

Adopted this 10th day of May, 2010.

ACCT. #	\$ NEEDED	SOURCE ACCT #	\$AMOUNT
100. .61.1100	269000.00	100. .39.1100	269000.00
100.10000.52.1200	17550.00	100. .39.1100	17550.00
100.32000.57.2099	11050.00	100.32000.35.1170	11050.00
100.32000.52.3705	7500.00	100.32000.35.1170	7500.00
100.39100.57.3990	13750.00	100.32000.35.1170	13750.00
100.42000.52.2205	18250.00	100. .39.1100	18250.00
100.42000.54.2500	12225.00	100. .39.1100	12225.00
100.55310.52.1200	15000.00	100. .39.1100	15000.00
100.32000.53.1100	650.00	225. .38.8000	650.00
505.44300.54.1205	73565.00	505.44300.38.8000	73565.00
505.44300.54.1205	85400.00	505.44300.38.8000	70435.00
		505. .39.2115	14965.00
510.15000.57.4000	170000.00	510. .34.4310	170000.00
510.15199.61.1000	690800.00	510. .34.4310	690800.00
510.15199.61.1100	8100.00	510. .34.4310	8100.00
510.46000.53.1231	209500.00	510. .34.4310	209500.00
540.45200.52.2110	23200.00	540. .39.1100	23200.00
540.45200.52.3850	14100.00	540. .39.1100	14100.00
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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion by Eaton, second by Barnett, council approved 6 to 0 entering into executive session at 6:46 PM for previously approved personnel matters.

On motion by Cullars, second by Barnett, council approved 6 to 0 entering into open session at 7:14 PM.

City Attorney Fleming advised that three personnel matters were discussed with no final action taken.

On motion by Barnett, second by Cullars, council approved 6 to 0 that Mayor Burns will sign an affidavit for the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

_____MAYOR

_____CLERK