

**WORK SESSION  
OCTOBER 8, 2012**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held their regular monthly work session on Monday, October 8, 2012, 5 PM at the Edward Pope Conference Center.

Present were: Mayor Barnett, Council members Armour, Cullars, Harris, Rainey and Scarborough. Council member Tutt was not present. Also present were City Administrator Eskew, City Clerk Danner, City Attorney Fleming and Police Chief Glenn.

Visitors present were: Adam Nelson of Fleming & Nelson, Charles Leverette, Annie R. Wilkinson, Barbara Ricciuti, Joseph Willis, Barbara Bacon, Cindy Bounds, Norris Ware, Hilda Wright, Tom Wells, Jackie Davis, Mildred Hackney, Clara Sutton, Malinda Mills, Marlecia Mills, Nicki Norman, Cordell McLendon, Ella Binns, Olivia Jackson, Mary Ann Harris, Rachel Moreland, Shameco Tutt, Carrington Tutt, Newton Gunter, Pam Gunter, Christian Lentz of the CSRA RDC, Charles Jackson and Kip Burke of the News Reporter.

**CHRISTIAN LENTZ – CSRA RDC:** Mr. Lentz of the CSRA RDC presented to council proposed changes to City Ordinances Chapter 70, Sub-division regulations dealing with neighborhood and street design. These proposed changes will be presented at the November 2012 regular meeting for adoption. Prior to adoption, Mr. Lentz urged all council members to contact him with any questions and/or concerns.

**DAVID JENKINS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Mr. Jenkins advised that one CHIP 08 house had been completed and work on another is about to begin; another Rusher Street home building is about to begin with two more possible before year's end; Norman Street CDBG is now in environmental clearance process; city website has a new look; small business consulting is available through Mr. Joe Willis; square reservations updated listed was present; and, a report from a recent GICH mixed development retreat in Macon.

**CULLARS:** Council member Cullars advised that he would seek approval during the regular meeting of council to relieve penalties from the utility accounts of senior citizens (age 65 and over) beginning with the January 2013 billing and further that beginning January 2013 all utility accounts must be in the name of the current occupant and upon the death of a utility account holder, the account must be in a current occupants name within 30 days. This item was discussed in a previous electric committee meeting.

Cullars asked about a Parks and Recreation investigation issue and suggested that the city withhold monthly funding of the department until a thorough investigation has been completed.

**RAINEY:** Council member Rainey asked if it might be possible to prorate Municipal Occupational Taxes. City Administrator Eskew and Attorney Fleming will check state law on this issue.

**ARMOUR:** Council member Armour suggested that the city might consider closing the Museum and Callaway during the month of January for all routine maintenance. This matter will be studied by City Properties Director Van Hart and the Historical Properties Committee.

**ANNIE R. WILKINSON – 503 WHITEHALL STREET:** Mrs. Wilkerson asked council for leniency in the amount of fines accrued from the Municipal Court ruling on property located at 503 Whitehall Street. This property is in the SWWURP area and had been abandoned since 2008. After discussion, council concurred that property should be cleaned up within the next two weeks.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Work session adjourned at 6:00 PM.

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MAYOR

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CLERK