

**WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 12, 2012**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held their regular monthly work session on Monday, November 12, 2012, beginning at 5 PM at the Edward Pope Conference Center. Mayor Ames Barnett presided.

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 included Barbara Ricciuti, Jane Owen, Charles Wagner, Joseph R. Willis, David Van Hart, Cindy R. Bounds, Barbara Bacon, J. Collins, Patsy Winn, Ann Tanner, Jenny Clark, Annie R. Wilkinson, Olivia Jackson, Charles Jackson, Billy Hopkins, Sue Davidson, Mary Ann Harris, Carrington Tutt, Nancy Booker, Shameco Tutt, Sharon Curry, Sim Dill and Kip Burke of the News Reporter.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – DAVID JENKINS: Jenkins advised of the upcoming DDA meeting to be held on Thursday, November 15, 2012, 8:30 AM at Farmers State Bank and the URA meeting to be held on November 20, 2012 at 9 AM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The Norman Street community meeting held on November 10, 2012, was well attended. A Gordon Street School Design Charrette will be held on November 14 and 15; there will be other meetings scheduled for review of school property with advance notice given. A third home should receive building permits soon for construction in the Rusher Street area. The Main Street office will be handling future Pope Center reservations and a brief 2012-2013 operating synopsis was given to council for review. The CHIP 08 should be completed by the end of November 2012. Jenkins will ask for council approval of a resolution to submit a CHIP 2012 application for down payment assistance for 20 houses with no match for low to moderate income families. Jenkins will also ask for council approval of a resolution adopting land development updates submitted to council by Christian Lentz of the CSRA RDC. The proposed Foxwood Development is in compliance with the proposed land use development updates.

CULLARS: Council member Cullars asked if the Parks & Recreation Board had thoroughly investigated allegations of misuse of a charge card. Board member Scarborough advised that the Rec Board had reviewed charges for some four years' time and found no personal charges. Scarborough also advised that the Board will work with the city and county to provide quarterly expense reports.

Cullars also discussed a recent problem with wrecker service charges. The city will investigate the possibility of establishing a standard rate structure for wrecker service.

RAINEY: Council member Rainey advised that she felt that the notice given for the upcoming Gordon Street school property charrette was not sufficient. Rainey was assured that there will be more meetings on this matter in the upcoming months.

MAYOR BARNETT COMMENTS: Mayor Barnett encouraged all council members to contact either he or the City Administrator with any questions or concerns on the proposed budget and that all council members should be comfortable that they know in detail what they are voting on in regard to the 2013 budget. Barnett asked that council members email the administrator with dates that they would be available to meet for discussion on the proposed budget.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES: City Administrator Eskew advised that he would seek approval of a resolution to go with GMA Workers Compensation program for a savings of some \$23,500.00.

Eskew advised further that he will seek council approval of a pole attachment resolution which has been worked out between Electric Cities of GA and Comcast.

Eskew will also seek approval of a resolution approving the Sub-Division Land Use regulations as presented by Christian Lentz of the RDC.

Eskew announced that the Animal Shelter will hold a silent auction and bake sale on November 17, 2012, from 5 to 8 PM at the Lions Club building on Spring Street.

ADJOURNMENT: Work Session adjourned at 5:39 PM.

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