

**WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 10, 2012**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held their monthly work session on Monday, December 10, 2012, beginning at 5 PM at the Edward B. 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, Attorney Adam Nelson and City Attorney Fleming.

Visitors present were: Barbara Ricciuti, Charles Wagner, Ashley Barnett, Joseph Willis, Norris Ware, Hattie Callaway, Annie R. Wilkinson, Darius Jenkins, Erin Pollock, Carol Cartledge, Rachel Jackson, Sarah Davis, James Pritchard, Mary Ann Harris, Carrington Tutt, Shameco Tutt, Police Officers Johnson and McCalla, Public Works Director Bobby Mills, Jenny Clark, David Jenkins and Kip Burke of the News Reporter.

PINPOINT GEOTECH – BOBBY MILLS Public Works Director Bobby Mills gave a presentation to council on the recently purchased PinPoint GeoTech system. Mr. Mills explained to use of the devices and how it can be used by other departments and in other applications. Though the units have only been used for a month, Mr. Mills expects to see improvements in efficiency and costs with continued use of the devices.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – DAVID JENKINS Mr. Jenkins updated council of the status of the CHIP 08 as being 95% complete; the application for a CHIP 13 which will be citywide for down payment assistance; the Gordon Street school Charrette is complete and will be used in making the April 2013 CDBG application; there is a GICH retreat scheduled for February 2013; the city now has operational control of the Pope Center and some 2012 funds are being used to re-wire the kitchen; the cleaning contract for the Pope Center will be bid out; a January 26, 2013 date has been set for the Gordon Street school items; a Tough Mudder event has been scheduled for spring 2013; and, the trees along Rusher Street have not been replaced to date.

RAINEY: Council member Rainey asked if the 2013 proposed budget included the \$10,000 contribution to EOA and further reported a need for office space for EOA. Rainey reported that two small children had need of winter coats; Council member Harris volunteered to support this need through God's Market Place. Rainey asked questions about the naming of Callaway Plantation and agreed to work with the Historical Properties Committee and Friends of Callaway on this project which may also include some planning for a Black History month event to be held at Callaway.

Rainey advised that meetings should be run in a professional manner and ethical manner and felt that the Mayor owed Council member Tutt and Police Officer Johnson an apology from the way things were handled at the November meeting of council.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR City Administrator Eskew reminded council of a Budget Hearing to be held on the proposed 2013 budget on Friday, December 14, 2012 at 9 AM in the Council Chambers of City Hall and also of a called meeting on December 21, 2012, at 5 PM in the council chambers of city hall to approve the proposed 2013 budget. City Administrator Eskew asked for and gained council concurrence to hold an Employee Appeal Hearing on Friday, December 14, 2012, at 8:15 AM in the Council chambers of City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Work session adjourned at 5:45 PM.

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