

JUNE 9, 1997

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
109 SOUTH KING STREET

PRESENT: JOHN D. MEADOWS, III, MAYOR
JOHN D. SHELTON, MAYOR PRO-TEM
JIMMY PALMER, COUNCILMAN
RONALD H. WOODS. COUNCILMAN

ALSO: KELLY CORNWELL, DIRECTOR UTILITIES/PUBLIC
WORKS
EDDIE PETERSON, ASST. DIRECTOR UTILITIES/
PUBLIC WORKS
WILLIAM P. BAILEY, CITY ATTORNEY
CATHY HARRISON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Mayor Meadows called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Meadows led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.
3. Minutes of the May 26, 1997 Regular City Council Meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Meadows stated that he wished to apologize, that in a previous report on Piedmont Street, information regarding ongoing negotiations with families who will suffer extreme problems during the process, was slanted and sounded as though those families were not cooperating, or were being difficult in the process. Mayor Meadows stated that was not the case, the families had extreme problems, and negotiations were continuing, and the families were cooperating in these negotiations. He apologized for any inference otherwise.
 - b. Mayor Meadows stated that in the current budget, the City will be purchasing a second chipper, and adding two men to operate the chipper which should allow sufficient man power and equipment to chip all brush on site. He stated, however, the City will not pick up limbs, leaves or trees which have been cut by contractors. The City brush and limb pickup is for normal household debris from home owner maintenance. He asked for the assistance of all property owners to adhere to the ordinance in order that the City may continue the brush and limb pickup.
 - c. Mayor Meadows stated he wished to apologize if Ashworth School felt that it was being blamed for the problems which had arisen during the rental of the Depot Community Room. He stated there were several instances in which problems had developed, and it was not a matter of Ashworth School being the entire problem.
 - d. Mayor Meadows stated the Old Red Bud Road was officially closed on June 9, 1997.
 - e. Mayor Meadows stated he and Council Members met with Department of Transportation Commissioner Wayne Shackelford regarding the Local Option Sales Tax and the effect it would have on local roads both within the City and County as a whole. In a discussion of other State Routes, the City was given a commitment by Mr. Shackelford that he would push forward with the immediate improvements to Highway 41, North. The two phase project running from Line Street to Red Bud Road and from Red Bud Road to the overhead bridge. He would also implement a

contract for the widening of Highway 41, South, beginning at the intersection of Highway 53 and Highway 41, and continuing south beyond the airport. These improvements to Highway 41 would cost over 14.2 million dollars. Mayor Meadows stated that he would support the one percent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Question which would be submitted to voters on June 17, 1997. Councilman Woods and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton stated they would support the school and road effort. Following the discussion, Councilman Woods made a motion to adopt a resolution in support of the one percent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax which will be placed before voters on June 17, 1997, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Palmer and Mayor Meadows voting affirmatively, motion carried. Discussion continued on the Special Purpose Sales Tax Question which would be submitted to voters on September 16, 1997. The Mayor and Council stated that they supported the City School System 100%, and based upon their discussion, Councilman Palmer made a motion to adopt a resolution supporting the one percent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax to be held by the City and County School System on September 16, 1997, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Palmer, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Woods and Mayor Meadows voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- f. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council of the Public Hearings scheduled at this time for July 14, 1997 at 7:00 P.M.: (1) Annexation/New Zoning Request of Mr. and Mrs. William Lawson Hopper for property located on Henderson Bend Road across from Gray's Landing for R-1 zoning; (2) Annexation/New Zoning Request of Cindy G. Henderson for property located at 597 Henderson Bend Road for R-2 zoning.
- g. Mayor Meadows stated that a Budget Work Session was held with the City School Board on May 28, 1997 which was most productive. He commended the City School Board and School Superintendent for their diligence in providing a 1997-98 School Budget which was extremely low based on all the conditions that had to be addressed in the current year. Mayor Meadows stated the City Council also had a Budget Work Session on May 26, 1997, and finalized the budget document to be adopted for 1997-98 by the City.
- h. School Board Chairman George Crowley and School Superintendent Larry Harmon reviewed the proposed school budget for the 1997-98 year. George Crowley stated the budget would be a total of 11.6 million dollars with 6.6 million to be forth coming from the State and 4.9 million for School M&O Operations from the City of Calhoun. He stated this equated to \$5,289.00 per child. He stated the primary factors which had to be addressed in the budget was the Governor's third year six percent raise, which included step raises for teachers which more accurately reflected a 6.75% increase. He stated it was also necessary for the school to add several vans which replaced equipment which was presently unsafe for operation, and to begin to build a reserve for the school since the reserves were very low at this time. He stated the only new program in the Budget was a Baccalaureate Program which had been added for a little over \$30,000.00. Mr. Crowley stated the Budget was \$376,160.00 higher than the budget presented for the prior year. There were no comments, and the presentation was closed.
- i. Mayor Meadows announced a Depot Reception for the contributors to the Depot to be held on June 19, 1997 with Paul McEntire serving as host.

5. Council's Comments:

- a. Mayor Meadows presented the Water Plant, Sewer Plant and Water/Sewer Construction Reports. He stated the Water Treatment Plant treated a daily average of 11.735 MGD during the month of May, 1997. The Waste Treatment Plant treated an average daily flow of 9.95 MGD with BOD effluent being 29, Suspended effluent 28 and COD effluent 145. He stated the Water/Sewer Construction Department made 72 water taps, 29 sewer taps, installed 355 ft. of two inch PVC water line and 3,995 ft. of six inch PVC water line. He stated the Sewer Inflow/Infiltration Crew rehabed 10 manholes, inspected 19 manholes and cleared 6,000 ft. of right-of-way.
- b. Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton stated the Fire Department made 46 inspections during the month of May with fire damages estimated at \$5,200.00. He stated they flowed 190 fire hydrants and attended safety fairs at the local school system. The Police Department made 296 cases, 17 of which were DUI, collected \$31,837.00 in fines, issued 161 warning tickets and 358 parking tickets. They investigated 118 accidents, provided 84 escorts and answered 85 burglar alarms. Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton stated the City was currently investigating the practices of prisoners washing vehicles at the Police Department, and that any improper washing of vehicles other than those marked and unmarked cars of the Police Department or other law enforcement agencies would be eliminated.
- c. Councilman Palmer stated the Electric Department sold 25,635,148 KWH of electricity during the month of May to a customer base of 3,924. He stated they provided 40 inspections and set seven meters. The Building Inspection Department sold permits for six residential houses for \$1,020,000.00 of construction two commercial permits for \$280,000.00 of construction and three industrial permits for \$355,000.00 of construction. There was one apartment permit issued for \$500,000.00 for total construction permitted during the month of May of \$1,769,500.00 with a permit fee of all for \$6,444.50.
- d. Councilman Woods stated the City continued to pick up brush and limb debri, hauled fill dirt to the River Park property, mowed rights-of-way at the Airport, patched roads, cleared ditches and cross drains at Spring Valley and Maplewood Subdivisions, cut ditch at Old Oostanaula Road Industrial Landfill, and put up street signs. The Sanitation Department continued its regular commercial route, gaining two new commercial customers and serviced trucks. The Cemetery Department continued the supervision of opening and closing of graves and maintenance of both Fain and Chandler Cemeteries. The Parks Department cleared and mowed rights-of-way, worked at the snack bar at the golf course adding sinks, and removing and replacing ceiling tile, adding floor tile, and removing carpet in order to meet the permit requirements for the snack bar. The Parks Department did work at the Library, City Hall and the Line Street Gym. They installed park benches at the depot, planted flowers around various areas in the city on public property, and continued to assist with setting up tables and chairs at various functions at the Depot. The Street Department Shop worked on various vehicles from all city departments, cleaned the shop area, hauled six loads of scrap iron to the recycling center, and welded new bottoms on dumpsters. Pursuant to discussion in the City's May 26, 1997 Budget Work Session, Councilman Woods made a motion to authorize Harrison to transfer the NGEMC Escrow Funds, Insurance Premium Tax Escrow Funds, Self Insurance Utility Liability Escrow Fund, Worker's Comp.

Self Funding Escrow Account and the MEAG Settlement Fund Escrow Account less payoff for equipment leased through lease agreements with Calhoun First National Bank and with Georgia Bank & Trust with the balance to be transferred to reserves for both General and Water/Power/Sewer Funds and to a Cash Flow Account, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

6. Public Hearings & Comments:

Mayor Meadows stated at this time the public hearings for zoning matters will be held. He stated they would be presented in alphabetical order with reports by the Zoning Advisory Board. He stated public hearings will have Pro and Con comments with a 10 minute limit on each. He stated each person speaking must have filed a Financial Disclosure Statement five days prior to the hearing, and must give their name and address. Mayor Meadows inquired if any Council member needed to sign a disclosure statement on any of the items to be considered. The response was no.

- a. A 2nd Reading of the Zoning Change Request of Herndon Properties, LLC for approximately 4.33 acres off South Line Street from R-2 to C-2 zoning was given. A public hearing was opened, with Harrison reporting advertisement, placement of signs and notification of adjoining property owners had been completed. Councilman Woods stated the Zoning Advisory Board had met on June 5, 1997 at 4:30 P. M. at the Calhoun Depot Community Room, with three Board members present. He read the complete text of the meeting from the Zoning Advisory Board regarding the request. He stated based upon the conclusions of the hearing, that the Zoning Advisory Board had recommended the Council deny the request. At that time, Mayor Meadows opened the floor for other comments. Mr. James Hugh Phillips, Attorney for Mr. & Mrs. Steve Herndon, stated that his law firm had served in a similar capacity to Mr. Bailey for the Zoning Board in Dalton, and that he understood that the C-2 zoning was a very large basket of several possibilities available in that type of zoning. However, he stated that in a similar zoning situation in Dalton, the parties had been able to use a limited use of the property agreement which worked to everyone's advantage. Mr. Phillips requested the Council enter into such an agreement, and allow Mr. and Mrs. Herndon to construct a 55 ft. unit single room occupancy building (SRO) known as Phase II. He stated other development of the property would be considered as it became economically feasible. Mr. Herndon stated that he had investigated access to the property by other means other than South Line Street. He stated he would be willing to close Line Street as an entrance and exit to the property if he was successful in obtaining rights-of-way which would allow access to Highway 41 for the property. He stated there is other C-2 property, the Moss property, which has residences on both sides in the nearby area. He stated at this time, according to the property's R-2 zoning, they would be able to construct three buildings with 40 units each of apartments for a total of 120 additional units on the property, in addition to the current 55 on the property. Attorney Bailey stated that it would be up to the Council if they wished to hold the matter for a later public meeting, at which time the residents would have time to address the proposal being made by Mr. Phillips, as well as, the

Mayor and Council to determine the direction. However, he stated most of the residents in the area are at the meeting tonight, and with that comment, Mayor Meadows asked the residents what their feelings were on the proposal by Mr. Phillips. Ms. Rhonda Banks of 200 Joann Street stated that Joann Street is a dead end street, and if the developers plan to use that road for the access to Highway 41, that would only move the problem from South Line to Joann Street. Ruth Shepherd, who lives in the immediate area, stated she had contacted the proper authorities in Atlanta, and they would be coming to review the site in terms of determining if the area was a wetland. Gerald Brown stated that he was aware that Dixie Street, which was later changed to Shepherd Street in the late 1950's when the development was made by a Sherman Shepherd, that the road had been abandoned by the County approximately eight years earlier. Mr. Grady Garland stated that in comments in a private meeting with the owners, that he had been told that they would move in the bulldozers, and begin construction of as many apartment units as could be built on the property. Ruth Shepherd stated that the apartments that are there at the present time, are very small, and are for temporary residents. Hugh Dell West of 507 South Wall Street stressed three points. He stated that the former owner of the property had made the comments after the units were built, that had he known what they intended to build, that he would not have sold the property. He stated his concern for storm water problems in the area. He stated there appeared to be a cloud on the variance on the reason that the original units were allowed to be built on the property. Councilman Woods stated that in the previous meeting, that he did not mean to cloud the question, but the question that arose in the previous meeting was why they had been allowed to be built at the size in question. Harrison stated that on the initial permit request, the plans were submitted to the Fire Marshall's Office, and it was determined that the units were apartments. She stated at a later time, approximately one to two years after the units were built, the City began receiving hotel/motel tax statements from Calhoun Lodge, and that following discussion with the owners, they interpreted their units to a motel. The Building Inspector again questioned the Fire Marshall's Office as to the distinction of the units on the property, and were told once again that they were considered apartments. She stated this was the original cloud as referred to by Mr. West in his earlier comments. Mayor Meadows exhibited a plat of the area with the proposed route by the developer to lead to Highway 41, which would allow them to close South Line Street. Following informal discussion with the residents and the developers, Mayor Meadows closed the hearing. Councilman Woods made a motion to deny the request for a change of zoning from R-2 to C-2 since the request did not substantially meet the seven standards as related in the City's Zoning Ordinance, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried to deny the request.

- b. 2nd reading of the Annexation/New Zoning Request of Alan and Lisa Holcomb for property located at 2024 U. S. Highway 41, S. E. for R-1 Zoning was given. A public hearing was opened. Harrison reported the advertisement, placement of signs and notification of adjoining property owners had been completed. Councilman Woods stated the Zoning Advisory Board had reviewed the request, heard comments of the Zoning Review Committee, and based upon

the request, recommended annexation at R-1 zoning. There were no other comments and the hearing was closed. Councilman Woods made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings, and to approve the request for annexation at R-1 zoning since it substantially met the seven standards of the City Zoning Ordinance, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- c. A 2nd reading of the Annexation/New Zoning Request of Paul Lusk for approximately 6.7 acres on Fire Tower Road for R-2 Zoning was given. A public hearing was opened. Harrison stated the advertisement, placement of signs and notification of adjoining property owners had been completed. Councilman Woods stated the Zoning Advisory Board had met on the matter on June 5, 1997 at 4:30 P. M., and he reviewed the minutes of the meeting. He stated based upon the information provided upon the testimony of members in the audience from the surrounding area, and following review of the standards in the Zoning Ordinance, the Zoning Advisory Board had recommended the request to annex at R-2 zoning be denied. Mr. Lusk stated that he had existing property lying west of the area, and the property was zoned R-2. He stated his idea was to annex the remaining portion of the property at the same zoning. He stated the property west of the existing property has a water line, and that he plans to run water to the property in question, install a pump and other items as necessary to provide proper fire protection and water for the household. Mrs. Wittnehouse who lives at the end of Fire Tower Road at the peak, stated there are several towers owned by Bell South, the cable company and others on the hill which necessitates traffic to and from these towers on the narrow road. She stated additional traffic from apartment units would make it even more hazardous on the road. There were no other comments. Councilman Woods stated annexation of the property would pass the burden of the inadequate narrow road from the County to the City, and that based upon the findings of the Zoning Advisory Board Hearing, the comments at the public hearing, and review of the standards in the City's Zoning Ordinance, that he would recommend the annexation with R-2 zoning be denied, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. A 2nd reading of the Zoning Change Request of the Regents of the University System of Georgia as presented by William Thompson, Attorney at Law for property located at one McDaniel Station Road (former Experiment Station Property) to rezone from R-2 to Ind.-G zoning was given. A public hearing was opened. Harrison reported the advertisement, placement of signs and notification of adjoining property owners had been completed. Councilman Woods stated the Zoning Advisory Board had also heard this matter on June 5, 1997 at 4:30 P. M. He stated the Board heard comments from Mr. Thompson, from residents in the adjoining subdivision, and from an adjoining industrial facility. He stated based upon the comments and upon consideration of the standards in the Zoning Ordinance, that it was the recommendation of the Zoning Advisory Board that the request to rezone from R-2 to Ind.-G be granted. Mr. Thompson of 206 South Wall Street stated as everyone knew, the owners of the Experiment Station Road property found it necessary for the experiment station to be relocated to a larger area in the unincorporated area of the County. He stated the Industrial Development Authority proposed to purchase the property, since it has been found to be one of the best sites available for industrial development. He stated

the Development Authority would be a good steward of the property and would make sure that the adjoining neighbors were not harmed, that road problems as addressed by the Zoning Advisory Board be reviewed, as well as, the area in the flood plain. There were no other comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the Zoning Change from R-2 to Ind.-G, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- e. A 2nd reading of the Zoning Variance Request of Joe Stepp for property located on Highway 41, South across from Sonic Drive-In and north of the County Fire Station with a request for a 12 ft. variance on the north side of the property and a 10 ft. variance on the west side of the property. A public hearing was opened with Harrison reporting the advertisement, placement of signs and notification of adjoining property owners had been completed. Mr. Woods stated the Zoning Advisory Board had also met on this matter on June 5, 1997 at 4:30 P. M. and following review of the four items which must be met for a variance request, and based upon information from the Zoning Review Committee, the Board had recommended the variance request for the north side and the west side be approved. There were no other comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the Zoning Variance Request for 12 ft. on the north side of the property and 10 ft. on the west side with the understanding that the property owner, Mr. Stepp, erect fences on the north and west sides of the property, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Other Hearings:

- f. Mayor Meadows opened a public hearing for the City's 1997-98 Annual Budget. A review of the Budget was submitted by Adminsitrator Harrison at which time she stated the budget proposal included revenue and expenditures of \$15,083,181.00 for the General Fund; revenue and expenditures of \$30,769,361.00 for the Water/Power/Sewer Enterprise Fund; revenue and expenditures of \$1,147,972.00 for the Golf Enterprise Fund, and revenues and expenditures of \$4,451,476.00 for the Special Projects Fund which includes improvement projects for the Water Plant, Completion of the Well Project; completion of the Sludge Dryer Project; Completion of the Sewer Plant Expansion Project and funds for the Mill Village improvements for roads, main water and sewer lines in Phase I of the project. Harrison stated the budget also includes a reduction in the transfer from the Water/Power/Sewer Fund to the General Fund from 4.3 million dollars in the previous budget to a 2.4 million transfer in the proposed budget. She stated the budget also includes a reduction in the wholesale electric rates which would allow reduction in retail rates to the City customers in all classes. She stated one rate was to be given effective July 1, usage which would appear on August bills, and effective for January usage which appears on February bills. She stated the budget also includes \$546,870.00 for payment of General Obligation Bond; \$779,476.00 for Water/Sewer Revenue Bonds; and \$395,981.26 for Recreation Authority Revenue Bonds. She stated the budget includes 209 full time employees and 37 part time employees. There were no questions and the public hearing for the budget was closed.

7. Old Business:

- a. Councilman Palmer made a motion to remove the Sewer Use Ordinance from the table, 2nd by Councilman Woods with Councilman Palmer, Councilman Woods and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, to remove the item from the table.
- b. The public hearing on the Sewer Use Ordinance was opened. Director Cornwell stated his office had received a letter stating the State Environmental Protection Division had approved the City's Sewer Use Ordinance and that it would be deleting the requirement for testing of certain items, and that this change would be forwarded to the City. He stated based upon this information, he would recommend the Mayor and Council adopt the ordinance with this change. Following discussion, Councilman Palmer made a motion to adopt the ordinance with the change, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Palmer, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton and Councilman Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Harrison reviewed the first nine months Budget to Actual Revenue and Expenditures for the General Fund, Water/Power/Sewer Enterprise Fund and Golf Enterprise Fund as attached.

8. New Business:

- a. Adminsitrator Harrison and Group Insurance Agent, Jennifer Beason, presented a finding of their work regarding the City's group health insurance. Harrison stated the City's current group insurance carrier, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, had given the City its rate increase which would be effective July 1, 1997 at the first part of May, 1997. She stated the rate increase to continue coverage as it currently exists would be 27.36%. Following review of this proposal by Blue Cross/Blue Shield and with the City's insurance agent, the rate increase was reduced to 25%. Harrison stated that she had asked for an alternate plan which might reduce the increase. She stated Blue Cross/Blue Shield had proposed a plan which would pay 100% of claims within network and 70% for those out of network at a rate increase of only 15%. Harrison stated that based upon this information, she had asked Insurance Agent Jennifer Beason to obtain two other bids, since there was insufficient time to go into the market place for a full bid program. She stated two companies submitted bids. One was a bid from a relatively new company, Family Plus and Humana. She stated the proposal from Family Plus was a plan similar to the existing Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plan which would provide 100% coverage for in network and 80% out of network, with a stipulation that rate increases for 1998 and 1999 would be no higher than eight percent per year. The cost of coverage would be 9.4% higher than the current Blue Cross/Blue Shield rates. The proposal from Humana was more in line of traditional full coverage at a rate increase of 18.7% above the current rate. Jennifer Beason reviewed the plan proposals of all three companies in more detail. She stated the reason that Blue Cross/Blue Shield had found it necessary to propose a large rate increase was the utilization by the City for the current year. She stated that the current plan year included approximately 32% of usage outside of network which is approximately 22% higher than normal for out of network claims on a plan. She reviewed the proposal in detail, stating the co-insurance has changed on Blue Cross/Blue Shield's proposal from a 90/80 to a 100/70 percent which would be improved benefits for those

employees obtaining services within the network, but would be more costly for those obtaining services outside the network. She stated regardless of which Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plan the City went with, that beginning July 1, the drug plan would cover prescriptions from in network doctors only, and would not include any prescriptions prescribed by out of network doctors. Those would be paid at 80% if the 80% plan was approved or at 70% if the 70% plan was approved. She continued with a review of the proposal by Family Plus, stating the network for Family Plus was a little larger in the immediate area, than that of Blue Cross/Blue Shield. She stated the co-insurance has changed from 90% to 80% from the current Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plan to 100% in network and 80% out of network. She did state however, the out of network co-insurance is based on the network discount rate and not the usual and customary service which could be higher than employees are presently paying. She stated the Family Plus Prescription Card did not cover mail order drugs. However, the company is considering that, and may or may not add that to its program within the next year. She stated there would be a slight increase in the mental health lifetime maximum, and that the lifetime maximum on medical coverage is \$1,000,000.00 which is lower than the \$2,000,000.00 allowed by Blue Cross/Blue Shield's present plan. She also stated that there would be a \$300.00 co-pay requirement for those admitted to the hospital within network which would be a cost to the employee. The plan proposed by Humana was reviewed by Ms. Beason at which time she stated the plan was developed for those areas which have no network in that any doctor might be used. However, she stated the cost for this plan was higher than the second proposal from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Ms. Beason stated that the Family Plus Plan does not include life insurance for the employee dependent spouse or children, and that upon instruction from the City Administrator, she had asked the Standard Life Company which presently provides the City with long term disability to prepare a proposal to cover the life insurance should the City select the Family Plus Plan. She stated the proposal would be slightly changed, which would allow additional life insurance coverage for the dependent spouse and children at a slightly higher rate. Harrison stated that based upon a thorough review by Jennifer Beason, by herself and by Linda Brookshire, the City's Human Resource Director, the City Staff recommendation would be to accept the bid from Family Plus which would allow a slightly lower dependent rate with slightly increased life insurance benefits. Jennifer Beason, as the City's Insurance Agent, stated she was unable to recommend one company over another company, since she dealt with each one, however, reviewing the situation based upon the City's financial needs, she would recommend the Family Life Plan. Following questions and discussion with the Mayor and Council, Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the Family Plus Plan, with Standard Life to supply the life insurance portion of the group plan as recommended by staff and by the agent, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- b. A 1st reading of the Annexation/New Zoning Request of Jon Erwin representing Gordon B. Bearden, Jr. for property located on Curtis Parkway for C-2 zoning was given. Councilman Woods made a motion to set a public hearing for July 14, 1997 at 7:00 P.M., 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer and Mayor Pro-

- Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. A 1st reading of the Zoning Change Request of Celeste M. Chattam, acting as agent for Marie Silvers, Owner, for the property located at 106 Wilson Street to change from R-2 to C-2 zoning was given. Councilman Woods made a motion to set the public hearing on the request for July 14, 1997 at 7:00 P. M., 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - d. A 1st reading of the Parade Permit Request of Tom Hogshead for the Calhoun High School Homecoming Parade for September 26, 1997 at 3:30 P. M. on the Regular Parade Route was given. Following discussion, Mayor Meadows stated the request is a traditional parade request. Councilman Palmer made a motion to approve the request subject to DOT approval, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Palmer, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton and Councilman Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - e. A 1st reading of the Beer Package License Request of Dilip S. Patel for the Tobacco Outlet located in the Kroger Complex at 136 West Belmont Drive was given. Mayor Meadows stated the request had a revised sales projection which indicated 60% of their sales to be from beer. Mayor Meadows stated he would entertain a motion for a public hearing for June 23, 1997. There was no motion and the matter was left on the table.
 - f. A 1st reading of the Pawn Shop License Application of Paul Long for D & S Pawn located at 350 Highway 53, was given. Councilman Woods made a motion to set the public hearing for June 23, 1997 at 7:00 P.M., 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - g. A 1st reading of the Taxi License request for County Wide Taxi, owned by Ricky Smith and Bob Pack was given. Harrison stated that Mr. Smith had submitted the necessary paper work to the Police Department, and had received a clear police report indicating his ability to qualify as a driver and as a license holder for the request. Following discussion, Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the Taxi License Request provided the applicants submit proof of insurance and a clear police report as required for Mr. Pack prior to actual commencing of business within the City, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - h. Tim Haney presented the Mayor and Council an amended Inspection License which had previously been submitted to him by the City Attorney. Mr. Haney stated his legal counsel had revised the Inspection License in two areas. Following discussion by the Council, Councilman Woods made a motion to approve and to authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City provided the amended inspection is reviewed and approved by the City Attorney, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

9. Other Written Items not on the Agenda:

- a. Harrison presented a DOT Agreement which had been received late Friday afternoon on the Executive Park Project, and there were several items that needed to be reviewed by the Director of Utilities/Public Works prior to adoption. Following discussion, Councilman Palmer made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the DOT Agreement on the project if a favorable approval is given by the Director of Utilities/Public Works, 2nd by Mayor

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Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Palmer, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton and Councilman Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.

10. Director Cornwell's Work Report: None
11. Councilman Woods made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:

Submitted:



John D. Meadows, III
Mayor



Cathy Harrison
City Administrator

