

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING ST
JULY 22, 2013 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Al Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem
George Crowley, Councilman
David Hammond, Councilman**

ABSENT: Matt Barton, Councilman

ALSO: Eddie Peterson, City Administrator; Larry Vickery, Utilities General Manager; Paul Worley, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Garry Moss, Chief of Police; Jerry Crawford, Water and Sewer Director; Jeff Defoor, Director of Electric Utilities

- 1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
A. Mayor Palmer gave the invocation.**
- 2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.**
- 3. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the agenda and Councilman Crowley seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion approved.**
- 4. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2013 City Council Meeting. Councilman Hammond gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.**
- 5. Mayor's Comments:**
 - A. Mayor Palmer reminded the public of a variance request by Adrian Hice at a location of 106 Jackson Street. The variance request is for a 2' variance from the required 10' side yard setback for an awning addition to the existing house. The Zoning Advisory Board will meet on August 8th and the public hearing will be on August 12th.**
 - B. Mayor Palmer announced that Utilities General Manager Larry Vickery had been recently elected to the Board of Directors with the Municipal Electrical Authority of Georgia (MEAG). Mr. Vickery received the third highest total of votes only behind two incumbents that were up for reelection. Mr. Vickery will serve a three year term on the MEAG Board of Directors. The City of Calhoun is one member out of 49 member cities that are a part of MEAG whose mission statement is, "To provide our participants with competitive and reliable electric power to enhance the quality of life in their communities."**

6. Public Hearings and Comments:

A. Councilman Crowley made a motion to remove from the table a sign variance request by the Harris Art Center. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing for a sign variance request by the Harris Art Center to allow for a 4' by 6' sign to be placed on a 6' pole at a location of 212 South Wall Street.

- Mr. Peterson stated that all signs and advertising requirements have been met.
- Mayor Pro Tem Edwards reported that the Zoning Advisory Board met on June 27th and did not recommend the sign variance be granted due to non-conformance. The Historic Preservation Commission also did not recommend the sign variance be granted.
- The Executive Director of the Harris Arts Center (HAC) Mrs. Toni Molleson addressed the Mayor and Council concerning the sign variance request. Mrs. Molleson stated that the HAC sits about 50 feet off of Hwy 41 and recessed between two buildings that are much closer to the highway, and therefore blocks the view for those who are trying to find the HAC. Many people drive by the location and do not realize where the HAC is located. Mrs. Molleson stated that the Board of Directors are requesting the sign variance to help with this problem. The sign will meet the 10 feet setback requirement and be a four foot by 6 foot lighted sign on a six foot pole to help with the visibility issue. The sign will be modeled after the old Rocker Hotel sign, that use to be standing on the property, which will contribute to its historical value. The plans call for the pole to match the style of the street lights used during the Streetscape project. Appropriate materials and lighting will also be used for the sign's construction.
- Councilman Crowley stated that he could not support the sign variance because of the nonconformance to the existing ordinance. Councilman Crowley explained that the Council would be violating the First Amendment if they started regulating the content of the sign. The size and physical makeup of the sign can be regulated, but the content of the sign cannot. Councilman Crowley stated that the City has denied other sign variance requests in the past for other businesses and the enforcement of the sign ordinance as currently written must apply equally to everyone residing within the Historic District. Otherwise, it could be viewed that the Council favored one applicant over another. Councilman Crowley stated he appreciated all that the HAC does for the community, but could not support the sign variance.
- Councilman Hammond stated that he had served two terms on the HAC Board of Directors and knew firsthand the value the HAC provides for the community. Councilman Hammond commented on the positive economic impact as well as the diversity of services provided by the HAC. The Downtown area has improved tremendously over the years with the addition of the HAC, the GEM Theatre, and other businesses in downtown that help bring crowds to downtown Calhoun. Councilman Hammond stated he supported the sign variance.

- Councilman Edwards commented that he greatly appreciated the value and services provided by the HAC and encouraged Mrs. Molleson to work with the Historic Preservation Commission to work out a compromise that will work for everyone.
- Mrs. Molleson stated that the HAC would go back and work with the Historic Preservation Commission to work out a compromise for signage.
- Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and asked for a motion.
- Councilman Crowley made a motion to deny the sign variance request. Councilman Edwards gave a second. Mayor Palmer then asked for a vote with Councilman Crowley and Councilman Edwards voting aye and Councilman Hammond voting nay. The motion passed two votes to one.
- Councilman Hammond stated that there are many different professions in the downtown area and the City needs to find a sign ordinance that will work for everybody.
- Mayor Palmer thanked the HAC representatives present for all their work and dedication to the arts. Mayor Palmer stated that his family owned a business next door to the HAC property for over 50 years and personally witnessed the decline and the subsequent revitalization of the property. Mayor Palmer commented that he is glad the HAC choose that location and he hoped to work with them to reach common ground and work out a compromise that will work for everyone.

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business:

- A. Jean Cox was on the agenda to address the Council concerning a request to name the new park at 215 South Wall Street after Ernest Neal. Mrs. Cox could not attend the meeting and will be on the agenda for the August 12th council meeting.
- B. Mayor Palmer reviewed a Memorandum of Agreement for a roadway lighting project on Highway 53 spur between the City of Calhoun and the Georgia Department of Transportation. The project includes nine lighting structures on state route 53 spur beginning at the new Gordon County Agricultural Center and continues north to McDaniel Station Road. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the memorandum of agreement between the City of Calhoun and the Georgia Department of Transportation. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- C. Mayor Palmer read a parade request on the traditional route for the Calhoun High School Homecoming Parade on October 25th at 3:30pm. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Edwards with all voting aye, motion approved.
- D. Mayor Palmer announced a parade request on the traditional route by Bud Owens for the Annual Northwest Georgia Regional Fair Parade on September 7th at 11:00am. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the parade request. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

- E. Mayor Palmer read a parade request on an extended route by the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce for the annual Calhoun Christmas Parade on December 12th at 7:00pm. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the parade request. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- F. Mayor Palmer read a resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute Redevelopment Fund loan documents and to lend the funds to Cherokee Mill Lofts, LLC for the acquisition of the O'Jay Mill Building. Mayor Palmer explained that the City received a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for this project. That money will be loaned to Cherokee Mill Lofts, LLC with a term of 15 years at three percent interest. When the funds are repaid to the City it will be used as a revolving loan fund which will be eligible for future projects that pertain to low to moderate income housing needs in the community. Councilman Hammond stated that the project will be finance with Federal and State dollars and the City was not funding the project from the City's general fund. Mayor Palmer read the resolution and asked for a motion. Councilman Crowley made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the resolution. Councilman Hammond gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. (resolution attached)
- G. Mayor Palmer reviewed a resolution in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 32-7-2(b)(3) regarding willingness and desire to receive ownership of Peters Street that the County seeks to abandon and transfer to the City. Attorney Govignon explained that Gordon County has scheduled a public hearing concerning the proposed abandonment for Peters Street on August 6th and that the City passing the resolution stating its willingness to receive the ownership of the roads will help to ease any concerns from citizens about the abandonment process. Mayor Palmer stated that the City plans to take the responsibility of the roads and to make improvements such as widening the road, sidewalks, curb and guttering, and other safety improvements. The project is being funded by SPLOST from both the City and Gordon County. Mayor Palmer read the heading of the resolution and stated that there was one paragraph that needed to be removed. Mayor Palmer read the paragraph to be striked, and Attorney Govignon stated he would provide an amended resolution to be signed and for the Council to vote on the amended resolution. Councilman Hammond made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the amended resolution. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. (amended resolution attached)
- H. Mayor Palmer stated that the State of Georgia had requested the Board of Education as well as the City Council to pass a resolution ensuring continued enforcement of the reduced speed limits for school zones. The request is specifically for the new Calhoun High/Middle School complex to be able to receive a certificate of occupancy from the State. Mayor Palmer commented that the Calhoun Police Department has been recognized by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for the past 10 years and stated that CPD does a great job of enforcing speed limits. Mayor Palmer read the resolution and asked for a motion. Councilman Hammond made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the resolution. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. (resolution attached)

9. Other written items not on the agenda: None

10. Work Reports:

A. Administrator Eddie Peterson


B. General Manager Larry Vickery

C. City Attorney George Govignon

- Mr. Govignon updated the Mayor and Council on a proposed natural gas pipeline project called the Dalton Expansion Pipeline Project. Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, LLC, a Williams' company, has requested access to City of Calhoun property to survey the area to help choose the most appropriate route for the proposed pipeline. The surveying crews will take every precaution to ensure no damage to City property takes place or any disruption of daily activities. Attorney Govignon stated he would redraft the survey permission form to make it more fitting for a municipal corporation and ensured that the resolution would only give Williams permission to survey only. Councilman Hammond made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign documents necessary to allow the surveying to take place. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. (copy attached)

11. Councilman Hammond made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Crowley with all voting aye, motion approved.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Paul Worley, City Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (TRANSCO) representatives have asked to be permitted to perform surveys upon lands located within the municipal limits and belonging to the CITY OF CALHOUN (hereinafter "CITY"); and

WHEREAS, TRANSCO, a William's company, proposes to expand its current interstate natural gas pipeline system to connect supply from the Marcellus region to serve future power generation growth within this region of Georgia as follows:

"The propose project will provide 433 dekatherms/day of additional natural gas transportation capacity by installing approximately 6.5 miles of 30-inch pipeline, 47 miles of 24-inch pipeline, 47 miles of 20-inch pipeline, and 5 miles of 16-inch pipeline. The proposed pipeline sections would be constructed from Coweta County to Murray County. This would be a 'greenfield' installation, which means there are no other pipeline facilities in the proposed study corridor. The project has a targeted in-service date of August, 2016."; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of said survey is the examination of possible locations as part of a proposed natural gas pipeline project called the Dalton Expansion Pipeline Project; and

WHEREAS, these properties are to be visited by various specialists in engineering, cultural and environmental scientists to determine the most appropriate route for the proposed pipeline; and

WHEREAS, TRANSCO has assured that all information collected will aid in the determination of which route for the proposed pipeline facilities should result in the least impact to the environment and the community; and

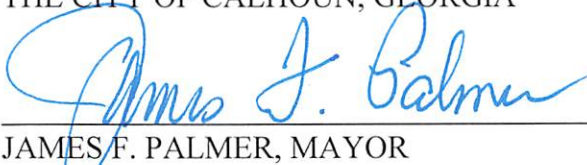
WHEREAS, TRANSCO has assured that survey crews shall take every precaution to

ensure no damage to the property belonging to the CITY or disruption of daily activities;

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, by a unanimous vote of the members of the council, the Mayor is authorized to permit TRANSCO to enter upon the necessary properties owned by the CITY for the purpose of making civil, environmental and geotechnical surveys with TRANSCO being responsible for any and all damages to the property resulting from this activity.

This 22 day of July, 2013.

THE CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

BY: 
JAMES F. PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
PAUL WORLEY, CITY CLERK

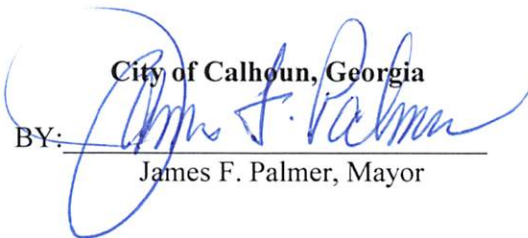
**CITY OF CALHOUN
CALHOUN, GEORGIA
ADOPTION RESOLUTION**

Whereas, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 requires local governments to develop and maintain a comprehensive plan to retain their Qualified Local Government status and eligibility for State permits, grants, and loans; and

Whereas, the City of Calhoun has prepared a Five Year Community Work Program Update: 2013-2017 to the local comprehensive plan;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the City of Calhoun Five Year Community Work Program: 2013-2017 (May 2013) is officially approved and adopted.

So Resolved this the 26 day of July, 2013.

City of Calhoun, Georgia
BY: 
James F. Palmer, Mayor

Attest:

Paul Worley, City Clerk

City of Calhoun COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM, 2013-2017								
Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
<i>Economic Development</i>								
Continue Economic Development Planning with the County, other cities, the Chamber, and Industrial Development Authority to identify additional desired industry, suitable locations, and to develop a marketing strategy.	x	x	x	x	X	\$500 year	Hotel Motel Tax	Calhoun, County, IDA, Chamber
Support the Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Development Authority financially through collected H/M tax revenue with economic development issues to retain and attract additional industry to the city. Also provide H/M collections to promote tourism through the Chamber of Commerce.	x	x	x	x	x	Tourism \$120,000 year Economic Develop \$60,000 year IDA \$120,000 year	Hotel Motel Tax	Calhoun, County, IDA, Chamber
Continue regular coordination meetings and planning sessions with the Industrial Development Authority.	x	x	x	x	x	\$500 year	Hotel Motel Tax	Calhoun, County, IDA, Chamber
Continue to coordinate with the Calhoun and Gordon County Historic Preservation Commissions, City and County Recreation Departments, the Chamber, and the Georgia High Country Travel Association to promote tourism into Calhoun and Gordon County.	x	x	x	x	x	\$60,000 year	Hotel Motel Tax	City of Calhoun
Expand and update City website to promote Downtown, recreation, city events, and utility services.	x	x	x	x	x	\$2,000	City Budget allocation each year	Calhoun
Maximize existing property and infrastructure (infill)	x	x	x	x	x	\$1,000	Calhoun budget	Calhoun
Evaluate/implement redevelopment mechanisms including Urban Redevelopment Plans.	x	x	x	x	x	\$1,000	Calhoun budget	Calhoun

City of Calhoun								
COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM, 2013-2017								
Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
<i>Housing</i>								
Promote local home ownership programs	x	x	x	x	x	\$1,000 year		Calhoun/Habitat
Support with City staff assistance and outside funding opportunities, the Cherokee Mills Multi-family Project	x	x	x			\$9,000,000	Private/Fed./State	
Host regional workshops for building code officials	x	x	x	x	x	\$500 year	Community Development Budget	Calhoun/State
Increase awareness of Downtown loft style living opportunities for property owners and/or investors. Printed material for handouts at annual luncheon for downtown property owners	x	x	x	x	x	\$300 yr	DDA budget	Calhoun
Promote housing opportunities for seniors, disabled and other fixed/low income families to include accommodations for those raising grandchildren. Concentrate on housing opportunities in proximity to various daily services.	x	x	x	x	x	\$2,000 year	Local, State, Federal, Private	Calhoun
Promote local, state, and federal home ownership and home rehabilitation programs.	x	x	x	x	x	\$1,000 year	Calhoun Community Development Budget	Calhoun
<i>Community Facilities and Services</i>								
Evaluate Impact Fees as a means of expanding capacity of city facilities/services			x			\$2,000 for the year	Calhoun Community Development and Calhoun Utilities	Calhoun when development increases
Assess need for expanded senior oriented services	x	x	x	x	x	\$1,000 year	Calhoun Community Development, and various social	Calhoun

City of Calhoun COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM, 2013-2017								
Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
							services	
Purchase property for 4 th Fire Station		x				\$100,000	SPLOST	Calhoun
Development of 58.5 acres west of South River Street (Recreation)	x	x	x	x	x	<u>\$2,500,000</u>	SPLOST	Calhoun
Add new police facility with new fire station on west side of Calhoun across railroad.				x		\$1,900,000	General Fund	Calhoun
Expand city library facilities	X	x				\$1,050,000	SPLOST/State	Calhoun/County
Complete Street Scape Phase IV	x	x				\$500,000	GDOT TE Funds /City	Calhoun
Evaluate the need to acquire property, build hangars, and other infrastructure at Tom B. David Airport			x			\$2,000	Airport sales, rental and services	Airport
Sewer main replacement for the area from West Line Street to Calhoun High School, including MLK Blvd. , Neal Street and part of McConnell Street and King Street.	x	x	x			\$2,000,000	SPLOST and Calhoun Utilities	Calhoun Utilities
Develop Storm Water Plan			x			\$15,000	Public Works and Utilities Budget line item	Calhoun
Upgrade wastewater facilities to meet TMDL/phosphorous requirements <u>when</u> requirements are determined by State		x	x			\$5,000 a year on models	SPLOST	Calhoun
Upgrade water facilities associated with regional water source development and off stream storage	x	x	x	x	x	\$1,500 year	Calhoun Utilities	Calhoun
Construct or purchase larger Police Station				x		\$2,000,000	City General Fund	Calhoun

City of Calhoun								
COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM, 2013-2017								
Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
<i>Natural and Cultural Resources</i>								
Update the GA DNR "Part V" environmental ordinances for River Corridor Protection, Groundwater Recharge Area Protection, Water Supply Watershed Protection and Wetlands Protection; as required by DNR/EPD	x	x	x	x		\$2,000 year	City Utility Budget	Calhoun
Adopt a Tree Protection/Replacement Ordinance		x	x			\$5,000	Calhoun General Fund	Calhoun
Develop small green space park with outdoor entertainment/dining opportunities at the City's property located at the south entrance into the downtown historic business district	x					\$55,000	General Fund	Calhoun
Apply for funding from the Georgia Land Conservation Program and/or other grant programs to assist with greenway property acquisition.		x		x		\$1,000	City General Fund	Calhoun and DNR
Adopt Georgia Storm Water Management Manual		x				\$2,000	Calhoun Public Works and Calhoun Utilities	City of Calhoun
Participate in the North Georgia Water Resources Partnership's efforts to develop the Regional Comprehensive Water Resource Plan.	x	x	x			\$1,500 year	Calhoun Utilities	Calhoun
Designate local historic district(s) to protect historic in-town neighborhoods		x	x			\$2,000 year	Main Street Program	Calhoun
Apply to the Certified Local Government (CLG) Program for designation as a Preserve America Community to qualify for historic preservation related grant money		x		x		\$1,000 each application	Main Street Program	Calhoun

City of Calhoun COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM, 2013-2017								
Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
Explore local, state, federal, and private funding opportunities to develop green space, park areas, and walking/riding trails near the Oothcalooga creek and the Oostanaula river corridor.	x	x	x	x	x	\$1,000	City of Calhoun	Calhoun
<i>Land Use</i>								
Update the zoning ordinance and the development regulations, resulting in a Unified Land Development Code that includes provisions for mixed use, landscaping standards, and commercial corridor overlay districts.		x	x		x	\$3,000 year	Community Development budget line item	Calhoun
Evaluate the need for a “Big Box” and other developmental guidelines.		x	x			\$2,000 year	Community Development budget line item	Calhoun
Evaluate the need for Streetscape Master Plan for priority corridors		x	x			\$5,000 total	Main Street Program	Calhoun

City of Calhoun								
COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM, 2013-2017								
Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
<i>Transportation</i>								
Coordinate with County and GDOT for ROW funding for SR 53 east/west bypass.			X			\$1,000	City of Calhoun General Fund	Calhoun
Continue to review areas for sidewalk expansion to provide enhanced connectivity in Calhoun.	x		x		x	\$1,000	City of Calhoun Public Works	Calhoun
Coordinate with Gordon County on a pedestrian bicycle plan, with the goal of identifying and prioritizing sidewalk and bicycle facility projects inside the City limits to enhance connectivity and transportation options.	x	x				\$2,000 year	Calhoun Public Works	Calhoun
Coordinate with Gordon County on a comprehensive Greenways Plan		x	x			\$5,000	City of Calhoun/Gordon Count	City of Calhoun
Apply for Safe Routes (sidewalks) to Schools funding		x				\$1,000	City of Calhoun General Fund	City of Calhoun
Calhoun Transportation System. Evaluate the infrastructure needs and funding sources to accomplish this goal			x	x		\$5,000 year	City of Calhoun Public Works	City of Calhoun
Promote bicycling as an integral part of the planned Calhoun transportation system. Evaluate the infrastructure needs and funding sources to accomplish this goal.	x	x	x	x	x	\$500 year	City of Calhoun Public Works	Calhoun
Rebuild and add curb, gutter, drainage, and sidewalks on Peters Street	x	x	x	x		\$4,000,000	SPLOST	Calhoun/Gordon County
Linda Lane, May Street intersection improvement	X					\$300,000	SPLOST	Calhoun

City of Calhoun COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM, 2013-2017								
Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
Resurface 7 percent of city streets each year.	x	x	x	x	x	\$500,000 year	City, SPLOST, State, County	Calhoun
Purchase public works equipment per 2011 SPLOST		x	x	x		\$500,000	SPLOST 2011	Calhoun
Upgrade Utility Systems per 2011 SPLOST	x	x	x	x	x	\$2,400,000	SPLOST 2011	Calhoun
Evaluate needs and explore funding opportunities for public transit needs for all citizens inside Calhoun city limits, with special emphasis on seniors, disabled, and the low income population.	x	x	x	x	x	\$1,000 year	City of Calhoun Public Works	Calhoun
General Planning								
Undertake a space needs analysis for city departments and functions.			x			\$2,000	City of Calhoun and Calhoun Utilities	Calhoun
Review and establish redevelopment areas as needed; establish funding opportunities.		x	x			\$2,000	General and Utilities	Calhoun
Review and improve records retention methods and storage area. Explore electronic archiving programs and determine necessary physical records storage needs.	x		x		x	\$2,000 year	City General Fund	City Clerk Calhoun
Intergovernmental Coordination								
Complete the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) Agreement update					X	\$2,000 if facilitator is necessary		Calhoun/Gordon County

City of Calhoun COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM, 2013-2017								
Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
Establish an Intergovernmental Coordinating Committee to create regular communication between the jurisdictions/Board of Education and to improve coordination on issues such as storm water management, land use planning, water and sewer planning, and transportation planning	x	x	x	x	x	\$2,000 year	City of Calhoun General Fund	Calhoun
Coordinate with various non-profit organizations to address local social issues.	x	x	x	x	x	\$1,000 year	City of Calhoun General Fund	Calhoun
Coordinate with school system, Chamber of Commerce and religious institutions to identify effective means of public outreach to the Hispanic community	x	x	x	x	x	\$2,000 year	City of Calhoun, Chamber of Commerce	Chamber of Commerce

**RESOLUTION OF
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, the GORDON COUNTY (hereinafter "COUNTY") has initiated the process for abandonment of certain roadways that are part of the county road system located within the municipal limits of the CITY OF CALHOUN (hereinafter "CITY"); and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the COUNTY to abandon Peters Street in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. §32-7-2(b)(1) as they have determined that removal of these thoroughfares from the county road system would be in the best public interest; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has provided the CITY with notice of its intention to abandon these streets in accordance with O.C.G.A. §32-7-2(b)(2); and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY will be conducting public hearings on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 6:00 PM regarding the proposed abandonment; and

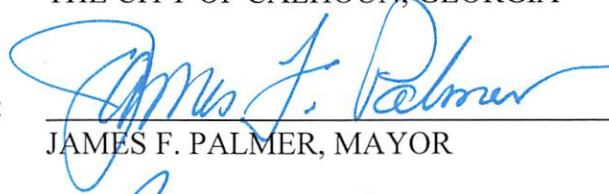
WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution prior to the public hearing in August would serve to assist the COUNTY in assuring that the abandonment procedure is required for a statutory transfer of Peters Street to the City map, and that none of the proposed streets will be closed from public traffic; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that should the COUNTY be successful in obtaining a statutory certification of abandonment with regard to Peters Street in accordance with O.C.G.A. §32-7-2(b)(1), it is the intent of the City to receive ownership of same by execution of a quitclaim deed, and immediately assume the responsibility for public maintenance of same in accordance with O.C.G.A. §32-7-2(b)(3).

This 22 day of July, 2013.

THE CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

BY:



JAMES F. PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAUL WORLEY, CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE REDEVELOPMENT FUND LOAN DOCUMENTS AND TO LEND SUCH FUNDS TO CHEROKEE MILL LOFTS, LLC FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE O'JAY MILLS BUILDING IN THE CITY OF CALHOUN, IN GORDON COUNTY, GEORGIA, FOR USE BY CHEROKEE MILL LOFTS, LLC FOR MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CLOSE THE TRANSACTION; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION CONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION; REPEALING CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Redevelopment Fund Program ("RDF") program, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs ("Department"), after application from a local government on behalf of a redevelopment project and approval of said application, makes a grant award to a local government which in turn loans the RDF funds to a legal entity which utilizes these funds to implement the proposed redevelopment project in furtherance of the redevelopment goals of both the Department and the City of Calhoun, Georgia (the "City");

WHEREAS, the City is a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia and as such has the power apply for funds from state agencies and has the power to enter into intergovernmental agreements and to provide these funds as a loan to another entity authorized by law;

WHEREAS, the City supports and agrees with plans presented by Cherokee Mill Lofts, LLC for the purchase, rehabilitation and reuse as affordable housing of the O'Jay Mills Building Rehabilitation Project, Calhoun, Georgia and therefore wishes to assist in the implementation of said plans, and, wishes to support said plans by entering into an intergovernmental contract with the Department;

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the acquisition of the O'Jay Mills Building, Calhoun, Georgia will promote redevelopment and affordable housing for the public good in the City; and

WHEREAS, an intergovernmental contract, by the Department, is needed to ensure the City's cooperation in implementing needed inspection and other valuable local government services;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA as follows:

1. **Authorization to Enter Into Intergovernmental Agreement and other Documents Necessary to Close the Transaction.** The City is hereby authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement, as applicable, with the Department in order to implement a loan in the amount of \$500,000 to the Cherokee Mill Lofts, Inc. The City is hereby authorized to enter into other agreements consistent with this resolution that may be necessary to close the transaction.

3. **Authorization to Execute Intergovernmental Agreement and other Documents Necessary to Close the Transaction.** The City hereby authorizes its Mayor or such other officers and agents of the City as approved by the City Council of the City to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement, as applicable, and such other loan agreements and documents consistent with this resolution as may be necessary to close the loan from the City to the final borrower of funds.

3. **Ratification.** Any and all actions previously or subsequently taken by the officers or agents of the City consistent with the foregoing Resolutions are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed in all respects.

4. **Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions.** Any and all resolutions or parts thereof which conflict with or are inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SO RESOLVED, this 22 day of July, 2013.

THE CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

By: 
Printed Name: James F. Palmer
Title: Mayor

Attest: 
Printed Name: Paul Worley
Title: City Clerk

[Affix Seal Here]



A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CALHOUN, THROUGH THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED ENFORCEMENT OF THE REDUCED SPEED LIMITS FOR THOSE PORTIONS OF THE ROADWAY WITHIN THE CONTROL OF THE CITY THAT ARE DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO THE PROPERTIES FOR CALHOUN CITY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS the Calhoun City Board of Education passed a resolution regard the need for strict enforcement of local school zone speed limitations in posted areas by a majority vote during the ordinary meeting to on Tuesday, July 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS Section 90-81(1) of Article III of the Calhoun Municipal Code Section mandates that all traffic shall be limited to a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour on all sections of the municipal roadway which are "adjoining school property, during school hours;" and


WHEREAS the Mayor and City Council have always supported, and shall continue to support, the strict enforcement of the 25 miles per hour limit in such "zones" for the safety and welfare of the students attending these institutions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council recognize that the Police Department shall continue to take all reasonable efforts to insure that the need for strict enforcement of Section 90-81(1) requested by the school board be met to best protect the safety and welfare of the municipal student body.

RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun this 22 day of July, 2013.

ATTEST:

By: 
PAUL WORLEY, CITY CLERK

Mayor: 
JAMES F. PALMER
CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

(SEAL)



