



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2021- 7:00 PM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** James F. Palmer, Mayor  
George R. Crowley, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilman  
Al Edwards, Councilman  
Jacqueline Palazzolo, Councilwoman

**ALSO:** Paul Worley, City Administrator; Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; and Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief; Tony Pyle, Police Chief.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**  
**Welcome**  
Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.  
**Invocation**  
Utilities Administrator Vickery gave the invocation.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**  
Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. **Amendment or Approval of Proposed Agenda**  
Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the April 26, 2021 agenda as presented.  
Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**  
Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of April 12, 2021. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
5. **Mayor's Comments**
  - A. Mayor Palmer announced that the first public hearing of the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 Annual Operating Budget and Capital Plan will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Public attendance will be limited in accordance with the actions

and directives of the President, Governor, and the CDC to maintain social distancing and slow the spread of COVID-19. A copy of the proposed budget can be viewed by the public at [www.cityofcalhoun-ga.com](http://www.cityofcalhoun-ga.com).

- B. Mayor Palmer announced that a budget work session would be held immediately following tonight's meeting.

6. **Public Hearing and Comments**

Announce at this time, public hearings will be held. The public will have the opportunity to make pro and con comments with a ten minute maximum time limit for each side of the matter, with each person speaking having filed a financial disclosure statement five days prior to the hearing if required, with each person giving their name and address. An inquiry should be made to determine if any elected official has filed a disclosure statement regarding ownership or special interest in any of the agenda items. Zoning Land Use Maps on display in Council Chambers for Zoning Advisory Board and Council hearings.

- A. Public hearing of a zoning change request from Ind-G to TS (Tower Site) by Kiersten Lurer for Verizon Wireless for 10,000 square feet of 22.48 acres at a location of Hwy 53 (Parcel CG34A-065). The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held March 4<sup>th</sup>. The item was tabled March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup> upon the request of Ms. Lurer in order to have sufficient feedback from Verizon. Mayor Palmer stated that the applicant had requested the item to remain tabled at this time. City Attorney Govignon stated that Verizon plans to activate their previously approved site. He will encourage the applicant to withdraw the zoning request rather than tabling the item again.

7. **Old Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an Annexation and Zoning request of R-1B (County zoning is A-1) by McDaniel Station Farms, LLC for 44.14 acres at a location of 516 McDaniel Station Road (parcel GC29-007). The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held May 6<sup>th</sup> and the public hearing on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an Annexation and Zoning request of C-2 by ZR Holdings, LLC for 1.00 acre at a location of 1544 Highway 53 Spur (parcel 034A-064). The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held May 6<sup>th</sup> and the public hearing on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an Annexation and Zoning request of R-2 by ZR Holdings, LLC for 3.057 acres at a location of 1544 Highway 53 Spur (parcel 034A-064). The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held May 6<sup>th</sup> and the public hearing on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

8. **New Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer read a request by Echota Baptist Church to block the road beginning at the mailbox by the front steps of the church, College Circle, to the stop sign behind the church at Short North Wall Street from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> for their End of School Year Bash. Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the road closure request. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

9. Other Written Items Not on the Agenda

10. Work Reports

- A. Paul Worley, City Administrator reviewed the March general government cash report noting that the general fund balance was \$4,298,471.45 and the golf fund balance was \$460,857.08. The 2011 SPLOST continues to decrease as work continues on Peter's Street phase II, with a balance of \$362,739.53. Last month's balance was \$727,000. The revolving loan fund has a balance of \$268,254.76 and there is a pending loan of \$90,000. The hotel motel tax payment was \$53,939.66 which remains down from last year's payment for the same reporting period which was \$62,000. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the March general government cash report. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- B. Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator reviewed the March utilities cash report noting that total operating funds were \$5,851,944.47, and total savings and reserves were \$2,918,141.56, for a grand total of \$8,770,086.03. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the March utilities cash report. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- C. George Govignon, City Attorney had nothing to report.

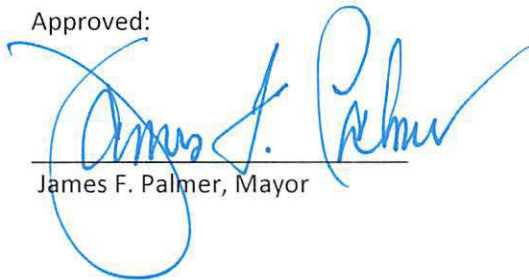
11. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

12. Motion to return to General Session

13. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

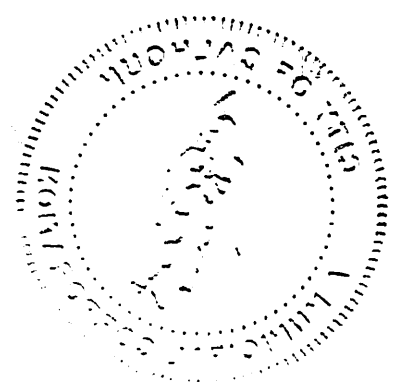
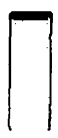
Approved:

  
James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:

  
Sharon Nelson, City Clerk





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