



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022- 7:00 PM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

**MINUTES**

PRESENT: **James F. Palmer, Mayor**  
**Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilmember**  
**Al Edwards, Councilmember**  
**Jackie Palazzolo, Councilmember**

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

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**

**Welcome**

Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Invocation**

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards 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**

Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the September 26, 2022 agenda as presented. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**

Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of September 12, 2022. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

None

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. **Ordinance 1047 – Commercial Parking in Residential Areas**

Public hearing of an ordinance to amend Chapter 90 – Traffic, to include new provisions regarding the regulation and control for the parking of certain types of commercial vehicles and equipment in residential areas.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments. Diane Kirby of 125 Creek Ridge Drive SE, Fairmount, GA asked if the ordinance would pertain to campers as well. City Attorney Govignon stated that the ordinance pertained to commercial vehicles for now, noting that emergency vehicles have had issues accessing some areas due to commercial vehicles being parked in the streets.
- There were no other questions and Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning ordinance amendment. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

7. **Old Business:**

A. **Beer Package – Al Food Mart, LLC**

Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a beer package license request at a location of 461 Harris Beamer Road, by Al Food Mart, LLC. The proposed store manager is Mirza Muhammad I Baig, who is also an officer of the corporation. The public hearing will be held October 10<sup>th</sup>.

B. **Ordinance Typo Corrections – Ordinance 973 & 1029**

Mayor Palmer gave the second reading for corrections of typographical errors to two previously codified ordinances: (1) Ordinance 1029, to change the square footage for 2-bedroom floor area for duplexes, triplexes, townhouses, condominiums or cottages from 850 square feet to 950 square feet in Section 7.14. PRD planned residential development; and, (2) Ordinance 973, to change the maximum building height for C-2 from 50 feet to 75 feet in Section 8.1-Charts. The public hearing will be held October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**8. New Business:**

**A. Liquor Package – MPS Ventures, LLC d/b/a Warehouse Liquor Store**

Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a distilled spirits, wine, and beer package license request at a location of 255 West Line Street, by MPS Ventures, LLC. d/b/a Warehouse Liquor Store. Ashwin Pattni is the officer of the corporation and the proposed store manager is Amin Nooruddin Somani. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to set the public hearing for October 24<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Denmon gave second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

**B. Special Event – Calhoun Homerun Club – Halloween Hustle Glow Run**

Mayor Palmer read a special event request by Tundra Taylor, Calhoun Homerun Club, for the Halloween Hustle Glow Run 5K Race, on October 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. The race will begin at Yellow Jacket Drive then cross Pine Street to the Recreation Department, then back to Yellow Jacket Drive, requiring the closing of a small portion of Pine Street from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Approval not required by DDA. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Denmon 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 gave the August general cash report stating the general fund ended the month with a balance of \$2,790,739. The 2018 Uncommitted SPLOST had a balance of \$3,065,025, down from \$3,400,000 last month. This was due to continued progress on the new police station and recreation maintenance building; and, a new wheel loader was also purchased for the street department. The hotel motel revenues paid in August for June collections was \$91,395, which was down 10% from last years' collection of \$102,000 for the same month. We are still in a good position when we look back at 2020 when collections were \$53,000 for the same month. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the general cash reports. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. City Administrator Worley gave the August utilities cash report stating that the total operating revenues at the end of the month were \$5,688,573 and total savings and reserves were \$7,843,211. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the utilities cash report. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. George Govignon, City Attorney had nothing to report.

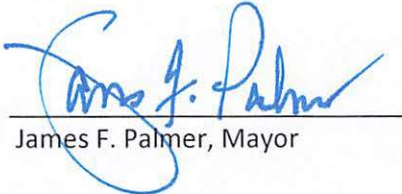
**11. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed**

**12. Motion to return to General Session**

**13. Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business Councilmember Denmon made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

