

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
APRIL 8, 2002, 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor  
Ronald H. Woods, Councilman  
Ray M. Denmon, Councilman**

**ABSENT: John D. Shelton, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem  
Lorene Potts, Councilwoman**

**ALSO: William P. Bailey, City Attorney  
Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities  
Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works  
Cathy Harrison, City Administrator**

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone in attendance and gave the invocation. He especially welcomed the members of the leadership group and asked them to introduce themselves.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Following review, minutes of the March 25, 2002 regular City Council meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's comments:
  - a. Following review by Councilman Woods of a resolution recognizing April 21-27, 2002 as "Georgia Cities Week," Mayor Palmer asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilman Woods made a motion to adopt, second by Councilman Denmon, with a motion and second constituting passage.
  - b. Mayor Palmer reviewed a resolution petitioning the County Commission to accept the city's recommendation for distribution of the LOST formula, for the period 2001 through 2010. Following review, Councilman Woods made a motion to adopt, second by Councilman Denmon, with a motion and second constituting passage.
  - c. Mayor Palmer reviewed a letter from the Airport Authority Board with a recommendation for James Winslow "Chip" Sloan, III to be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Butch Layson on the Airport Authority Board, who resigned effective March 31, 2002. Following discussion, Councilman Woods made a motion to appoint Chip Sloan to fill the unexpired term and to fill an additional term expiring June 30, 2005, second by Councilman Denmon with a motion and second constituting passage.
  - d. Mayor Palmer took the opportunity to express his appreciation to Butch Layson for his excellent leadership of the Airport Authority Board since February 1,

1991. He stated many exciting things have happened in the last few years and a lot of the credit was due to Butch Layson and his perseverance.

- e. Mayor Palmer reviewed a resolution of support for a rehabilitation project proposed by Milton Stewart for Forest Heights Properties at 153 Forest Heights Circle. The project is proposed to be funded by DCA Low Income Housing Tax Credits or the Home Investment Partnership Program. Councilman Woods made a motion to adopt the resolution, second by Councilman Denmon with a motion and second constituting passage.
- f. Mayor Palmer stated the city will hold its first budget hearing on May 13, 2002 at 7:00 P.M.
- g. Mayor Palmer inquired if there was anyone who wished to make a nomination for the Georgia Key Citizen Award or the Municipal Government Hall of Fame. He stated nominations are due by April 10, 2002.
- h. Mayor Palmer remind the Council and public of public hearings on April 22, 2002 on the following requests:
  - 1) A request for a liquor and wine package license by Karen Lynn Wofford for 235 West Line Street.
  - 2) A liquor and wine package license application by Johnny Bryant for 769 Highway 53 East, doing business as ABC Package Store.

5. Council Comments:

- a. Mayor Palmer stated Mayor Pro Tem Shelton continues to recover from his injuries. At this time, Mayor Palmer presented Mayor Pro Tem Shelton's report:
  - 1) The fire department responded to 48 calls during the month of March, with estimated fire damages of \$11,250.00. He stated there were 14 accidents with 16 injuries and one death. There were 13 false alarms. He stated the fire inspection department conducted 43 inspections. The fire department conducted fire extinguisher classes at Kerry Industries for 21 persons. All fire department employees attended the city drivers' training class and 9 members participated in a 4 day tactical operations class at the Dalton fire department. Two members began a 7 week training session for new firefighters and the crews completed all routine maintenance on vehicles, equipment and buildings.
  - 2) The police department made 1,067 cases in the month of March 2002, with anticipated fines of \$145,000.00. There were 13 cases of driving under the influence. 385 speeding citations and 480 warning tickets were issued. Actual fines of \$111,000.00 were collected. Officers and investigators worked 58 highway accidents with 25 injuries and 22 private property accidents with no injuries. They provided 71 escorts and answered 158 alarms.
- b. Councilman Woods stated:
  - 1) During the month of March, the electric department has worked on multiple maintenance and new service projects. Crews completed the copper replacement in the Crest Drive and Wilson Street area, which included approximately 10,000 feet of aluminum conductors. The crews additionally connected more than 600 kW of new load for American Rug at Mohawk. The maintenance section completed the restoration of the City Hall fountain. Multiple trouble calls were responded to at the water

and wastewater plants and the library. During the month of March, the electric inspector issued 26 permits and performed 68 inspections. The department purchased 26,971,718 kWh for resale.

c. Councilman Denmon stated:

- 1) The water treatment plant treated a daily average of 11.772 million gallons per day (MGD) of raw water during the month, with no operation from Well #3, which is undergoing renovation.
- 2) The sewer treatment plant treated a daily average of 8.945 MGD. The average BOD effluent was 13, the average suspended effluent was 16 and the average COD effluent was 86.
- 3) The water and sewer construction department made 55 water taps during the month of March and 6 sewer taps. They installed 3400 feet of 6-inch water line on Millers Ferry Road to Shaw Road. They installed 700 feet of 6-inch water line along County Side Drive and 2,225 of 6-inch water line along Dempsey Loop. They responded to 31 water leaks, 14 meter change-outs and 7 sewer calls.
- 4) The Building Inspection department issued 47 permits during the month for estimated construction of \$1,652,200.00.

d. Councilman Woods, in the absence of Councilwoman Potts stated:

- 1) The street department brush truck picked up 4,265 cubic yards of brush and leaves. The street sweeper cleaned 33 miles of curb and gutter. The department hauled 59 loads of stone and erected 10 new street signs. They completed 30 shop work orders. They cut shoulders on Marine Drive on Beamer Road with the motor grader. They built two 24 x 24 storm water boxes and installed 20 feet of 15-inch pipe at the entrance to Sunset Drive. They dug out and patched on Highpoint Drive, Mims Drive, Riverview Drive, Dews Pond Road and the Armory Road, using 125 tons of asphalt. They graded and hauled chert to build a 100 by 50-foot parking lot for the police department on Louise Avenue. They worked at the water treatment plant, cleaning up and hauling scrap materials. They hauled stone and graded the parking lot at the soccer fields.
- 2) The sanitation department ran their commercial trash routes, serviced and washed vehicles and gained three 4-yard dumpster accounts during the month.
- 3) The parks department provided their routine maintenance on city property, water tank sites and right-of-ways. They continued construction on an equipment shed at the cemetery and completed several maintenance jobs at City Hall, the police department, the Depot, the electric department and the Crowe's Nest.
- 4) The cemetery department marked and supervised the opening and closing of 16 gravesites and performed routine maintenance at Fain and Chandler cemeteries.
- 5) The safety committee reported 1 workers' comp accident and no vehicle accidents during the month. They conducted a safety inspection of the recreation department and provided defensive driving classes for 58 city employees.
- 6) Animal control housed 13 dogs and 3 cats during the month and responded to 45 customer calls.

6. Public Hearings and Comments:

- a. Mayor Palmer stated at this time, he would open the public hearing on the cable franchise renewal agreement with Comcast. He stated to this point, the agreement has been negotiated by Ms. Edith Spencer of GMA. She has negotiated with Comcast for Calhoun and other cities who are members of GMA.
- 1) City Attorney William P. Bailey stated he had reviewed the proposed contract and found it was a document in progress and it was in good order.
  - 2) Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments by Comcast officials. Jeff Shope, the new manager for Comcast in Rome commented they are working with GMA regarding the proposed renewal agreement.
  - 3) Mayor Palmer inquired if the current rate increase advertised by Comcast included the provision for the franchise fee to be increased from 3% to 5%, which appears to be standard for the industry throughout Georgia. Mayor Palmer stated he had received several calls from citizens regarding information from Comcast employees that the current rate increase was put in place due to increased franchise taxes by the City of Calhoun. Mr. Shope stated the information was incorrect. It was improper for them to include the rate increase prior to a finalized agreement. Mayor Palmer stated the contract expired in July 2001 and asked if the statement made by Mr. Shope indicated there would be another rate increase by Comcast to cover the increased franchise amount. Mr. Shope stated at this point, he wasn't sure but he would inquire and notify the city but most likely, there would be another rate increase. Mayor Palmer asked that the personnel with Comcast be properly notified so the city is not receiving erroneous complaints regarding increases by the company.
  - 4) Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments by the general public. There were none.
  - 5) Mayor Palmer announced the city will consider adoption of the agreement on April 22, 2002.
- b. Mayor Palmer stated at this time, public hearings on zoning matters would be held. The public would have the opportunity to make pro and con comments with a ten-minute maximum time limit for each side of the matter. Each person speaking would be required to have filed a Financial Disclosure Statement five days prior to the hearing, and each person would be required to give their name and address before speaking. An inquiry was made to determine if any of the elected officials had filed a disclosure statement regarding ownership or special interest in the agenda items. The response was negative.

**STANDARDS GOVERNING THE EXERCISE OF ZONING POWER:**

- (1) Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.
- (2) Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.
- (3) Whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.

- (4) Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools.
- (5) Whether there will be capital costs for capital improvements to serve the area. Capital costs shall include water mains, sewer mains, new street pavement or widening, new fire stations or equipment, new police stations or equipment, and other like costs.
- (6) Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan.
- (7) Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for their approval; or disapproval of the zoning proposal.
- (8) Whether there are other factors relevant to balancing the interest in promoting the public health, safety, morality or general welfare against the right to the unrestricted use of property.

**VARIANCE CONSIDERATIONS (ONE OR MORE)**

- (a) There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property in question because of its size, shape or topography.
- (b) The application of this ordinance to the particular piece of property would create an unnecessary hardship.
- (c) Such conditions are peculiar to the particular piece of property involved.
- (d) Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes and intent of this ordinance, provided, however, that no variance may be granted for a use of land or building or structure that is prohibited by this ordinance.

- 1) Mayor Palmer reviewed the zoning variance request by American Extruders, Howard Johnson, Owner, for a 12-foot variance on the west side of the property. The request would allow an addition to an existing building at 200 Beasley Street.
  - a) A public hearing was opened.
  - b) Harrison reported that notification to adjoining property owners had been completed, signs had been placed on the property and notices had been published in the local legal organ.
  - c) Mayor Palmer requested a report from the Zoning Advisory Board meeting.
  - d) Attorney Bailey provided the report from the Zoning Advisory Board meeting. He stated in reference to the zoning standards and variance considerations as listed above, the relevant items with their comments are as follows:
    - (1) The zoning proposal is for new construction to enlarge existing use. The use is suitable to the adjacent and nearby properties.
    - (2) The proposal will not adversely affect the use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.
    - (3) The zoning proposal does not request a change in use.

- (4) There will be no impact on existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools.
  - (5) There will be no costs for capital improvements to serve the area.
  - (6) The proposed use is in conformity with the intent of the land use plan.
  - (7) None
  - (8) None
  - (a) The proximity to the railroad right-of-way.
  - (b) The setback reduction is between the proposed extension and the railroad right-of-way. No other building is involved. It would be an unnecessary hardship to enforce the setback distance between the building and the railroad right-of-way.
  - (c) The property is bound on the west by the railroad right-of-way and on the south by Mauldin Road. The new addition will be as close to the railroad right-of-way as the existing building.
  - (d) There is no problem with visibility up or down the railroad track for vehicular traffic at the Mauldin Road crossing. The variance enlarges an existing use, which does not harm or impair the public good.
  - e) Attorney Bailey stated that based upon these findings, the Zoning Advisory Board had recommended the zoning variance be approved.
  - f) Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments by the applicant or the public. There were none and the hearing was closed.
  - g) Councilman Woods stated based upon the findings of the Zoning Advisory Board and upon the finding that there would be no harm to the public good, he would make a motion to approve the variance request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Palmer stating a motion and second constituted passage.
- 2) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a request for a zoning change from R-1 to C-2 by Eduardo Antunez for property at 403 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The property is surrounded by C-2 zoning.
- a) A public hearing was opened.
  - b) Harrison reported that notification to adjoining property owners had been completed, signs had been placed on the property and notices had been published in the local legal organ.
  - c) Mayor Palmer requested a report from the Zoning Advisory Board meeting.
  - d) Attorney Bailey provided the report from the Zoning Advisory Board meeting. He stated in reference to the zoning standards as listed above, the relevant items with their comments are as follows:
    - (1) Except for the property bounding this property on the east, the property is surrounded by C-2 property.

- (2) The adjacent or nearby property is either all C-2 or is better suited to C-2 use.
  - (3) The property has little economic value as presently zoned.
  - (4) There will be no adverse impact on existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools, provided no other street parking shall be allowed.
  - (5) There will be no need for capital improvements by the city.
  - (6) The proposal is in conformity with the intent of the land use plan.
  - (7) The area is changing to more intense light commercial use, which would support this change from R-1 to C-2.
  - (8) New construction of a commercial building pursuant to present building and zoning ordinances will promote the public health and safety.
- e) Attorney Bailey stated that based upon these findings, the Zoning Advisory Board had recommended the change from R-1 to C-2 be approved.
  - f) Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments by the applicant or the public. There were none and the hearing was closed.
  - g) Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the request for a zoning change from R-1 to C-2, based upon the findings of the Zoning Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Palmer stating a motion and second constituted passage.
- 3) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a zoning variance request by Home Mart Builders, Inc. for Lot 2, on Summerfield Way. The property doesn't meet the minimum setback requirements.
    - a) A public hearing was opened.
    - b) Harrison reported that notification to adjoining property owners had been completed, signs had been placed on the property and notices had been published in the local legal organ.
    - c) Mayor Palmer requested a report from the Zoning Advisory Board meeting.
    - d) Attorney Bailey provided the report from the Zoning Advisory Board meeting. He stated in reference to the zoning standards and variance considerations as listed above, the relevant items with their comments are as follows:
      - (1) There is a single family residence located in a subdivision consisting only of single-family dwellings.
      - (2) This is a single-family dwelling in a subdivision of single-family dwellings only.
      - (3) Not applicable.
      - (4) Not applicable.
      - (5) Not applicable.
      - (6) Not applicable.
      - (7) Not applicable.

- (8) There is no danger to public health or safety. The application is to correct a minimum encroachment over the setback line that has no effect on the adjoining property.
    - (a) The lot in question is situated on a cul-de-sac, which contributed to a mistaken initial measurement when construction of the house began.
    - (b) The area of extension into the setback area is less than five feet and creates no unnecessary hardships on the adjoining property owners.
    - (c) Not applicable.
    - (d) The relief requested would not cause substantial detriment to the public good.
  - e) Attorney Bailey stated that based upon these findings, the Zoning Advisory Board had recommended the zoning variance be approved.
  - f) Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments by the applicant or the public.
  - g) The applicant stated the measurement was an error and strong provisions had been made to prevent this from happening in the future.
  - h) There were no other comments and the hearing was closed.
  - i) Councilman Denmon made a motion based upon the findings of the Zoning Advisory Board to grant the variance request, second by Mayor Palmer, with a motion and second constituting passage. Councilman Woods stated this is a residential zoning matter and since he is in residential development, he would abstain from the vote.
- 4) A zoning variance request by M&S Holdings, LLC, for a sign variance for advertising its business at its property on I-75 and Gee Road. The proposed height is 50 feet. The sign face would be 32 by 10 feet.
- a) A public hearing was opened.
  - b) Harrison reported that notification to adjoining property owners had been completed, signs had been placed on the property and notices had been published in the local legal organ.
  - c) Mayor Palmer requested a report from the Zoning Advisory Board meeting.
  - d) Attorney Bailey provided the report from the Zoning Advisory Board meeting. He stated in reference to the zoning standards and variance considerations as listed above, the relevant items with their comments are as follows:
    - (1) The property and a majority of the properties in the area are commercial properties, all dependent upon on-premise advertising.
    - (2) The adjacent properties are commercial and the sign would not block or shield other on-premise signs.
    - (3) This is not a rezoning application.
    - (4) The proposal will have no effect on the infrastructure or schools.

- (5) The zoning proposal involves no capital improvements to be made by the city.
  - (6) Use of the property the sign will advertise is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan.
  - (7) None.
  - (8) The sign ordinance regulates the placement of outdoor advertising signs to certain locations. This sign is an on-premise sign in an area of numerous commercial on-premise signs that exceed the height and size as requested by the applicant
    - (a) The property is visible from I-75 but in a very low area. The sign height of 25 feet will not permit visibility from I-75. The property is not at an interchange.
    - (b) In the immediate area are three signs exceeding the height and size of the requested sign. The applicant's business depends upon on-premise sign advertising. The applicant's request would not impact the immediate area.
    - (c) The property is in close proximity to other commercial establishments that depend upon on-premise outdoor signs. The sign conforms to use in the vicinity.
    - (d) The sign ordinance allows on-premise outdoor advertising. The variance, if granted, should permit advertising only of the goods and services available on-premise and not for any goods or services off-premise.
  - e) Attorney Bailey stated that based upon these findings, the Zoning Advisory Board had recommended the zoning variance be approved.
  - f) Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments by the applicant or the public.
  - g) Mr. Bob McFarland, an owner of the company, stated the original sign would be relocated from the original business location at 1462 Highway 41 North. The business relocated to a larger facility and the sign is needed for their customers to find their new location.
  - h) There were no other comments and the hearing was closed.
  - i) Councilman Woods made a motion to approve based upon the findings of the Zoning Advisory Board, with the understanding that the variance is granted strictly for the purpose of advertising goods and services sold on-premise and no off-premise advertising would be permitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with a motion and second constituting passage.
- 5) Mayor Palmer stated the variance request as filed by Flipper McDaniel had been withdrawn.

7. Old business: **none.**

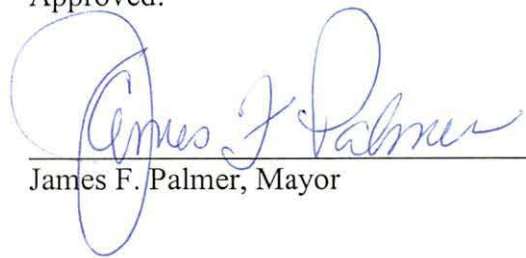
8. New business:

- a. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request by Jack Crump to rezone approximately 5 acres of property at 145 Marine Drive from R-1 to C-2. A house

- on the property is being removed. Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be May 13, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing at that date and time, second by Councilman Woods, with a motion and second constituting passage.
- b. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request of the Calhoun police department for a zoning variance to allow two mobile units to serve as office space and to be location on Louise Avenue on city property. The units are to be occupied by the police department. The earliest date for a public hearing would be May 13, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. Attorney Bailey stated that under state law, the city is not required to file for a variance. However, the city felt it should be held to the same standards as other property owners, and should allow adjoining property owners the opportunity to address the matter. Councilman Woods made a motion to set the public hearing at that date and time, second by Councilman Denmon, with a motion and second constituting passage.
  - c. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request by Brian Wilson for zoning of PRD and annexation of tracts 3, 4, 5 and 6, consisting of approximately 29 acres off Highway 53 Spur and Harris Beamer Road. Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be May 13, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing at that date and time, second by Councilman Woods, with a motion and second constituting passage.
  - d. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request by Brian Wilson and Calhoun Realty & Development Co. for a change in zoning from R-1 and R-2 to PRD for Tracts 1 and 2, consisting of approximately 85 acres off Highway 53 Spur and Harris-Beamer Road. The earliest date for a public hearing would be May 13, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Woods made a motion to set the public hearing at that date and time, second by Councilman Denmon, with a motion and second constituting passage.
  - e. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request by Darin Hardin for zoning of C-2 and annexation of 2.58 acres and zoning of R-2 and annexation of 11.29 acres, adjoining properties on the southeast quadrant of the intersection between Dews Pond and Lovers Lane Roads, for development of a combined commercial and residential area. The earliest date for a public hearing would be May 13, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing at that date and time, second by Councilman Woods, with a motion and second constituting passage.
9. Other written items not on the agenda:
- a. Mayor Palmer reviewed a proposal by the city school system in which they are requesting that approximately 0.5 acres of land be exchanged with owners of the Stepp property for approximately 0.10 acres of land, which would allow the new city school development to have access to Laurel Creek Drive, which could be used as a major entrance into the new development. Mayor Palmer stated that while this is not the only proposed entrance for the property, it would be the most desirable. Following review, Councilman Woods made a motion to authorize the exchange of property as requested by the city school system and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement initiating the exchange and other documents as required. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with a motion and second constituting passage.

- b. A first reading was given to a request for a zoning variance by David Forrester, doing business as Tires, Inc., to locate a construction trailer on property located at 301 Wellco Lane. Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be May 13, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Woods made a motion to set the public hearing at that date and time, second by Councilman Denmon, with a motion and second constituting passage.
- 10. Work Reports:
    - a. Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities: **none.**
    - b. Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works: **none.**
  - 11. Mayor Palmer stated it was not necessary to move to executive session at this time.
  - 12. Councilman Woods made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilman Denmon, with a motion and second constituting passage.

Approved:



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James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



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Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
GEORGIA**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Calhoun has been a recipient of Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) dollars for the purpose of *ad valorem* tax rollback since 1981, following a referendum approved by the voters of Calhoun and Gordon County; and

**WHEREAS**, the LOST formula for distribution was renegotiated by the Cities of Fairmount, Calhoun and Gordon County in 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, state statute requires participating parties to renegotiate the distribution formula in 2002, with the results being forwarded to the state Revenue Commissioner prior to December 31, 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Calhoun and Gordon County key officials have met and reviewed services provided by each;

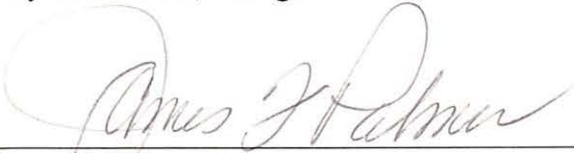
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun petition the Gordon County Commission for their share of the LOST funds as follows:

- Twenty-three percent (23%) of the one percent LOST for January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2005; and
- Twenty-four percent (24%) of the one percent LOST for January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010, or until the distribution formula is renegotiated, as per state statute.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun commend officials of all parties for their negotiations in good faith, giving consideration for the current state of the economy, the services rendered by all parties, and considering current information from the 2000 census.

**ADOPTED** this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2002.

City of Calhoun, Georgia

  
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James F. Palmer, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
GEORGIA**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, city government is the closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, city government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, city government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along their understanding of public services and their benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, Georgia Cities Week is a very important time to recognize the important role played by city government in our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, this week offers an important opportunity to spread the word to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence this branch of government which is closest to the people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Municipal Association and its member cities have joined together to teach students and other citizens about municipal government through a variety of different projects and information; and

**WHEREAS**, Georgia Cities Week offers an important opportunity to convey to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence government through their civic involvement; and


**WHEREAS**, the City of Calhoun has provided municipal services to its citizens for 150 years;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Calhoun declares April 21-27, 2002 as *“Georgia Cities Week.”*


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Calhoun encourages all citizens, city government officials and employees to do everything possible to ensure that this week is recognized and celebrated accordingly.

**ADOPTED** and made effective this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2002.

City of Calhoun, Georgia

  
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James F. Palmer, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
GEORGIA**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, Forest Heights Properties, LP, Milton Stewart, Developer, has notified the City of Calhoun, Georgia of its intent to rehabilitate fifty units at 153 Forest Heights Circle in Calhoun, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, the rehabilitation will include improvements to lighting, roofs, structures, streets and add recreational areas; and

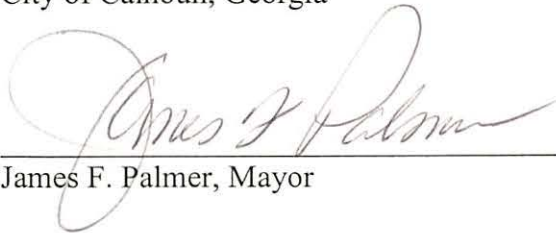
**WHEREAS**, the rehabilitation is proposed to be funded through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program or through the Home Investment Partnerships Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun hereby commend Milton Stewart, Developer, for his rehabilitation plans for the fifty units, which will improve the quality of life for the tenants of the facility; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun support the project and offer our letter and resolution as inducements to the Department of Community Affairs to indicate city support of the project.

**ADOPTED** this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2002.

City of Calhoun, Georgia



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James F. Palmer, Mayor

Attest:



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Cathy Harrison, City Administrator