



**SPECIAL CALLED  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 21, 2020 – 11:30 AM  
226 SOUTH WALL STREET  
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MINUTES**

1. **Special Called Meeting Called to Order**

**Welcome**

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

2. **Motion to move to Executive Session**

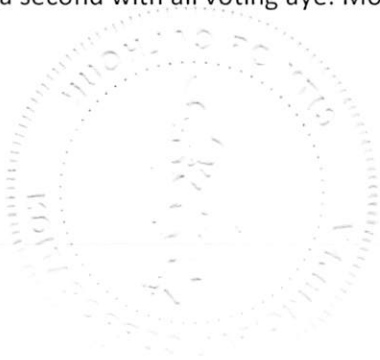
Mayor Palmer called for a motion to move to executive session to discuss personnel. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to move to Executive Session. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and council members moved to executive session at 11:32 a.m.

3. **Motion to return to General Session**

Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to return to General Session. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and council members returned to general session at 1:14 p.m. and members of the press in attendance were called back into the meeting.

4. Upon return to general session Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to immediately suspend Mr. Peterson without pay for a term not to exceed 30 days for failure to perform job duties and his recent D.U.I., pending further action of the Council. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.


Councilman Edwards made a motion to appoint Assistant City Administrator Paul Worley as Acting City Administrator in order to meet Charter requirements. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.



5. **Motion to Adjourn**

There being no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Denmon gave a second. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Approved:

  
James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:

  
Sharon Nelson, City Clerk



**CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT**

James F. Palmer, Chair of the City of Calhoun, City Council Meeting, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

1.

The City Council of Calhoun, Georgia, met in a duly advertised a Special Called meeting on January 21, 2020.

2.

During such meeting, the council voted to go into executive session.

3.

The executive session was called to order at 11:32 a.m.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

\_\_\_\_\_ Consultation with the city attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)

\_\_\_\_\_ Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and (*insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential*) \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion or voting on

\_\_\_\_\_ Authorizing a settlement as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(A)

\_\_\_\_\_ Authorizing negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(B)

\_\_\_\_\_ Authorizing an appraisal as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(C)

\_\_\_\_\_ Entering a contract for the purchase, disposal of, or lease of property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(D)

\_\_\_\_\_ Entering into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(E)

XX Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a city officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)

\_\_\_\_ Interviewing candidates for executive positions as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)

\_\_\_\_ Other (describe the exemption to the open meetings law): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ as provided in (insert the citation to the legal  
authority exempting the topic): \_\_\_\_\_  
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5.

\_\_\_\_ During the course of the closed session devoted to exempt topics, an incidental remark regarding a non-exempt topic or an attempt to discuss a non-exempt topic was made.


\_\_\_\_ The attempt was immediately ruled out of order and attempts to discuss the same ceased immediately.

\_\_\_\_ The attempt was immediately ruled out of order. However, the comments did not cease, so the closed/executive session was immediately adjourned without discussion or action being taken regarding any non- exempt topic.

6.

Minutes were taken of this meeting in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e)(2)(C) and will be filed and held for inspection by an appropriate court only.

This 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2020.

  
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James F. Palmer, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
January, 2020.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

