

City Council Minutes 5-10-07

Mayor Buelterman called the Consent Agenda Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present in addition to the Mayor were Council Members Sessions, Crone, Williams, Pearce and Wolff. Ms. Doyle was absent due to being out of town. Also attending were City Attorney Hughes and City Manager Schleicher.

Ms. Schleicher introduced Donna Kaplan as the new Administrative Assistant to the City Manager and Clerk.

Mr. Hughes explained the confusion over the minutes for April 12, 2007. He said according to the minutes we are currently under the State Model Ordinance on Soil and Sedimentation. He said Ms. Williams original motion was to postpone the ordinance until there could be a workshop. He said the Mayor asked during the discussion if this motion passes could we have another motion. Mr. Hughes said he told the Mayor yes and that was probably incorrect if the motion was to hold the whole topic. Mr. Hughes said we have already had second reading and in his opinion that is valid. He said since this ordinance has already been approved for second reading it is in effect. He said the minutes need to reflect that when Ms. Williams motion was restated it did not include postponement of the ordinance. Mr. Hughes said when he reviewed the tape he realized Ms. Williams motion was to postpone the entire ordinance and not just the version containing the marsh definitions as he originally thought. He said he will provide Ms. Woods with an addendum to the minutes with an explanation.

Ms. Williams said having the minutes for review before the next council meeting is critical and would have prevented this. She feels it is imperative that the minutes be compiled before the next Council meeting and has been assured by Ms. Woods that having her new assistant on board will help with getting the minutes turned around faster.

Mr. Hughes recommended postponing approval of the minutes for 4/12/07 until the next meeting.

Mayor Buelterman listed the consent agenda items as:

Resolution requesting Chatham County Elections Board conduct our election on November 6, 2007.

Approval of Sunday Sales License for Benny's, 1517 Butler Ave. Alvin Ward/Rose Brown- Ms. Schleicher will request 1st quarter report to assure they are within the guidelines for Sunday Sales.

Approval of New Business License with Alcohol and Sunday Sales for Flyin Fish Café, Inc at 1106 E. Hwy 80. Frank Shuman, Jr.

Mayor Buelterman closed the Consent Agenda Meeting.

Mayor Buelterman called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00PM on 5/10/07. Officials present during the Consent Agenda meeting were still in attendance.

Father Costigan of St. Michael's Catholic Church gave the invocation and the Tybee Island Memorial Color Guard posted the colors. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Demmery Bishop gave a presentation of the Crimestoppers video for Chatham County.

Mayor Buelterman and City Council presented a Proclamation and Flowers to Vivian Woods, Clerk of Council, proclaiming May 11, 2007 as Municipal Clerk Day on Tybee Island.

Mr. Bill Cannon of the Tybee Beautification Association announced the adopt-a-highway on Saturday, May 12th at 8:00AM.

Mr. Richard Adams representing the American Diabetes Association announced the Kiss-a-pig event at the lighthouse on May 19th and requested 150 1-day parking passes for the event participants.

Ms. Sandi Postle gave an update on the Tybee Neighbors.

Ms. Katrina Murray of the Tybee Tourism Council presented the 2007-2008 Tour Planner. She said it represents a complete overhaul of all the marketing materials that they use on behalf of the island. She said through March our Hotel Motel tax collections are up 17%.

David Laing of the Savannah Celtic Beach Soccer Classic requested 9 temporary parking passes for the event. He said Marlin Monroe's is providing restroom facilities as well as electrical service for the tournament. Ms. Schleicher said they will have tents on the beach for team players and tournament headquarters as well as a tent from St. Josephs Hospital providing sunscreen and skin cancer information. Ms. Schleicher said they are also requesting a vendor's license for Coca Cola to have a stand on the beach adjacent to tournament headquarters.

Ms. Sessions asked if they would be selling Coca Cola and water. Mr. Laing said yes. Ms. Sessions said she objects to the vendor's license because in the past this has been an issue with our businesses. Mayor Buelterman agreed and said our businesses have always been opposed to beach vendors and we don't want to set a precedent.

Mr. Crone said there is only one business located there and they must not be opposed because they are furnishing the bathroom and electricity.

Mr. Brown of the Marine Rescue Squadron announced the annual bar-b-que Butt sale on Friday May 25th at the Shack at Lazaretto Creek at 11:00AM.

Ms. Schleicher said regarding the Budget adjustment of \$8,000 for the Fire Department Mule; the Fire Department had budgeted for a new exhaust system at the fire station including bay doors. She said the Chief was doing research and discovered the hose system that he initially wanted was not recommended by other Fire Departments. Chief Sasser decided to go with a different system that is priced lower than the budgeted amount, leaving enough money to purchase a back up mule for the lifeguards.

Ms. Schleicher said the proposed automated meter reading equipment will allow us to bill monthly, tier water rates and detect water leaks real time. She said we will be self-financing from the general fund which would be paid back in 6 yearly installments at 4 1/2%.

Ms. Williams asked if this was a sole source vendor. Ms. Schleicher said yes because almost all of the companies require you to buy their meters and we would be locked into their technology. She said we would have to be concerned with them going out of business and having to replace all of the meters. She said the technology they are looking at has an optical reader that will fit on any

meter and transmit to our antenna. She said we source out meters from several different companies and the optical reader will work on all of them.

Ms. Williams said since we have many homeowners that do not live in their houses on Tybee we need to require a phone number or an e-mail address so we can contact them in case of a water leak. Ms. Schleicher said that could be a part of our water billing system to require additional information. Mr. Crone said the Water and Sewer committee endorses this product.

Mayor Buelterman opened the business meeting and asked for a motion on the Consent Agenda items as previously listed.

Mr. Pearce moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Ms. Sessions seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Ms. Williams moved to approve 150, 1-day parking passes for the American Diabetes Association Kiss a Pig event. Mr. Wolff seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wolff moved to approve the \$8,000 budget adjustment from 100-3510-54-2100 to 100-6124-54-2505 to purchase a back up mule for lifeguards. Ms. Williams seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wolff moved to approve financing the automated meter reading equipment through the General Fund. Ms. Williams seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Ms. Sessions moved to approve the Savannah Celtic Beach Soccer Classic event excluding the vendor tent to sell soft drinks and water. Mr. Wolff seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Pearce moved to approve for 2nd Reading the Text Amendment-Construction Activities-Debris-requiring a secure cover be placed over dumpster or container at end of the work day to prevent trash from blowing out. Mr. Wolff seconded and the vote was Pearce, Wolff, Sessions and Williams in favor and Mr. Crone voting in opposition.

Ms. Sessions moved to approve giving 9 1-day parking passes to the Savannah Celtic Beach Soccer Classic event. Ms. Williams seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wolff moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Litigation, Personnel and Real Estate. Ms. Williams seconded and the vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Pearce moved to go back into Regular Session, Mr. Crone seconded and the vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Pearce moved to adjourn, Mr. Crone seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Jason Buelterman

Vivian O. Woods, Clerk of Council