

CITY OF NEWNAN, GEORGIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newnan, Georgia was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. in the Richard A. Bolin Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Keith Brady presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brady called the meeting to order and delivered the invocation.

PRESENT

Mayor Keith Brady: Council members present: Ray DuBose; George Alexander; Paul Guillaume, Dustin Koritko, Rhodes Shell and Cynthia E. Jenkins. Also present: City Manager, Cleatus Phillips; Assistant City Manager, Hasco Craver; City Clerk, Della Hill; Public Works Director, Michael Klahr; City Attorney, Brad Sears and Police Chief, Douglas "Buster" Meadows.

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 27, 2020

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Council meeting on October 27, 2020 and adopt them as amended.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

ANNUAL REPORT – URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Information only

APPOINTMENT – NEWNAN YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMISSION – 3 YEAR TERM

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place Councilman Koritko appointment to the Newnan Youth Activities Commission on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

APPOINTMENTS – FARMER STREET CEMETERY COMMISSION

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place his appointment and Councilman Koritko's appointment to the Farmer Street Cemetery Commission on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

APPOINTMENT – ETHICS COMMISSION - 2 YEAR TERM

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place Councilwoman Jenkins appointment to the Ethics Commission on the agenda for the next meeting.

RESIGNATION – NEWNAN CONVENTION AUTHORITY

Motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Koritko to accept the resignation of Kaite McBride Newman on the Newnan Convention Authority, she is moving out of the City of Newnan.

APPOINTMENT – NEWNAN CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

Mayor Brady placed in nomination John Goodrum for the Newnan Convention Center Authority to replace Katie McBride Newman.

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander to appoint John Goodrum to the Newnan Convention Center Authority.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE – THE JUICY CRAB

Mayor Brady opened a public hearing on the application for a Retail On Premise (Pouring) Sales of Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages and Wine License for transfer of License Representative for the Juicy Crab located at 1120 Bullsboro Drive.

A representative of applicant was present for the hearing. No one spoke for or against the application. Mayor Brady closed the public hearing. The City Clerk advised that all the documentation had been received and everything was in order.

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilman Shell to approve the application for a Retail On Premise (Pouring) Sales of Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages and Wine License for transfer of License Representative for The Juicy Crab located at 1120 Bullsboro Drive.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE
CHYLACAS GRILL, LLC

Mayor Brady opened a public hearing on the application for a Retail On Premise (Pouring) Sales of Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages and Wine License for transfer Licensee for Chylacas Grill, LLC located at 20 Bullsboro Drive.

A representative of applicant was present for the hearing. No one spoke for or against the application. Mayor Brady closed the public hearing. The City Clerk advised that all the documentation had been received and everything was in order.

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the application for a Retail On Premise (Pouring) Sales of Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages and Wine License for transfer Licensee for Chylacas Grill LLC located at 20 Bullsboro Drive.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

REQUEST – FROM COWETA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM – INSTALLATION OF FLASHING SCHOOL BEACONS – CEC SCHOOL – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DRIVE

Motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to approve the request by Coweta County School System for the installation of flashing school beacons at the CEC School on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

LOCAL MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG) – LIST OF STREETS PROPOSED FOR MAINTENANCE

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to approve the list of streets proposed for maintenance for Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG).

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

RESOLUTION – APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF MULTI FAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS BY THE THOMASTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

After discussion with Council regarding safety issues on rehabilitation of Eastgate Apartments it was decided to continue this item until the November 24, 2020 Council meeting.

Motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Koritko to continue the Resolution required by federal law that provides the City's consent for the issuance of housing revenue bonds to assist with the financing for the acquisition and substantial rehabilitation of Eastgate Apartments regarding safety issues.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 - 0)

2ND AND FINAL READING – ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCES CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5-25, DEMOLITION, REMOVAL OR RELOCATION OF STRUCTURES

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman Shell to adopt on second reading the Ordinance to amend ordinances, Chapter 5, Section 5-25 Demolition, Removal or Relocation of Structures. Opposed: Koritko

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 1)

2ND AND FINAL READING – ORDINANCE – REZONING REQUEST ON BEHALF OF
TURNSTONE GROUP, LLC – 2.70 ACRES LOCATED DIPLOMAT PARKWAY

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins to adopt on second reading the Ordinance for the Rezoning on behalf of Turnstone Group, LLC for 2.70 acres located on Diplomat Parkway from CGN to CHV conditioned for climate controlled storage units. Opposed: Alexander

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 1)

DESIGNATING WESLEY STREET FROM JEFFERSON STREET TO JACKSON
STREET AS ONE-WAY TO MITIGATE LIMITED SIGHT DISTANCE AT THE
INTERSECTION OF WESLEY STREET AT JEFFERSON STREET

The Public Works Director/City Engineer indicated at the August 11, 2020 meeting, staff was asked to look into a reported line of sight issues at the subject intersection. This intersection is under the jurisdiction of the Georgia Department of Transportation (Jefferson Street is State Route 14) we forwarded the concern to GDOT for their input. GDOT offered 4 recommendations for mitigating the limited sight distance.

1. Remove on-street parking for approximately 90 feet (5 parking stalls)
2. Remove pedestrian success at Wesley Street and move up the stop bar
3. Install a mirror outside the Right-of-Way across from Wesley Street
4. Covert Wesley Street to one-way, westbound

The City Council instructed staff to consult with a traffic engineering firm to determine traffic impacts in making Wesley Street one-way, option 4 above.

The study reveals that converting the section of Wesley Street between Jackson Street and Jefferson Street to a westbound one-way does not adversely affect the surrounding intersections and traffic operations.

After discussion with Staff and Council it was decided it would be best to leave the subject intersection as is with no changes.

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Shell to approve Wesley Street from Jefferson Street to Jackson Street as one-way to mitigate limited sight distance at the intersection of Wesley Street at Jefferson. Opposed: Alexander, Brady, Jenkins and Koritko.

MOTION FAILED. (3 – 4)

REQUEST – FOUNDATION CHRISTIAN CHURCH – HOLD MOVIE EVENT ON SOUTH COURT SQUARE

After discussion with Staff and Council on the request to close South Court Square this close to Christmas would affect the downtown merchants. Council felt it would be better to relocate the event to Greenville Street Park.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins to approve relocating the movie event requested by Foundation Christian Church to Greenville Street Park from South Court Square on December 11th and 12th from 3 pm – 11 pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko that we now enter into closed session as allowed by O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4 and pursuant to advice by the City Attorney, for the purpose of discussing real estate issues and that we move, in open session to adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor or presiding officer to execute an affidavit in compliance with O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4, and that this body ratify the actions of the Council taken in closed session and confirm that the subject matters of the closed session were within exceptions permitted by the open meetings law at 3:15 pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

RESOLUTION/MAYOR'S AFFIDAVIT FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko to adopt the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the affidavit stating that the subject matter of the closed portion of the Council was within the exceptions provided by O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b).

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

28 WESTGATE PARK LANE

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the purchase and demolition of 28 Westgate Park Lane.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

WORK SESSION – CALDWELL TANKS PROPERTY

A work session was held for the purpose of presentations and planning proposals for the Caldwell Tanks property from three design firms. Stevens & Wilkinson, K. A. Oldham Design and Nelson Worldwide shared their visions for the property. Mayor Brady indicated planning the future use of this property is important so that it will pay tribute to its heritage. There will be a summary of the work session to be presented to Council at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko to adjourn the Council meeting at 4:58 pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

Della Hill, City Clerk

Keith Brady, Mayor