



City of Marietta

205 Lawrence Street
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Meeting Summary CITY COUNCIL

R. Steve Tumlin, Mayor
Annette Paige Lewis, Ward 1
Griffin "Grif" L. Chalfant, Jr., Ward 2
Johnny Sinclair, Ward 3
Irvan A. "Van" Pearlberg, Ward 4
Rev. Anthony C. Coleman, Ward 5
James W. King, Ward 6
Philip M. Goldstein, Ward 7

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

20110762

Government Finance Officers Association Award

Sam Lady, Finance Director, and Beth Keller, Accounting Manager, City of Marietta Finance Department, receive the GFOA Award for the 24th consecutive year. The Certificate of Achievement for "Excellence in Financial Reporting" is given by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The GFOA Press Release states "This Certificate is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management."

Presented

20111108

Donation to the Fire Museum

Presentation of a check by Betty Hunter, Loop Group President, to Scott Tucker, Assistant Chief, for the Marietta Fire Museum.

Presented

20111121

Statewide Award for Beautification - Keep Georgia Beautiful

Keep Georgia Beautiful awarded Marietta a statewide award for beautification for helping protect the local environment and beautifying the city's major corridors. "Local communities should be very proud of the efforts winning groups and individuals put forth to make their part of the world a better place," Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation executive director Sarah Visser said. "We are proud to pull all of these local efforts together and highlight the great work and progress being made statewide."

Presented

- * **20111089** **Regular Meeting - November 7, 2011**
Review and approval of the November 7, 2011 regular meeting minutes.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- * **20111090** **Special Called Meeting - November 14, 2011**
Review and approval of the November 14, 2011 special meeting minutes.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- 20111080** **Appointments to the Marietta Historic Board of Review effective January 1, 2012.**
Initial one year term:
Annette Lewis Ward 1 - Bret Bittner
Grif Chalfant Ward 2 - David Freedman
Johnny Sinclair Ward 3 -
Van Pearlberg Ward 4 -

Initial two year term:
Anthony Coleman Ward 5 -
Jim King Ward 6 - Rebecca Nash Paden
Philip M. Goldstein Ward 7 -
Mayor Tumlin - Johnny M. Walker
City Council At Large Appointment -

Appointments to the Marietta Historic Board of Review effective January 1, 2012.

Initial one year term:
Annette Lewis Ward 1 - Bret Bittner
Grif Chalfant Ward 2 - David Freedman
Johnny Sinclair Ward 3 - Carrie Walker
Van Pearlberg Ward 4 - Ray Worden

Initial two year term:
Anthony Coleman Ward 5 -
Jim King Ward 6 - Rebecca Nash Paden
Philip M. Goldstein Ward 7 - Johnny Fulmer
Mayor Tumlin - Johnny M. Walker
City Council At Large Appointment - Johnny Sinclair
Approved as Amended
- * **20111106** **Historic Preservation Commission Appointment**
Reappointment of Terry Lee to the Historic Preservation Commission (Ward 5) for a three year term beginning immediately and expiring December 13, 2014.
Approved on the Consent Agenda
- * **20111131** **Planning Commission Appointment**

Appointment of Stephen Diffley to the Marietta Planning Commission (Ward 7) for a term of three years expiring on January 14, 2015.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

20110892 Z2011-15 RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc. 1400 Powder Springs Road

Z2011-15 [REZONING] RACETRAC PETROLEUM, INC. request rezoning for property located in Land Lot 02600, District 19, Parcel 0030, 2nd Section, Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia and being known as 1400 Powder Springs Street from R-2 (Single Family Residential - 2 units/acre) to CRC (Community Retail Commercial). Ward 2.

Motion to allow the applicant to withdraw the rezoning request without prejudice.

Withdrawn

* **20111122 Denial of a claim**

Denial of a claim of Jonathan Mark Blankenship.

Approved to Deny Claim on the Consent Agenda

* **20111130 Denial of a claim**

Denial of a claim of Donna Thompson.

Approved to Deny Claim on the Consent Agenda

* **20111085 FY12 Supplemental Funding for the Cemetery Budget**

Approval of an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2012 budget to appropriate Cemetery Fund reserves to cover the cost of repairs of monuments and walls at the city cemetery.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

* **20110986 Precinct Polling Place Amendment**

Motion to authorize advertisement of a permanent polling place change for Ward 4 from the Grace Community Church to World Changers Church International, 601 Tower Road, Marietta, GA 30060 to coincide with the change adopted by the Cobb County Board of Election and Registration.

Approved on the Consent Agenda

* **20111030 Sunday Alcohol Sales**

Motion to appoint the Cobb County Board of Elections and Registration as the election superintendent for the City of Marietta for the March 6, 2012 Special Election regarding the Sunday Alcohol Sales Referendum.

Approved on the Consent Agenda*** 20111031 Sunday Alcohol Sales**

Motion to approve a contract between the City of Marietta and the Cobb County Board of Elections and Registration whereby the Cobb County Board of Elections and Registration would act as the election superintendent for the March 6, 2012 Special Election for the City of Marietta regarding the Sunday Alcohol Sales Referendum.

Approved on the Consent Agenda*** 20111032 School Bond Issue**

Motion to appoint the Cobb County Board of Elections and Registration as the election superintendent for the City of Marietta for the March 6, 2012 vote regarding a Special Election to determine the issuance or non-issuance of a \$7,145,000.00 General Obligation Bond for the City of Marietta related to a Multi-Use Auditorium, instructional space and associated facilities at Marietta High School.

Approved on the Consent Agenda*** 20111033 School Bond Issue**

Motion to approve a contract between the City of Marietta and the Cobb County Board of Elections and Registration whereby the Cobb County Board of Elections and Registration would act as the election superintendent for the March 6, 2012 Special Election for the City of Marietta related to a Multi-Use Auditorium, instructional space and associated facilities at Marietta High School.

Approved on the Consent Agenda*** 20111078 ARC LCI Study Grants**

Approval of a Resolution of Council for the submission of the following two ARC/LCI Study Grants:

-A Master Plan for SPSU and Life University and visibility along Cobb Parkway

-Study for Transportation Design Standards and Gateway Master Plans to help develop a guide for common design standards.

Approved on the Consent Agenda**20111084 Vehicle Immobilization Ordinance**

Approval of Vehicle Immobilization Ordinance for the city limits of Marietta.

Philip M. Goldstein disclosed that Benny and Sue Robinson (Robinson's Coins) lease parking spaces from him at 48 Atlanta Street, Marietta. Further and I own property at 19-21 Atlanta Street, Marietta, as well as many other properties in Downtown Marietta and in the City of Marietta. Other family members and entities also own property in the City of Marietta.

Council Member Goldstein disclosed that he has an agreement with Gary Eubanks on property located at or near Denmead Street, Marietta, GA.

Mayor Tumlin disclosed that he has had a business relationship with Eubanks, but does not any longer.

Council Member Goldstein disclosed that Gary Leake is a tenant of PMG Whitlock Ave, LLC at 19 Atlanta Street, Marietta, GA, and he is the owner of and manager of said LLC.

Approved as Amended

20111136 Manor Parc Subdivision - Sight Distance Easements

Motion accepting sight distance easements from CG Cole Street, LLC and Manor Parc H1, LLC, subject to approval of all documents by the City Manager, City Attorney and Public Works Director.

Approved as Amended

20111137 Manor Parc Subdivision - Exchange of Property

Motion authorizing exchange of property with CG Cole Street, LLC and Manor Parc H1, LLC subject to approval of all documents by the City Manager, City Attorney and Public Works Director.

Approved and Finalized

20111082 Manor Parc Subdivision

Motion to approve the Revised Final Plat for Manor Parc Subdivision. Also, motion to approve a stipulation to the revised Detailed Plan for Manor Parc Subdivision to allow the existing 46" wide stair that accesses both lots 29 & 30 to remain. Approval of the final plat is subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney, City Manager, Public Works Director and Development Services Director.

Council member Goldstein disclosed that he banks with BB&T. BB&T is the seller of some of the property related to this matter.

Council member Sinclair disclosed that he has a business relationship with a party involved in this development and will abstain regarding this matter.

Approved as Amended*** 20111070 Roadway Performance Guarantee Requirements**

Motion authorizing Public Works to establish a “per lot” topping fee to be collected by the City of Marietta at the Certificate of Occupancy point for each subdivision lot. This topping fee would be based upon 125% of the current estimated cost of the topping coat for the subdivision roads, balanced across the number of undeveloped lots. The City of Marietta would establish and maintain the escrow account. When the amount in the account for the subdivision reaches 110% of the current estimated pavement cost, the City of Marietta could either have the developer use the funds to pave the roadways, or the paving could be done by the City of Marietta. Public Works may at any time require an updated quote for topcoat and adjust the per lot topping fee to address the difference between current forms of guarantee, including escrow, and 125% of the quote. Any excess funds in the escrow account after the roadways have been topped could be returned to the developer. Public Works will also remove “line of credit” as an acceptable method of guarantee for roadway performance. Where possible, Public Works will require topping to occur at time of 50% completion of the lots.

Motion to approve the Roadway Performance Guarantee Requirements with an amendment that reads, "...When the amount in the account for the subdivision reaches 110% of the current estimated pavement cost..."

Approved as Amended on the Consent Agenda**20111069 Tower Road Directional Sign at entrance of Wellstar Kennestone Hospital**

Motion authorizing an easement allowing Wellstar Kennestone Hospital to install and maintain a way finding sign encroaching into the Tower Road right of way 4 feet 10 inches perpendicular and by 3 feet along the right of way with no portion of above ground sign to be closer than 12 inches to the existing sidewalk as shown on the attached drawings for Wellstar Kennestone, provided by Henry Incorporated, last revised 11-10-11. Sign must comply with all applicable ordinances and processes not otherwise addressed in this motion. Approval is subject to approval of final easement, location, and indemnification agreement(s) by the City Attorney and Public Works Director.

Council member Johnny Sinclair disclosed that he serves on the Kennestone Regional Board.

Motion to approve with amendments to the Revocable Easement Agreement by the City Attorney.

Approved as Amended

20111071

V2011-40 Marietta Housing Authority 55 Henderson Street; 216 and 220 Crescent Circle

Motion to approve variances for property located in Land Lots 12300 and 12310, District 16, Parcels 1000, 0900, and 0240 and being known as 55 Henderson Street, 216 and 220 Crescent Circle, as follows:

1. Variance to increase the allowable number of beds from 48 to 150, in order to allow the existing number of units in the current facility [Section 708.23(19)(b)]
2. Variance to increase the allowable floor area ratio from 0.75 to 1.13. [Section 708.23 H]
3. Variance to reduce the required 30 foot buffer and the required 6 foot side yard setback in order to accommodate only those areas where the existing building, sidewalk and easements that currently encroach into the buffer and/or setback. No trees will be removed from the buffer area, and in any areas where the current buffer is determined by the City Arborist to be insufficient, additional trees shall be planted to improve the buffer. [Section 708.23(H).
4. Variance to waive the requirement for a permanent wall or solid fence not less than six feet in height as part of the buffer adjacent to residential properties. [Section 710.05(D)]
5. Variance from the optional site design elements of the Commercial Corridor Design Overlay District. [Section 712.09 (G)(2.a)]
6. Variance to reduce the required 6 foot wide sidewalk along Henderson Street to 5 feet; and so stipulate that new sidewalks will be installed only around existing power poles. [Section 712.09 (G)(4.a.i)]
7. Variance to reduce the required 6 foot wide sidewalk along Crescent Circle to 5 feet for the existing sidewalk. [Section 712.09 (G)(4.a.i)]
8. Variance to waive the requirement for pedestrian lighting fixtures every 60 feet within the landscape zone. [Section 712.09 (G)(4.a.ii.8)]
9. These variances shall be for the current developed property only, and will be discontinued upon any redevelopment of the site such that the current building is demolished or removed.

Motion to approve the variance request with an amendment to # 6 that should read, "Variance to reduce the required 6 foot wide sidewalk along Henderson Street to 5 feet; and so stipulate that new sidewalks will be installed only around existing power poles"

Approved as Amended

20110982 V2011-33 [Variance] Traton Homes (Rockford Township) Land Lots 00360, 00370, and 00380, District 19.

Motion to approve the following variances for property located in Land Lots 00360, 00370, and 00380, District 19 being known as Rockford Township. Variance to reduce required tree density from 692.5 units to 519.6 units [Section 712.08 (D) (4)]; variance to provide two 3" trees in the front yard of each lot in lieu of the requirements for planted border areas listed under Table G-1. [Section 712.08 (G) (2) (a)].

Mayor Tumlin disclosed that in 2009 political contributions were reported from Traton and its principals in the aggregate of over \$250. Also, Smith, Tumlin, McCurley & Patrick, P.C., represented Mr. John Elliott in the sale and separation of the Smith Manning property.

Council member Sinclair disclosed that in 2009 he received a political contribution of greater than \$250 from Mr. Bill Poston of Traton Corporation. Also, he sold Mr. Will Etheredge, the neighboring property owner at the Smith Manning House, his house. In addition, he was the listing agent at Rockford for Mr. John Elliott, the previous owner, in his capacity as a Realtor at Harry Norman Realtors, but the project went bankrupt before they sold anything.

Motion to table V2011-33 [Variance] Traton Homes (Rockford Township) Land Lots 00360, 00370, and 00380, District 19.

Approved as Stipulated

20111138 Traton Homes (Rockford Township) Land Lots 00360, 00370, and 00380, District 19.

Motion to approve extension of the current deadline for tree installation at Rockford Township and to direct staff to require the following of Traton Homes:

(1) Provide letters to extend the current deadline for tree installation for Lots 19, 20, 25, 32, 33 and 57, which have already received certificates of occupancy from December 31, 2011 to February 28, 2012. Traton Homes shall request permission from all property owners;

(2) For any new requests for certificates of occupancy, Traton Homes must submit letters verifying that they will either comply with the current tree plan or will comply with the new landscape plan by February 28, 2012, and further, that Traton Homes has informed new property owners of this requirement and have written permission from said property owners to enter their property in order to plant trees in compliance with the new landscape plan.

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Motion to approve the extension with an amendment to # 1 that should read, "...Traton Homes shall request permission from all property owners to enter their property in order to plant trees in compliance with the new landscape plan."

Approved as Amended

20111114 Vehicle Immobilization Ordinance

Ordinance presented by Mayor Tumlin concerning Vehicle Immobilization.

No Action Taken

20111091 BLW Actions of December 12, 2011

Review and approval of the December 12, 2011 actions and minutes of the Marietta Board of Lights and Water.

Motion to approve the BLW Actions of December 12, 2011, with the exception of agenda item 20111099 Purchased Power Adjustment/ Policy No. 3.11.

Approved as Amended