

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2006
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR MARK HARRELL, PRESIDING

ALDERMEN: ROSLYN PALMER, EDWARD REYNOLDS, GREG
WADDELL AND LUTHER H. CONYERS, JR

ABSENT: ALDERMAN SWEET AND ALDERMAN HUNT, LISA
BRYANT, DIRECTOR OF GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

OTHERS: CHRIS HOBBY, CITY MANAGER AND BEVERLY ALLEN,
ACCOUNTING MANAGER

GUESTS: LARRY STEINER, MYCLA PALMER, RONNIE COX, PHIL
GLEATON, STANLEY MOBLEY, RONNIE PARISH, MATT
MARTIN, SCOTT FORSYTH, JIM YORK, AND HEBERT
CAMPBELL

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the call to order, Mayor Pro Tem Waddell gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR SESSION—JUNE 20, 2006

Upon motion by Alderman Reynolds, seconded by Alderman Conyers, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 4-0 decision approved the minutes of the regular session held June 20, 2006.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

None

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Mayor Harrell recognized Hubert Campbell as the City's Employee of the quarter. Mr. Campbell is with the Utilities Division. He has been with the City since January of 2000. City Manager Hobby also presented Mr. Campbell with a check. Mayor Harrell thanked him for a job well done.

RECOGNIZE SCHEDULED VISITOR –SCOTT FORSYTH

RENEWAL OF STOP LOSS COVERAGE

Scott Forsyth was before the Mayor and Council to discuss the renewal of the city's Health Insurance Plan, specifically the Stop Loss Coverage. This coverage is a significant part of the city's fixed insurance costs and is bid annually. Mr. Forsyth is recommending Companion Life Insurance as the carrier for this policy. Mr. Forsyth advised the Mayor and Council that the City will have an increase in fixed costs of 7 ½ % over the 2006 rates. He stated that the fixed costs for 2007 are \$351,820. Mr. Forsyth went on to say

that this year the City offered its employees 2 options for their health coverage. Option A offers identical coverage by with a higher premium. Option B allows the employee to maintain their current contribution but have higher deductibles. Mr. Forsyth reported that at open enrollment 95% chose Option A and 5% chose Option B. Mr. Forsyth also reported to the Mayor and Council that of the \$620,000 in claims paid, 20% of the claims were for retirees who were not eligible for Medicare. He suggested that the City phase out this coverage over a one year period of time. Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Waddell, seconded by Alderman Palmer, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 4-0 decision approved the renewal of the Stop Loss Coverage and accepted the recommendation that Companion Life Insurance be the Insurance carrier. Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Waddell, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, and unanimously carried in a 4-0 decision, the Council approved the recommendation to discontinue the early retirement health insurance benefit effective August 1, 2007.

ACTION ON PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

ZONING DESIGNATION: DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

ZONING CHANGE REQUEST: RONNIE COX AND CHARLES ROZIER

The Planning Commission is recommending setting the initial zoning of 145 acres located off Hwy. 84 East toward Climax, Tax Map 103, Parcels 11 & 11A as INS. This property is owned by the Decatur County Board of Education and will be the new High School site. Upon motion by Alderman Conyers, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 4-0 decision to approve the recommendation of the Planning Board.

The Planning Commission is also recommending that seven (7) lots totaling 6.15 acres, Tax Map B80, Parcels 1D, 1E, 1F, 1G, 1H, 1I, and 1J, be rezoned from HC, Highway Commercial, to PUD, Planned Unit Development. Upon motion by Alderman Conyers, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 4-0 decision to approve the recommendation of the Planning Board.

**SECOND PUBLIC HEARING – SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT
ORDINANCE**

Upon motion by Alderman Palmer, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, and unanimously carried in a 4-0 decision approved to open the public hearing for the subdivision and land development ordinance. There was no public comment. Upon motion by Alderman Waddell, seconded by Alderman Conyers, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 4-0 decision to close the public hearing. Upon motion by Alderman Palmer, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 4-0 decision to adopt the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING SUBDIVISION AND LAND
DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW SCHEDULE**

Upon motion by Alderman Reynolds, seconded by Alderman Waddell, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 4-0 decision approved the fee schedule for Subdivision Plan Review.

{ ATTACHMENT A }

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING CHANGES TO SIGN ORDINANCE

City Manager Hobby brought before the Mayor and Council changes in the sign ordinance. These changes make the ordinance more user friendly as requested by the Mayor and Council at the annual Planning Retreat. Upon motion by Alderman Reynolds, seconded by Alderman Waddell, and unanimously carried, the Council in 4-0 decision approved the changes to the sign ordinance.

{ ATTACHMENT B }

CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FROM BAINBRIDGE BIKEFEST: One-way traffic on Commodore Road – September 13 through September 17, 2005, Parade Permit – Veterans Ceremony and Parade – September 15, 2006, and Street closure - Broughton, West, and Water Streets – September 16, 2006

At the last Council meeting, the Council tabled this item until Bikefest representatives and Public Safety could meet. This meeting has now occurred and these items are now ready for your consideration. Upon motion by Alderman Conyers, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, and unanimously carried, the Council in 4-0 decision approved the requests of Bikefest.

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF MILLAGE RATE

City Manager Hobby brought before the Council the new millage rate for 2007. In order to have the city's tax bills included with the county bills it is necessary for us to adopt the millage rate in July each year. This rate will be adopted prior to adopting our annual budget. City Manager Hobby is recommending that the Mayor and Council continue

rolling back the millage rate again this year to 3.276 for the 2006 digest. Upon motion by Alderman Reynolds, seconded by Alderman's Conyers and Palmer, and unanimously carried, the Council in 4-0 decision approved the millage rate of 3.276.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor and Council considered the following bids and bills:

Bids:

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| 1. | DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
TUCKER, GA
1998 FORD EXPLORER | \$ 1,018.00 |
| 2. | QUALITY SIGN COMPANY
BAINBRIDGE, GA
DECALS FOR VEHICLES | \$1,605.00 |
| 3. | OTTO ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS
CHARLOTTE, NC
COLLECTION CONTAINERS | \$14,725.26 |
| 4. | WASTEQUIP MFG. CO.
LAKELAND, FL
COLLECTION CONTAINERS | \$10,280.00 |
| 5. | LEWIS SMITH
DOTHAN, AL
FIRE HYDRANTS/PIPE | \$ 9,645.55 |
| 6. | ADAPCO, INC.
SANFORD, FL
CHEMICALS FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL | \$ 6,262.00 |

Bills:

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| 1. | GIRMA
ATLANTA, GA
LOSS FUND REIMBURSEMENT
POLLUTION PREMIUMS | \$ 1,224.45
\$11,722.00 |
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2.	GOSSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY BAINBRIDGE, GA SERVICES RENDERED	\$ 1,859.00
3.	U.S. FILTER ATLANTA, GA INVOICE #: 1407926	\$2,841.12
4.	POST-PRINTING BAINBRIDGE, GA SERVICES RENDERED	\$ 1,011.01
5.	BOB ROBERSON & ASSOCIATES, INC. MOULTRIE, GA CDBG No. 05p-x-043-2-3073	\$ 1,000.00
6.	GENESIS GROUP TALLAHASSEE, FL INVOICE #38807	\$ 12,728.49
7.	BATES ENGINEERS/CONTRACTORS BAINBRIDGE, GA APPLICATION #2	\$10,381.40
8.	SOUTHWEST GEORGIA RDC CAMILLA, GA INVOICE #: 07032006-10	\$ 3,050.50
9.	SMORACY REMUS, MI SPLITTER TEETH	\$4,735.00
10.	RUSSELL TIRE CO THOMASVILLE, GA TIRES	\$ 2,900.00
11.	SEMINOLE SANITATION SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$18,960.84

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Waddell, seconded by Alderman Palmer, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 4-0 decision accepted the bids and bills.

MAYOR APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Harrell recommended that Alan Ware be appointed to the Historical Preservation Commission. Upon motion by Alderman Palmer, seconded by Alderman Conyers, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 4-0 decision to approve the recommendation.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Harrell thanked Alderman Conyers for serving on the Board of Education for GMA. Mayor Harrell said his responsibilities were to oversee classes offered by GMA.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Harrell adjourned the meeting.

BY: _____
MARK HARRELL, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BEVERLY ALLEN, ACTING CITY CLERK