

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2006

6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR MARK HARRELL, PRESIDING

ALDERMEN: ROSLYN PALMER, GREG WADDELL, EDWARD
REYNOLDS, JOE SWEET, ROLFE HUNT AND LUTHER H.
CONYERS, JR

OTHERS: CHRIS HOBBY, CITY MANAGER AND LISA BRYANT,
DIRECTOR OF GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

GUESTS: LARRY STEINER, JIM YORK, TED SNELL, BRENNAN
LEATHERS, NANCY AND GEORGE NUTTING, TOY
SIMPSON, BISHOP HUNTER, TAMMY INGRAM,
CHRIS@LIVE101.9FM, CHARLES & JANIE GLASS, GLENDA
SANDLIN, SEAN HARRY, SANDRA WARD, KEITH
SELLARS, ROBERTY CONEY, SCOTT ROBERSON, DON
ROBERSON. MIKE CONDER AND JIM CONGER

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 OF REGULAR SESSION – November 7, 2006

Upon motion by Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Conyers, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision approved the minutes of the regular session held November 7, 2006.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Robert Coney was before the Mayor and Council to ask the status of unpaved sections of streets. City Manager Hobby stated the City earmarked 10% of the SPLOST 4 funds to pave city streets. The streets should be paved by 2008.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM GEORGE & NANCY NUTTING –

NATIVITY SCENE

George and Nancy Nutting were before the Mayor and Council to place a nativity scene in Willis Park. Mayor Harrell, speaking on behalf of the council tabled consideration of the request. He stated city official had done preliminary research into the constitutionality of such a display but needed more time to do additional research. He also stated the city had already purchased this years holiday decorations and there would not be enough time to include an additional display even if it were determined to withstand constitutional challenges.

ACTION ON PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) RZ06-014 – Rezoning Request – Bishop Hunter**
- b) ZTA06-005 – Zoning Text Amendment**

c) RX06-015 – Rezoning Request

d) ESP-06-002 – Final Subdivision Plat – DeHildren Development

A) RZ06-014. Rezoning Request – 1.72 Acres off Lake Drive (Part of Tax Map B81, Parcel 19 – see boundary survey). Applicant Bishop Hunter requests the rezoning of his approximately 1.72 acre property located off Lake Drive (Part of Tax Map B81, Parcel 19 – see boundary survey). The property is currently zoned RR-1 (Rural Residential), and the applicant proposed to rezone a significant amount of his road frontage to SR-3, Suburban Residential. The property is currently vacant. If approved, the applicant proposes to develop the property as minor residential subdivision (five lots or less). Attorney Jim Conger, speaking on behalf of Glenda Sandlin, who owns property adjacent to both Hunter’s and Rivers Apartments off Lake Drive, asked the council to allow the city’s growth to follow a natural course by not allowing any additional higher-density housing off Lake Drive. Conger asked the council to respect a zoning buffer previously placed between larger properties like Sandlin’s and the apartments. Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Waddell, seconded by Alderman Conyers, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve the rezoning request from Bishop Hunter of approximately 1.72 acre property located off Lake Drive (Part of Tax Map B81, Parcel 19 – see Boundary survey) from RR-1, Rural Residential to SR-3, Suburban Residential.

B) ZTA06-005. Zoning Text Amendment – Article 8, Chapter 8.3, and Section 8.3.5. The City of Bainbridge Planning Commission seeks to amend this article to require all swimming pools to be located 10 feet from all property lines and enclosed by a fence or wall at least four (4) feet in height. The regulation currently requires all swimming pools to be located at least 20 feet from all property lines and be enclosed by a fence or wall at least four (4) feet in height. Upon motion by Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 to approve the Zoning Text Amendment – Article 8, Chapter 8.3, Section 8.3.5 to require all swimming pools to be located at least 10 feet from all property lines and be enclosed by a fence or wall at least four (4) feet in height.

C) RZ06-015-Rezoning Request – S & D Investment. Applicant S & D Investment of Thomasville seeks to rezone his approximately 4.10 acre property located southeast of the intersection of West College Street and Old Quincy Hwy (Tax Map B 30, Former Parcels 26-33 now combined). The property is currently vacant and is zoned UR-12 (Urban High Density Residential district). And the applicant seeks to rezone the property to LI (Light Industrial district) to develop a boat and recreational vehicle storage area. Upon motion by Alderman Conyers, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision approved the rezoning of approximately 4.10 acres located southeast of the intersection of West College Street and Old Quincy Hwy (Tax Map B

30, Former Parcels 26-33 now combined) from UR-12, Urban High Density Residential district to LI, Light Industrial district.

D) FSP-06-002 Final Subdivision Plat – DeHildren Development.

Applicant/owner DeHildren Development seeks final subdivision plat approval for the 31 lot Wyndham Way Subdivision (Tax Map B79, Part of Parcel 10). Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Waddell, seconded by Alderman Palmer, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve the final subdivision plat for the 31 lot Wyndham Way Subdivision (Tax Map B79, Part of Parcel 10).

CITY CHARTER DISCUSSION

The Mayor and Council reviewed a draft of a proposed update to the city's charter in order for the City of Bainbridge charter to comply with Georgia's laws and constitution. Alderman Palmer suggested for the charter to allow the option of either holding a special election or doing nothing in the event a council seat was prematurely vacated within less than a year before its expiration. Under the current charter, the council has the option of appointing someone to fill the unexpired term. After a brief discussion of the Mayor and Council, City Manager Hobby will make the changes to the draft. City Manager Hobby stated the draft proposed changing the age requirements to serve on the council to match those required to serve in the Georgia House of Representatives. Currently, individuals must be 21 years old to serve in the Georgia House. The Mayor and Council will review and vote on the final draft at the Council meeting on December 5, 2006.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Mayor and Council considered the following bids and bills:

Bids:

1.	COMMAND UNIFORMS MACON, GA PUBLIC SAFETY UNIFORMS	\$22,702.25
2.	B & D PROPERTIES DOTHAN, AL MARINA SUPPLIES	\$ 9,115.40
3.	SOUTHEASTERN PUBLIC SAFETY NORCROSS, GA LIGHTBAR, ETC. FOR PUBLIC SAFETY CARS	\$ 9,841.04
4.	RDK TRUCK SALES TAMPA, FL HYDRAULIC PUMP KIT	\$ 1,268.57
5.	POLYTEC, INC. MOORESVILLE, NC 4 DRUMS OF POLYMER	\$ 2,611.94
6.	CAB/CHASSIS FOR SIDE LOADER	\$ 201,615.00
7.	GT DISTRIBUTORS ROSSVILLE, GA PUBLIC SAFETY SUPPLIES	\$ 7,681.45
8.	MITCHELL JOHNSON BAINBRIDGE, GA MATERIALS FOR DECK	\$ 2,231.43
9.	TAYLOR HYDRAULIC CAIRO, GA PUMP	\$ 1,395.00
10.	CHAMPMAN'S CITY MANAGER'S CAR	\$ 2,039.87

Bills:

1.	D & B PROPERTIES DOTHAN, AL MANHOLES	\$ 1,375.00
2.	DEC. COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BAINBRIDGE, GA FLU VACCINES	\$ 1,225.00

3.	SEMINOLE COUNTY TRANSFER STATION DONALSONVILLE, GA SANITATION FEES	\$ 1,161.36
4.	GIRMA ATLANTA, GA LOSS FUND REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 2,500.00
5.	DONALD SMITH COMPANY HEADLAND, AL WELL #2 (ADDITION TO CONTRACT) INVOICE #: 3061013	\$ 6,930.00
6.	BOB ROBERSON & ASSOCIATES MOULTRIE, GA PROJECT No. 05p-x-043-2-3073	\$ 1,000.00
7.	COMMISSIONERS OF DECATUR COUNTY BAINBRIDGE, GA LANDFILL FEES	\$ 35,039.27
8.	UTILITIES PROTECTION CENTER ATLANTA, GA MEMBERSHIP FEES	\$ 1,389.48
9.	GMA WORKERS' COMP FUND ATLANTA, GA DEDUCTIBLE PAYMENT	\$ 901.14

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Waddell, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to accept the bids and bills.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Harrell stated Alderman Conyers would head up the Mayor's Motorcade this year.

Alderman Conyers stated he looked forward to each one of his fellow members to participate. The annual Mayors' Christmas Motorcade will be held Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in Thomasville at Southwestern State Hospital.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BY: _____
MARK HARRELL, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
LISA BRYANT, CITY CLERK