

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007**  
**6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: MAYOR MARK HARRELL, PRESIDING

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

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

GUESTS: LARRY STEINER, BRENNAN LEATHERS, WMGR, TED  
SNELL, JIM YORK, ANA BAKER, WALTER LANDRUM, JIM  
MARKEL, ROY REYNOLDS, CAROLYN REYNODS,  
RAYLYN JOHNSON, WILLIAM JOHNSON, CLIFF LAMB,  
CONNIE LAMB, HARRIETT HOLT, MARTHEW JOHNSON,  
GARY WALSINGHAM, DIANNE M. LANE, GARY PHILLIPS,  
AIMEE HORNSBY, JOREH FLEMING, HANNAH LAMBERT,  
WAYNE LAMBERT, LINDSEY MERRITT, REV. PAUL  
MEDLEY, PAULA PHILLIPS, RUSS WILLIS, JOHN VANZO,  
REV. AL SESSIONS, JIM PACE, AMANDA MEGGS, ALYSSA  
BIGELOW, LINDASAY WARSHAM, MONICA ADAMS,

TONYA AND JIMMY CRUMM, METT CROSS, LINDSEY DEAN, ABBY KILLOUGH, BROOKE INLOW, ARTANIA KIRLAND, AMANDA GLOVER, BECKY DREW, ALM WILSON, BO JONES, ROD MART, JEROME BREEDLOVE, NORRIS AKINS, KAYLEE MAXWELL, J.W. PUTNAL WILLIAM F. ROSS, DAVID COBB, ROY W. BROCK,DEBBIE MCINTYRE, GREGG AND ELIZABETH SOPER, MIKE CHAMBLISS, CHARLES TYSON, KATHY AND BUDDY SHERRER, DENNIS MORGAN, DAVID AND APRIL HELMS, LISA AND ROBERT LANGSTON, EARL AND WANDA BARRON, KAREN ROGER, BRIAN AND MANDI O'MARA, SHIRELLE CLARK, BRITTANY BROOKS, BRIDGET STEPHENS, JORDAN JACKSON, MINSTER BREEDLOVE, JIMMY MADDOX RAYMOND MILES, AL KELLEYAND BRYAN BARNETT.

#### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – March 20, 2007 and  
March 29-30, 2007**

Upon motion by Alderman Hunt, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Conyers, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision approved the minutes of the regular session held March 20, 2007 and minutes of the Council retreat held on March 29-30, 2007 at Lake Blackshear, GA.

**RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS**

None.

**RECOGNIZE “*If I Were Mayor*” ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS:**

- Rachel Olds – Winner**
- Hannah Lambert – Runner Up**

Ms. Rachel Olds, winner of the “If I Were mayor” contest, was before the Mayor and Council to gavel the meeting to order, City Clerk Taylor read her essay. Ms. Olds and Ms. Hannah Lambert, contest runner-up, received plaques and Bainbridge bucks for their accomplishments.

**RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS – STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
DAY PARTICIPANTS**

Mayor Harrell recognized the students from Bainbridge High School, participating in the City’s Student Government Day. All of the students in attendance came forward and introduced themselves.

**RECOGNIZE SCHEDULED VISITOR – DR. JOHN VONZA**

Dr. John Vonza, a professor at Bainbridge College, was before the Mayor and Council to discuss the recently adopted parks use policy and the city's decision to void all reservations for the use of city parks that existed prior to the adoption of this policy.

Dr. Vonza was requesting the deposit that now exist in the new policy be waved since he reserved the park last year under the old policy. Mayor Harrell stated the Council would discuss the matter he presented.

**RECOGNIZE SCHEDULED VISITOR – MINISTER GUSSIE ANN BREEDLOVE**

Minister Gussie Ann Breedlove did not attend the meeting.

**RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE AT 310 BROUGHTON STREET  
CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL REQUEST FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH –  
RELOCATION OF**

The City of Bainbridge Historic Preservation Committee met on March 27, 2007 and considered an application submitted by First Baptist Church seeking permission to remove a small stucco building and relocate a house on the lot at 310 Broughton Street.

The HPC voted to deny permission to relocate the house. The church, which was represented by Mike Conder, was before the Mayor and Council to ask them to appeal the decision of the HPC. Upon motion by Alderman Reynolds, seconded by Alderman Palmer, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 to send this issue back to the HPC due to new information and conditions to be worked out.

### **RETIREMENT RECOGNITION – JUDGE JIM PACE**

The Mayor and Council recognized Judge Jim Pace for his service to the City as Municipal Court Judge. Judge Pace has served the City as Judge since December 2, 1997. Mayor Harrell presented Judge Pace with a resolution that City Clerk Taylor read.

### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – INVESTIGATOR FRANK GREEN**

The Mayor and Council recognized Investigator Frank Green of the Bainbridge Public Safety Department of his actions he was involved in an incident that culminated with Investigator Green heroically saving the life of Mr. Robert Burnette. Mayor Harrell presented Investigator Green with a resolution.

### **EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER RECOGNITION – LAWSON WIMBERLY**

Lawson “Boy” Wimberly has been selected as the city’s Employee of the Quarter for the second quarter. Boy has been employed with the city since July of 1998 and is a Heavy Equipment Operator in the Street Department. Mayor and Council recognize Mr. Wimberly with a plaque and City Manager Hobby presented him with a check.

### **RECOGNIZE SCHEDULED VISITOR – ROY REYNOLDS (BAINBRIDGE BIKEFEST)**

Mr. Roy Reynolds was before the Mayor and Council to ask for assistance with security for the Bainbridge Bikefest in September. Mr. Reynolds gave a presentation on Bikefest and how it helps the community. Mr. Reynolds stated Bikefest normally pays the Public Safety Department for security; however they are asking the city to donate these hours this year. No action was taken on this matter.

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT – PHASE, INC. (COURTES de EMERALD)**

Upon motion by Alderman Waddell, seconded by Alderman Sweet, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve a Resolution of Support for PHASE, Inc's application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for low Income Housing Tax Credits and /or financing through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT – MACO CONSTRUCTION/AFFORDABLE EQUITY PARTNERS, INC. (RIDGEFIELD PLACE)**

Upon motion by Alderman Palmer, seconded by Alderman Waddell, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve a Resolution of Support for MACO Construction Inc's application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for Low Income Housing Tax Credits and/or financing through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

**CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS:**

- Kanchanben Modi d/b/a Lucky Food Mart, 722 S. Scott Street (Off Premises Beer and Wine)**
- Chi Le Trinh d/b/a Yuki Express, 2007 Frontage Road (On Premises Beer and Wine)**

Upon motion by Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve alcoholic beverage licenses applications for Kanchanben Modi d/b/a/ Lucky Food Mart, 722 S. Scott Street and Chi Le Trinh d/b/a Yuki Express, 2007 Frontage Road.

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF  
BAINBRIDGE – TRANSFER OF PROPERTY**

Upon motion by Alderman Waddell, seconded by Alderman Palmer, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to transfer 22 acres of landed located within the Commodore-Decatur Industrial Park to the authority.

**CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION  
18-12**

The Mayor and Council heard the first reading of the adoption of an amendment to Section 18-12 of the City of Bainbridge Code of Ordinances striking this section in it entirety. This Section provides the prohibition against the placement of coping and /or curbing in any newly opened areas of a city cemetery. The public hearing and final vote will be scheduled for the May 1, 2007 Council meeting.

**FIRST READING/PUBLIC HEARING – PERSONNEL POLICIES**

The Mayor and Council heard the first reading of the new City of Bainbridge Employee Personnel Policies. The public hearing and final vote will be scheduled for the May 1, 2007 Council meeting.

**CONSIDERATION OF OLD PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE DISTRIBUTION**

Upon motion by Alderman Palmer, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to declare eight police cars surplus property and dispose of the cars in the following manner: Four operable Crown Victoria Police Cars to Decatur County Board of Education to be used by the school system's School Resource Officers. Two inoperable Police Cars to the Decatur County Board of Education for use As parts and two operable Crown Victoria Police Cars to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office

Of Georgia for use by the employees of the Office of the South Georgia Judicial Circuit District Attorney in the discharge of their official duties.

**CONSIDERATION OF BID AWARD TO SOUTHERN TRIAD CONSTRUCTION - POTTER STREET RENOVATION PROJECT**

Upon motion by Alderman Hunt, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Conyers, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to award the bid to Southern Triad Construction for the Potter Street Renovation Project.

**CONSIDERATION OF BID AWARD TO DEE'S ELECTRIC – MARINA ELECTRICAL**

Upon motion by Alderman Waddell, seconded by Alderman Sweet, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to award the bid to Dee's Electric for the Marina electrical.

**CONSIDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR RIVER CONNECTIVITY MASTER PLAN PROJECT – GENESIS GROUP**

Upon motion by Alderman Reynolds, seconded by Alderman Waddell, and unanimously carried, the council in a 6-0 decision to approve Professional Services Agreement with Genesis Group to allow for the commencement of work on the River Connectivity Master Plan Project.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION – VOTING DELEGATES FOR 2007 MGAG ANNUAL ELECTION**

Upon motion by Alderman Palmer, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve a resolution designation Chris Hobby as the city's voting delegate for 2007 Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia Annual Election

and David Peacock as the alternate delegate.

### **ACTION ON PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Conyers, seconded by Alderman Hunt, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission. CU07-003. Applicant Shirley Robinson was granted a conditional use permit For her approximately .55 acre property located 1042 Gate Circle (Tax Map B80C, Parcel 34). Mrs. Robinson is to operate a home occupation (sewing service) from her home. A conditional use request with the condition that no customers are to come to her residence. CU) &-004. Applicant Dennis Dollar, with permission of property owner Julian Braswell, Was granted a conditional use permit for an approximately .44 acre property located at 317 Clay Street (Tax Map B25, Parcel 95). The property is currently zoned CBD, Central Business district, and is used as a mixed-use building. Mr. Dollar is to operate a contractor's establishment on the property.

PSP07-001. Applicant/owner Glenn Heard seeks preliminary subdivision plat approval for The 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of Country Club Estates (Tax Map 84, Part of Parcel 45). Thirty-one residential lots will created. The following deficiencies will be corrected: the names of Owners of all land adjacent to the proposed subdivision should be shown; the roadway width should be on the plat; any easement should be shown; all lot lines (even for residual areas such as retention ponds) shall be shown (boundaries of subdivision must be enclosed and the remaining acreage noted on the parent tract); topographic information at a one (1) foot scale contour interval should be shown; a statement on the plat indicating elevations are based on sea level datum as determined from geodetic control monuments

or U.S. Geological Survey 7 1/2 min quad sheets should be shown; plans for stormwater management, including the proposed location of drainage ways, basins and other improvements should be shown; and a draft of proposed restrictive covenants, if any, and designation of areas subject to special restrictions should be provided.

**RECOGNIZE SCHEDULED VISITOR – JAMES LODMAN**

Mr. James Lodman, representing the Black Men United, was before the Mayor and Council to discuss his meeting with the City Manager and Public Safety Director. Mr. Lodman does not want to change the location of the event, however the Mayor and Council stated the event could not take place on Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Lodman will be back before the Mayor and Council at the May 1, 2007 meeting, after he meets with the Black Men United to discuss their options.

**CONSIDERATION OF GENESIS GROUP AS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSULTANTS**

Upon motion by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Palmer, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve the Genesis Group as the Comprehensive Plan Consultants.

**CONSIDERATION OF DISPOSAL OF OLD PUBLIC SAFETY UNIFORMS:**

Upon motion by Alderman Waddell, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to donated the old uniform without the patches to the Salvation Army.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*Bids:*

1.	LANIER MUNICIPAL LAKELAND, GA STOCK REPLACEMENT (WATER DEPT.)	\$ 1,029.00
2.	FIRST COMMUNICATIONS THOMASVILLE, GA RADIO SYSTEM	\$ 1,590.00
3.	LM INSTALLATION BAINBRIDGE, GA SIGN FOR NATURE TRAIL	\$ 1,236.00
4.	QUALITY FENCE BAINBRIDGE, GA FENCING FOR MARINA \$29,579.00	
5.	BLISS PRODUCTS DOUGLASVILLE, GA PICNIC TABLES/SHELTERS	\$12,373.72
6.	DATA FLOW SYSTEMS MELBOURNE, FL TELEMETRY SYSTEM UPGRADE/EQUIPMENT	\$11,048.00
7.	B & D PROPERTIES, LLC DOTHAN, AL PIPE FOR MARINA PROJECT	\$ 4,731.00
8.	FLINT EQUIPMENT COMPANY TALLAHASSEE, FL HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR	\$62,000.00
9.	DSI PUMPS ALBANY, GA PUMP STATIONS (MARINA/COMMODORE IND. PARK)	\$21,350.00
10.	NICHOLS TRACTOR COMPANY BAINBRIDGE, GA WATER PUMP	\$ 1,100.00

*Bills:*

1.	SOUTHWEST GEORGIA RDC CAMILLA, GA DUES ASSESSMENT	\$ 5,320.36
2.	BLACK BOX NETWORK SERVICES, INC. MURFREESBORO, TN TELEPHONE SYSTEM	\$10,720.10
3.	CARL VINSON INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT ATHENS, GA INVOICE #: 22457	\$ 2,545.55
4.	GMEBS-RETIREMENT TRUST FUND ATLANTA, GA EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION	\$22,402.75
5.	DECATUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BAINBRIDGE, GA LANDFILL/INMATE CHARGES	\$35,906.31
6.	DATA FLOW SYSTEMS MELBOURNE, FL REPAIRS TO TELEMETRY SYSTEM	\$ 3,218.60
7.	MELROSE SOUTH PYROTECHNICS, INC. CATAWBA, SC FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR JULY 4 <sup>TH</sup>	\$ 7,500.00
8.	PARAGON BENEFITS, INC. COLUMBUS, GA CASE MANAGEMENT FEES	\$ 4,675.00
9.	B & D PROPERTIES DOTHAN, AL MARINA PROJECT COMMODORE PARK SEWER STRUCTURES	\$13,690.40 \$12,140.00
10.	YORK & ASSOCIATES ENGINEERING, INC. BAINBRIDGE, GA INVOICE #: 256	\$12,102.50
11.	NAMI DOCKS	\$69,000.00
12.	FLORIDA ROCK	\$ 4,800.00

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Conyers, seconded by Alderman Sweet, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve the bids and pay the bills.

**CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE ORDER FOR THE MARINA**

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Conyers, seconded by Alderman Sweet, the Council in a 4-2 decision, with Alderman Palmer and Hunt casting the no votes, to approve a change order of \$170,000 to cover eighteen 60ft slips.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
MARK HARRELL, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LISA TAYLOR, CITY CLERK