

## REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – MARCH 14, 2011

The March 14, 2011 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street, with Mayor Richard VanLandingham presiding. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Carolyn B. Lee. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, was also in attendance.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by Mayor VanLandingham.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular & Workshop Meeting - February 28, 2010. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

### **DELEGATIONS:**

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Planning Director, Paul Forgey, was present and provided information on the various services provided by the SWGRC, two of which were the development of the Regionally Important Resources Plan and the Regional Plan. The first plan consisted of inventorying resources, as well as recommendations on how to protect the resources. The Regional Plan included State requirements and was done every 10 years, with the next to be completed in June, 2011. To be a “qualified” local government, “minimum standards” had to be met, such as the Service Delivery Strategy with Grady County. Governments that reach a “standard of excellence” would have doors opened for additional funding opportunities.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Public Hearing: Closeout for CDBG 09cr-5102. Completion of Construction of Flood and Stormwater Drainage Improvements on Sixth Avenue, NW Benefiting 462 Persons.** The Public Hearing was held with no comments offered. The Public Hearing was closed.

**Closeout for CDBG 09cr-5102. Completion of Construction of Flood and Stormwater Drainage Improvements on Sixth Avenue, NW Benefiting 462 Persons.** Motion was made by Councilman Thornton to close out the completed project, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Public Hearing: Closeout for CDBG 05q-x-065-2-3157 – Completion of United Structures, Inc. Facility Construction.** The Public Hearing was held with no comments offered. The Public Hearing was closed.

**Closeout for CDBG 05q-x-065-2-3157 – Completion of United Structures, Inc. Facility Construction.** Motion was made by Councilman Cloud to close out the completed project, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Public Hearing: Closeout for CDBG 08p-x-065-2-5029. Construction of Water Distribution System Improvements in a Low-and-Moderate Income Neighborhood in Northeast**

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**Cairo (Morningside) Benefiting 413 persons.** The Public Hearing was held with no comments offered. The Public Hearing was closed.

**Closeout for CDBG 08p-x-065-2-5029. Construction of Water Distribution System Improvements in a Low-and-Moderate Income Neighborhood in Northeast Cairo (Morningside) Benefiting 413 persons.** Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to close out the completed project, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**2011 Alcohol Beverage License Renewal – 23 Applications.** After review, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the list of applications submitted, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### **City Manager's Report:**

- 1.) Reminded Council Members of the April 18th & 19th Plant Vogel tour.
- 2.) Reported that four applicants had been interviewed for the gas superintendent position, with one offer pending.
- 3.) Departmental Budgets were due by March 15th.

**Reports:** None

#### **Reports from Mayor & Council:**

Councilman Gilliard stated that he had received a call regarding a dog that had bitten someone and had been declared vicious. He asked questions regarding the definition of vicious and private property rights.

Councilman Cloud stated that Ms. Sharon Greene had requested to buy, or have the City deed to her, some land adjoining her property on Grant Ave., SW. She was having a problem with people driving across her property and wanted to close off the end of the dead-end street. City Manager Addleton reported that he had taken pictures of the area and tried to get in contact with Ms. Greene. He stated that people were driving on her private property, but he voiced concern over closing the street since there was a large tract of land that would lose street access if ever developed. It was suggested that "no" trespassing signs and the possible location of barricades, as well as calling the Police Department might resolve the issue. Councilman Cloud stated that he would get in touch with her and ask her to call City Manager Addleton.

Councilman Douglas called attention to signs that were still located in the rights-of-way, with City Manager Addleton commenting that, with grass cutting season just starting, many of them would be removed. Councilman Cloud also pointed out that yard sale signs were still being placed on public property also.

Councilman Gilliard noted that the building located at 4th St. & 4th Ave., NW that was recently approved for a boarding house had been torn down instead. Also the building at 101 9th St., SW was in the process of being either torn down or renovated.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 6:35 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Cloud to enter into Executive Session to discuss the future acquisition of real estate and personnel. Motion was seconded by Councilman Douglas and unanimously approved by all Council Members. At 7:15 p.m., motion was made by

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Councilman Douglas to end the executive session, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. There was no action taken as a result of the session.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED:**

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**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM  
MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**CAROLYN B. LEE  
CITY CLERK**