

## REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JUNE 29, 2010

The June 29, 2010 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at City Hall with Mayor Richard VanLandingham presiding. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Lannis Thornton, Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, and Councilman Robert L. Gwaltney. Councilman Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr. was unable to attend the meeting due to a death in his family. 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 Councilman Gwaltney.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting – June 14, 2010. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Special Meeting – June 15, 2010. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

**DELEGATIONS:** (See below)

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Public Hearing: Closeout of Completed CDBG Project No. 06p-x-065-2-3195 – Water System Improvements in the Tired Creek Neighborhood.** There were no public comments, and the public hearing was closed.

**Closeout of Completed CDBG Project No. 06p-x-065-2-3195 – Water System Improvements in the Tired Creek Neighborhood.** Motion to closeout the project was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

**Public Hearing: Conditional Use Application for Single-Family Residence in Highway Commercial District (C-2) located at 400 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., NE (Tax Map C27 – Parcel 64) – Shirley Jordan, Owner/Applicant.** Ms. Jordan, of 128 Creekside Lane, was present and stated that she had recently been divorced and would have to move out of the house where she currently lived. Adding that she had no other place to live, she was requesting to be able to move into her house at 400 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., NE. There were no other public comments, so the public hearing was closed.

**Conditional Use Application for Single-Family Residence in Highway Commercial District (C-2) located at 400 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., NE (Tax Map C27 – Parcel 64) – Shirley Jordan, Owner/Applicant.** The Cairo Planning Commission and the Regional Planning Commission both recommended approval of the conditional use. Mayor VanLandingham suggested that, if the permit was granted, that a condition be added that it would be reviewed after a 12-month period. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the conditional use permit subject to renewal after one year. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

**Grady Cultural Center Loan Debt Pay-Off (\$125,327.89).** City Manager Addleton reported that he had made plans, as directed by Council, to include the debt pay-off in the FY 2011 budget using

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funds from the MEAG Municipal Competitive Trust Fund. The pay-off amount had been estimated at \$118,000 during budget planning, but the actual pay-off was \$125,327.89. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to draw down the funds to pay off the debt, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

**Finance Report – May 2010.** It was agreed to postpone consideration of the report until the July meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**City Manager’s Report:** None

**Reports:** None

**Reports from Mayor and Council:** Councilman Douglas reported on information from an Ethics class he had attended at the GMA Convention. It had been recommended that when new members come on the Council, all members should sign the oath. He also reported that renewal of the City of Ethics certification should occur every four years and asked that the City’s timeframe be reviewed.

Mayor VanLandingham recognized a visitor at the meeting, Darlene Taylor, candidate for Georgia House District 173. Ms. Taylor introduced herself to the Mayor and Council and spoke briefly regarding her background and issues that she felt were important.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 6:10 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Douglas to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel and pending litigation. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and passed unanimously by all Council Members present. Present for the session were Mayor VanLandingham, Council Members Douglas, Cloud, Gwaltney, and Thornton, City Manager Addleton, and City Clerk Lee.

At 6:20 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Douglas to close the session, seconded by Councilman Thornton and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

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**