

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

The September 26, 2016 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street by Mayor Robert B. Burns, Sr. Present were Mayor Pro Tem James H. Douglas along with Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., Jerry L. Cox, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, Marketing Director Celeste Tyler, and Asst. City Clerk Sandra Roberts. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, and Times Enterprise Reporter, Jordan Barela, were also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Gwaltney.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Burns informed the Council that items five and six were for information only and would not be discussed. Motion to approve the agenda, with this change, was made by Councilman Cloud; seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved by all Council Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Council Meeting – September 12, 2016: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

Northwest Section Residents: MEAG Utility Project – Several residents of the NW neighborhood were present to discuss their concerns regarding the utility poles that MEAG had planned to install in that area. Mr. Douglas Kirkland, 625 12th Ave. NW, asked several questions regarding the acquisition of the rights of way, the size of the utility poles, and advised of the possible health hazards related to transmission lines. He explained that he and his wife enjoyed the view from their home and added that the utility poles would have a negative impact on the view from their front yard. Mr. Charles Renaud, 1325 5th St. NW, questioned why the poles would be placed down the middle of the neighborhood and asked if the Council would allow this to take place in their neighborhood. Mrs. Kim Joyner, 677 12th Ave. NW, also expressed her concerns and stated that a pole would be directly in front of her home. She explained that her family had been in their home for 20 years and had taken pride in caring for their property. Mayor Burns acknowledged the concerns of those present and advised them that a MEAG meeting would be held the following night in the Council Chambers to address those concerns. They were encouraged to attend to obtain answers to their questions.

Erik Lie-Nielsen - South Point Sub-Division. Mr. Lie-Nielsen, 1725 Sterling Circle, explained to Council that he felt the City ordinance regarding heavy equipment in neighborhoods should be more detailed. He informed the Council of an issue he had concerning heavy equipment and trailers in his neighbor's yard. He had contacted the building department and stated the he believed his neighbor was in violation of the City code. The neighbor was contacted and the equipment was removed but had later been returned. He expressed his frustrations that there was no clear definition in the ordinance regarding what was allowed and not allowed in residential areas.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

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Special Event Permit for Halloween Trunk or Treat - Monday, October 31, 2016, 6:00 – 8:00 PM - Holder Park - Nicole Lamoute, Applicant: Mrs. Lamoute requested to have 6th Street, SW from MLK to the entrance of the Boys and Girls Club blocked to allow for a Trunk or Treat at the park. She explained that she would have her own off-duty officers present and wanted to offer this as an option to those that could not attend the downtown trick or treating. Councilman Cloud asked about parking, and it was recommended that the City property on the back side of the park be used so as not to block MLK. Motion to block the street from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Special Event Request for Downtown Trick or Treating – October 31, 2016, 3:00-5:00 PM – Celeste Tyler, Applicant: Motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Special Event Permit - MLK Collaborative - MLK Parade - January 16, 2017 at 11:00AM - Douglas Addison, Jr., Applicant: Motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing – Conditional Use Request for a Church in C-2 (Highway Commercial District) - 3000 Hwy 84 E – County Tax Map 68, Parcel 52.1 – Applicant: Iglesi Cristiana El Buen Samaritano – Owner: Valley Pines Golf Club, LLC. Bill Bass, Jr., Attorney for the applicants, informed the Council that the church had been there for some time, but was just now getting utilities in their name. As a result of that, the conditional use application was needed.

Conditional Use Request for a Church in C-2 (Highway Commercial District) - 3000 Hwy 84 E – County Tax Map 68, Parcel 52.1 – Applicant: Iglesi Cristiana El Buen Samaritano – Owner: Valley Pines Golf Club, LLC: Motion to approve the conditional use was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Public Hearing – Rezoning Request from R-1A (Single-Family Residential District) to C-2 (Highway Commercial District) – Hwy 93 S – Part of County Tax Map 69, Parcel 6 – Applicant: Teramore Development, LLC – Owner: Pritchard Place, LLC. Mrs. Carlyne Howell, owner of Pritchard Place LLC., informed the Council that she planned to move the older home down near the cemetery. Councilman Douglas noted that the RDC had recommended the zoning be changed to C-1 instead of C-2, with Mrs. Howell stating that she would prefer the C-1 zoning as well. There were no other public comments, and the public hearing was closed.

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rezoning from R-1A to C-1 (rather than C-2) was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Public Hearing - Variance from the minimum parking space requirements in Section 22-377; 45 parking spaces are required and they wish to eliminate 15 parking spaces, at the location of Hwy 93 S – Part of County Tax Map 69, Parcel 6 – Applicant: Teramore Development, LLC – Owner: Pritchard Place, LLC. Action on this item was taken by the Planning Commission; therefore, this was for informational purposes only.

Consider Variance from the minimum parking space requirements in Section 22-377; 45 parking spaces are required and they wish to eliminate 15 parking spaces, at the location of Hwy 93 S – Part of County Tax Map 69, Parcel 6 – Applicant: Teramore Development, LLC – Owner: Pritchard Place, LLC. Action on this item was taken by the Planning Commission; therefore, this was for informational purposes only.

Adoption of Ordinance to Amend Division 2 Entitled “Special Provisions” of Chapter 4 Entitled “Alcoholic Beverages” of the Code of Ordinances. Motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

JDA Re-Appointment – Charles Davis – Term to Expire October 1, 2019: City Manager Addleton recommended that the Council re-appoint Charles Davis to a new three-year term which will end October 1, 2019. Motion to approve the appointment was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Resolution and Agreement to Consider CNS Consolidation with South Georgia Governmental Authority (SGGSA) – City Manager Addleton explained that the consolidation would involve consolidating each city’s assets (Cairo, Camilla, Moultrie, and Thomasville) under the SGGSA who would own and operate the system. The SGGSA would purchase these assets from the four cities by issuing bonds, which would be without the backing of the full faith and credit of the Member cities. The expected payout to the City of Cairo would be approximately 4.5 million, which would reflect Cairo’s current ownership in the system. Addleton explained that the consolidation would provide a more cost efficient service delivery and a more equitable position. The change would be seamless for customers, as the City would continue to provide billing services on behalf of SGGSA. The final transfer of assets was expected to be completed by December 31, 2016. Council Members reviewed the information presented to them and discussed that there would still be one bond payment that the City would need to make which was due on Christmas day. After further discussion, motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Resolution and Agreement was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

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1.) City Manager: City Manager Addleton informed Council that the arsenic treatment vessels were in place. Oxford paving would be paving S. Broad on October 3rd, with the street to be closed for the process. MEAG would conduct a meeting on Wednesday night at 6 PM to discuss the utility poles in the NW area.

2.) Reports from Mayor and Council: None

ADJOURN: There being no further business, Councilman Douglas made motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Cox, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

SANDRA L. ROBERTS
ASST. CITY CLERK

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR.
MAYOR