

**BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JANUARY 29, 2009**

The budget workshop meeting was called to order following the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on January 29, 2009 in the Conference Room at City Hall with Mayor Richard VanLandingham presiding. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., Council Members James H. Douglas, Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Staff members in attendance were City Manager Christopher Addleton, City Clerk Carolyn Lee, Executive Asst. Donna Young, and Finance Director Miriam Faircloth. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, was also in attendance.

City Manager Addleton presented his Long-term Infrastructure Improvement Plan (to become a part of these minutes) with a summary of costs and funding sources, stating that capital projects need to be planned, not just for one year, but at least three to five years in the future. He added that maintenance of infrastructure should be looked at annually. Councilman Cloud referred to the economic stimulus funds, with City Manager Addleton advising that “shovel-ready” projects were already planned for 17<sup>th</sup> Ave., NW, 20<sup>th</sup> St., NE, and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., NW. Council Members discussed various areas of budget planning, with Mayor VanLandingham suggesting that a rotation plan be developed for vehicle purchases and maintenance costs for infrastructure, and to use local vendors when possible. Also discussed was the Airport project which was not included on the plan.

The impact of the economic situation was also discussed and its affect on local employers. In closing, it was suggested that contacts be made with local employers to learn if the City could aid them in any way.

**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**