

COUNCIL PRESENT: Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick, Bruner
COUNCIL ABSENT: Figueras
STAFF PRESENT: Padgett, Sheppard, Palmour, Jordan

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to close the Work Session to enter an Executive Session at 2:02 to discuss litigation matters.

Motion made by Council Member Hamrick
Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann
Votes favoring the motion: Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick, Bruner
Absent: Figueras

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STAFF PRESENT: Padgett, Sheppard, Palmour, Jordan
OTHERS: Chris Huskins and Phil Sutton attended a portion of the session

Motion to close the Executive Session at 2:50 to continue the Work Session.

Motion made by Council Member Hamrick
Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann
Votes favoring the motion: Dunagan, Wangemann, Hamrick, Bruner
Absent: Figueras

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ISSUES:

Appropriation Resolution: Regarding Third Quarter Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2013

Chief Financial Services Officer Melody Marlowe reviewed the budget adjustments as presented in the resolution.

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**Alcoholic Beverage License Application
AJ's Food Fun & Friends, 322 Spring Street**

City Marshal Debbie Jones presented the application for new ownership indicating the paperwork was in order. She also reported an incident occurring on May 8th and recommended a 90 day probationary license.

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PRESENTATION:

2013 Brown Fields Conference

Special Projects Manager Jessica Tullar reported attendance at a conference from which the city is eligible to receive awards for its efforts on Brown Fields.

Land Bank Authorities

Community Development Director Rusty Ligon commented on the department's efforts to address housing issues. Land Bank Authorities have been helpful with these type projects. Sara Toering and Mara Register (via Skype) were introduced.

Ms. Toering used a power point presentation to address the following:

- The cost of vacancy and abandonment
- The evolution of land banks
- 2012 Georgia Land Bank Act (GALBA)
 - General overview
 - Parties that may create a Georgia Land Bank
 - Steps for creation
 - The Board
 - Powers of the Land Bank
 - Disposition of property
 - Financing
 - The Valdosta Story

Ms. Register stated a Land Bank is not a cure all for housing problems but it is an effective tool.

Council Member Hamrick asked how this differs from the non-profit. Staff also asked a variety of questions.

CITY MANAGER'S ISSUES:

Resolution: Selection of Key Advisors Inc. and Bleakly Advisory Group for the Completion of the Convention Center and Hotel Feasibility Study

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard presented a resolution to award a contract for the convention center feasibility study indicating Key Advisors and Bleakly were both from Atlanta. The resolution authorized acceptance of their proposal and authorized the City Manager to sign the necessary documents. The study would take eight weeks and should be completed no later than September 1st.

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CITY CLERK ISSUES:

Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported Frank Armstrong's term on the Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission had expired.

Council Member Bruner requested reappointment of Mr. Armstrong.

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Historic Preservation Commission

City Clerk Denise Jordan reported Richard (Dick) Bachman and Kevin Meyer had expiring terms on the Historic Preservation Commission. The Community Development Department recommended reappointment. Both gentlemen had perfect attendance over the last year as it related to the Commission.

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COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Hamrick

Commented on a no left turn ordinance for Green Street that was approved in the '80's then asked staff to revisit traffic improvements near/around the Green Street Post Office submitted by former Public Works Director Perry Eisenach.

Council Member Wangemann

Inquired about relocating the Armory. City Manager Kip Padgett stated the matter had been submitted to Representative Doug Collins.

Mayor Dunagan

1. Reported the Transportation Plan Committee was pushing for no left turns on Green Street. He inquired about an injunction filed to prevent the widening of Green Street. City Attorney Palmour shared some historical information and indicated the injunction was still in effect.
2. Commented on the number of people attending yesterday's Blue Sky Concert.

Council Member Bruner

Reported there was a productive meeting about the Olympic Venue indicating Hall County verbally agreed to financially support the project.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:59 PM

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