

SPECIAL SESSION

JANUARY 20, 2010

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 11:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Annex with the following members present, to-wit:

Randy Daniel, Mayor  
Jerry Don Vaught  
Carroll Maberry  
Carol Barton

Pam Burton, City Administrator  
Pam Watson, City Secretary  
Conor Bateman, City Attorney

others present: Glen Herriage, Gary Crecelius, John McQueary, David Hopkins, Haven Cox, Tere Lawyer, Brian Malone, Marcia Colbert, Lauren Ricks and other interested citizens;

with the following member absent: Elaine Jenkins;

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

The invocation was given by Mayor Daniel.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

No report was given.

CAIN CENTER REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CAIN CENTER OPERATIONS

Tere Lawyer, Cain Center Board Member, reviewed their Activity Report for the months of November and December. She also discussed new programs and upcoming special events.

ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

B) FIRST QUARTER UPDATE

Brian Malone, President & CEO of Athens Economic Development Corporation presented their first quarter update, including an overview of A.E.D.C.'s financials, marketing and operations.

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT'S REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development updated on the following:

- 1) Athens Independent School District's projects are underway.
- 2) Best Western Hotel is scheduled for completion in early Spring.
- 3) Two (2) new residences have been permitted.
- 4) Issued building permit to Henderson County for addition to old Drivers License building
- 5) Ice kiosk has opened on S. Hwy. 19.

B) STATUS REPORT ON ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Crecelius explained that the Zoning Board of Adjustments granted a fence setback variance on 12/08/09 for 801 N. Prairieville St., to help prevent graffiti from being drawn on the storage buildings at this location.

FINANCIAL REPORT

David Hopkins, Director of Finance presented the financials. He stated that the field work for the Audit has been completed and the report is being prepared.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS;

A) DISCUSS APPROVING ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT FOR HOWARD MEASUREMENT COMPANY, INC.

Mr. Malone presented the Performance Agreement for Howard Measurement Company, Inc. consisting of one (1) acre of land in the business park with a four (4) year forgivable note, a \$40,000 construction incentive and the eligibility of incentive payments. The item will appear on the agenda Monday, 1/25/10.

B) DISCUSS AUTHORIZING ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S APPLICATION TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT AND INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM

Mr. Malone explained that the A.E.D.C. is requesting authorization to apply to USDA for a Rural Business Enterprise Grant in the amount of \$500,000 with a \$130,000 match. He explained that the funds would be loaned, and once repaid, would become local funds for the A.E.D.C. to utilize in other loans. He explained that the Intermediary Relending Program is to be used in conjunction with local financial institutions for small and emerging business growth and does not require a match, however, it is not a grant, with the funds being available for loan and repayment being made to USDA. The items will appear on the agenda Monday.

C) DISCUSS WAIVING LIENS ON LOT 16, BLOCK 37, ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION, AS REQUESTED BY FIRST STATE BANK (411 WEST COLLEGE ST.)

City Administrator Pam Burton explained that First State Bank is requesting that the City waive liens totaling \$1,060.12 on foreclosed property located at 411 W. College St. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

D) DISCUSS FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING WOOD SHINGLES

Ms. Burton explained that the Fire Marshall has requested that the Council consider adopting an Ordinance that would prohibit the use of wood shingles in the City of Athens, with the item appearing on the agenda Monday.

E) DISCUSS APPOINTMENT TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Ms. Burton explained that Mamie Stafford has volunteered to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustments and the item will appear on the agenda Monday.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA;

- A) DISCUSS APPROVING MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2010 SPECIAL SESSION AND JANUARY 11, 2010 REGULAR SESSION
- B) DISCUSS FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PLACEMENT OF STOP SIGN ON YORK STREET AT INTERSECTION OF WALKER STREET, AS REQUESTED BY DISCIPLES CLINIC OF ATHENS
- C) DISCUSS FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE REZONING LOT 1, BLOCK 9, PARK HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION FROM RETAIL TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-5, OWNED BY KENNETH HARCROW (701 ST. THOMAS)

These items will appear on the Consent Agenda and one (1) motion will be required to approve all of the items.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

1. Fire Chief John McQueary informed the Council that nine (9) church fires have occurred in the area since October 2009, with three (3) being in Henderson County. He stated that the Fire Department is attending briefings in Tyler each day and he is performing spot checks at the local churches.

2. Police Chief Buddy Hill stated that the Police Department is working with the Sheriff's Department and ATF, attending briefings in Tyler each day, and working all leads.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010.

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Randy Daniel, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pam Watson, City Secretary