

SPECIAL SESSION

AUGUST 19, 2009

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, August 19, 2009, 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: Gary Crecelius, John McQueary, David Hopkins, Haven Cox and Wayne Weeks;

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

Wayne Weeks, Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers

1) 18" Waterline Project is almost complete.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AWARDED BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF EAST  
AND WEST SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (TEXAS COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PROJECT NO. 728019)

Mr. Weeks explained that they have obtained additional references on A & M Construction and Utilities, Inc., being the low bidder for Construction of East and West Sanitary Improvements. He stated that all references were good and they found no reason to reject the bid. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Barton, seconded by Councilmember Maberry to award the bid for construction of East and West Sanitary Sewer Improvements (Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Project No. 728019) to A & M Construction and Utilities, Inc. at a total cost of \$215,365.50. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS;

A) DISCUSS PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL  
YEAR 2009-2010

City Administrator Pam Burton explained that a public hearing concerning the budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 will appear on the agenda Monday, August 24, 2009.

B) DISCUSS FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

Ms. Burton explained that first reading of an Ordinance adopting the budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 will appear on the agenda Monday.

C) DISCUSS FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

Ms. Burton explained that the first public hearing on the tax increase for fiscal year 2009-2010 will appear on the agenda Monday.

D) DISCUSS PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING PROPOSED USE OF HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

Ms. Burton explained that a public hearing concerning the proposed use of hotel/motel tax for fiscal year 2009-2010 will appear on the agenda Monday.

E) DISCUSS APPROVING BUDGETS FOR USE OF HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

Ms. Burton explained that the budgets of each organization reflecting the amount of hotel/motel tax funding that they have been allocated for fiscal year 2009-2010 will appear on the agenda Monday.

F) DISCUSS APPROVING CONTRACTS FOR USE OF HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

Ms. Burton explained that contracts with each organization receiving hotel/motel tax funding for fiscal year 2009-2010 will appear on the agenda Monday.

G) DISCUSS AD VALOREM TAX DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT

Ms. Burton explained that Henderson County recently voted to eliminate the early payment discount for ad valorem taxes, stating that if the City opts to eliminate the discount there could possibly be an estimated \$48,420 increase in property tax revenue. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

H) DISCUSS REPLAT OF LOT 4A, E. HOLLAND SURVEY, OWNED BY DEBORAH WALKER (SOUTHEAST LOOP 7 & HWY. 175 EAST)

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development explained that this will replat one (1) lot into two (2) lots, with the Zoning Commission approving the replat on 8/18/09. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

I) DISCUSS CREATION OF SITE PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 4A-4, E. HOLLAND SURVEY, FROM AGRICULTURE-PLANNED DEVELOPMENT TO COMMERCIAL-SPECIFIC USE PROVISION, OWNED BY DEBORAH WALKER (SOUTHEAST LOOP 7 & HWY. 175 EAST)

Mr. Crecelius explained that this property is being rezoned to allow for a 250 ft. communication tower. He stated that two (2) surrounding property owners were notified and one (1) written objection was received, with the Zoning Commission approving the site plan and rezone on 8/18/09. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

J) DISCUSS APPROVING HANGAR CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION FOR AREA 1 AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, AS REQUESTED BY GAYLON ADDKISON (ATHENS JET CENTER)

Mr. Crecelius explained that Mr. Addkison is requesting a 200 ft. x 200 ft. land lease to allow for construction of a 100 ft. x 100 ft. hangar to be used in their FBO Operations for jet storage and short-term rental space. He stated that the Airport Advisory Board approve the hangar construction application on 8/06/09. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

K) DISCUSS CHANGING TIME AND LOCATION OF AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR SESSIONS, AS REQUESTED BY DAVID STEWART

Councilmember Vaught stated that he has no problem with changing the time of the meetings from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., as requested by the Airport Advisory Board, however, he feels that all City Boards should meet in the Council Chambers, with Mayor Daniel agreeing. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

L) DISCUSS AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR 18", 16" AND 12" WATER LINES PROJECT

Mr. Weeks explained that this Change Order is necessary to cover additional labor due to rock encountered from the bore on Hwy. 31. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA:

- A) DISCUSS APPROVING MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4, 2009 SPECIAL SESSION, AUGUST 5, 2009 SPECIAL SESSION, AUGUST 5, 2009 SPECIAL SESSION AND AUGUST 10, 2009 REGULAR SESSION

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

There was no discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2009.

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Randy Daniel, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pam Watson, City Secretary