

SPECIAL SESSION

SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, September 23, 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  
Kelly Morgan, Administrative Secretary  
Conor Bateman, City Attorney

others present: Haven Cox, David Hopkins, Glen Herriage, Gary Crecelius, Buddy Hill, John McQueary, Wayne Weeks, Mary Waddell, John Martini, David Stewart, and Lauren Ricks;

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) Updated on Waterline Project, contractor has all piping in and is finishing up project.
- 2) TCDP Project No. 728019, First Time Sewer, is scheduled to start on Monday, September 28, 2009.

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) 1814 E. Tyler St., Best Western has started on site work, delayed due to weather.
- 2) 1824 E. Tyler St., American Auto Credit constructed new building.
- 3) 1414 E. Tyler St., Aaron's Furniture, approaching completion.
- 4) 1414 E. Tyler St., Donut Shop, tenant has finished out.
- 5) Athens Independent School District - South Athens Campus, remodel scheduled for completion this year.
- 6) Athens Independent School District, submitted plans for renovations to eliminate portable buildings at South Athens Elementary, Athens Intermediate and Athens Middle Schools.
- 7) 1605 Enterprise St., Future-Med constructing new production building.
- 8) 208 Crestway, Dr. Allen's new dental office approaching completion.
- 9) 1407 S. Palestine, Urology Center of East Texas is remodeling.
- 10) 2100 S. Palestine, outside of old "Wooden Nickle" building is being remodeled.
- 11) 705B St. Thomas, Matt Zimmer is remodeling old "Frame House" into a residence.
- 12) S. Palestine St., Sonic Drive-In plans to follow through on construction of new facility.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER NAMING AN INSURANCE BROKER OF RECORD**

City Administrator Pam Burton recommended the reappointment of Creative Benefits as the City's Insurance Broker of Record. A motion was made by Mayor Daniel, seconded by Councilmember Maberry to reappoint Creative Benefits as the City's Insurance Broker of Record, effective 9/23/09 thru 12/31/10. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSS ITEMS OF FUTURE AGENDAS;**

- A) DISCUSS PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE TEXT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, #O-12-01, AS REQUESTED BY JOHN MARTINI (TRIVESTMENTS)**

John Martini, President of Trivestments, appeared before the Council and requested a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add a Single-Family Residential-Cottage Housing 55+ District. Mr. Martini explained the need for cottage style housing to the 55+ and retiree population. He stated that it is their plan to cooperate with Athens Park Homes to make the cottage style housing. A public hearing and first reading of an Ordinance will appear on the agenda, Monday, 9/28/09.

- B) DISCUSS AMENDMENTS TO PERSONNEL POLICY.**

Haven Cox, Director of Human Resources presented the Council with the proposed amended Personnel Policy. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

**DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA;**

- A) DISCUSS APPROVING MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2009 SPECIAL SESSION AND SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 REGULAR SESSION.**

These items will appear on the Consent Agenda Monday.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN**

There was no discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009.**

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Randy Daniel, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pam Watson, City Secretary