

SUMMARY

City of Carrollton Mayor and Council Meeting

January 10, 2012

6:00 p.m.

Public Safety Complex, Court/Council Chambers, 115 West Center Street,
Carrollton, Georgia

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Carroll County Probate Judge Betty Cason administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Jim Watters, Councilmember Mandy Maierhofer, and Mayor Wayne Garner.

After the Oath of Office was administered, Probate Judge Betty Cason expressed appreciation to those in attendance of the outstanding job that the Carrollton Police Department does providing assistance with the mentally ill.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor and Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Annex Building, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. Mayor Wayne Garner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Mayor Wayne Garner, Councilmember Gerald Byrd, Councilmember Mandy Maierhofer, Councilmember Mike Patterson and Councilmember Jim Watters.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Garner.

III. INVOCATION

Ms. Annie Boykin offered the invocation.

IV. OATH OF OFFICE (Wayne Garner, Mandy Maierhofer and Jim Watters)

Clerk's Note: The Oath of Office was administered by Carroll County Probate Judge Betty B. Cason to Councilmember Jim Watters, Councilmember Mandy Maierhofer, and Mayor Wayne Garner prior to Mayor Garner calling the meeting to order.

V. MINUTES (December 5, 2011)

Motion by Councilmember Byrd seconded by Councilmember Patterson to approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2011 meeting of the Mayor and Council. Motion passed (5-0).

At this time, Councilmember Watters asked that the Agenda be amended to discuss the Mayor and Council's retirement plan. After discussion of the matter, Motion by Councilmember Watters, seconded by Councilmember Byrd to discontinue the City Officials Retirement Plan through the Georgia Municipal Association. Motion failed 3-2. Mayor Garner, Councilmember Maierhofer, and Councilmember Patterson opposed.

VI. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. Adoption of Greenbelt Resolutions:
 - Resolution 01 - 2012 (Adoption of Greenbelt Project Master Plan)
 - Resolution 02 - 2012 (Authorization to Allow City Manager to Accept Donations in Support of the Greenbelt Project)
 - Resolution 03 - 2012 (Amendment to Chapter 70 of the City Ordinance)

which Regulates Usage of the Greenbelt)

Assistant City Manager Tim Grizzard presented to the Mayor and Council for their consideration the following resolutions: Resolution 01-2012 (Adoption of Greenbelt Project Master Plan), Resolution 02-2012 (Authorization to Allow City Manager to Accept Donations in Support of the Greenbelt Project), and Resolution 03-2012 (Amendment to Chapter 70 of the City Ordinance which Regulates Usage of the Greenbelt). **Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Patterson to adopt Resolution 01 - 2012 (Adoption of Greenbelt Project Master Plan), Resolution 02 - 2012 (Authorization to Allow City Manager to Accept Donations in Support of the Greenbelt Project), and Resolution 03 - 2012 (Amendment to Chapter 70 of the City Ordinance which Regulates Usage of the Greenbelt). Motion passed (5-0).**

2. Honorary Street Name Change (Columbia Drive to Charlie Hammett Drive)

City Manager Coleman advised the Mayor and Council that Councilmember Byrd has requested that the Mayor and Council consider honorarily renaming Columbia Drive to Charlie Hammett Drive in memory of Mr. Charlie Hammett, a longtime business owner and lifetime resident. City Manager Coleman noted that should the Mayor and Council approve the request, the official street addresses would not change for businesses located on Columbia Drive. In addition, City Manager Coleman stated that City staff would install signage indicating that the street is honorarily renamed Charlie Hammett Drive. Councilmember Byrd inquired as to what measures could be taken to permanently change the name. Mayor Garner advised that City staff would look into the matter and revisit the issue at a later time. Councilmember Patterson expressed concern for the expense such action would have on area business owners. **Motion by Mayor Garner seconded by Councilmember Patterson to honorarily rename Columbia Drive to Charlie Hammett Drive. Motion passed (5-0).**

3. Contribution to Re-Entry Program

City Manager Coleman presented to the Mayor and Council a request to contribute \$5,000 to the Re-Entry Program. City Manager Coleman advised that the Re-Entry Coalition's mission is to assist persons being released from incarceration (prison) in becoming productive citizens in our community. City Manager Coleman noted that some of the services provided by the program are job assistance and training essential to employment. Councilmember Watters inquired as to whether there was a policy in place regarding contributions to charities. **Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Patterson to authorize a \$5,000 contribution to the Re-Entry Program as presented. Motion passed (4-1). Councilmember Watters opposed.**

4. Request from Carroll County to Provide Funding for Completion of the new Courthouse Project

City Manager Coleman presented to the Mayor and Council for their consideration a request from Commission Chairman Bill Chappell for the City to contribute \$500,000 to the County to assist in completing the Courthouse Project. City Manager Coleman advised that the County has likewise provided funding assistance to the City over the past several years on many projects. In addition, City Manager Coleman advised that the new Courthouse is an economic driver for the downtown area. City Manager Coleman stated that if the contribution is approved by the Mayor and Council, the funds would be provided from the 2009 SPLOST proceeds. Councilmember Watters inquired as to what the money would be used for by the County. City Manager Coleman advised that the funds would be used to complete the Courthouse project and make it ready for immediate occupancy. **Motion by Councilmember Patterson, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to contribute \$500,000 to Carroll County for completion of the Courthouse Project. Motion passed (4-1). Councilmember Watters opposed.**

5. Midtown Pool Renovations

CPRCAD Director Peter Maierhofer presented to the Mayor and Council for their consideration bids for repair of the Midtown Pool. Director Maierhofer advised that the Carroll County Health Department has informed him that the pool will not be allowed to open for the upcoming season if repairs are not made. Director Maierhofer stated that bids received were as follows:

1. Pool Rx - \$79,043.00 and 2: Dive In, Inc. - \$59,976.00

Director Maierhofer advised that the quote from Pool Rx is for completion of the entire pool and the quote from Dive In, Inc. was for only certain portions. Councilmember Byrd inquired as to what was required to make the pool usable. Director Maierhofer advised that the pool has been patched since 1996 and the Health Department is requiring that it be re-done. **After further discussion of the matter, Councilmember Byrd requested that action on the matter be postponed until the next meeting of the Mayor and Council.**

6. Property Swap with Jason McClung

Assistant City Manager Grizzard presented to the Mayor and Council for their consideration a request to approve a property swap between Jason McClung and the City for property located near Highway 113 at Sharpe Creek Reservoir. Assistant City Manager Grizzard advised that the reservoir was built in the early 1990's and included property purchased from the McClung family. Assistant City Manager Grizzard also advised that in recent years a dispute has developed between the City and Jason McClung regarding an access easement from Highway 113 to the spillway of the dam. Assistant City Manager Grizzard advised that Mr. McClung has been very cooperative and has agreed to a property swap that will resolve all of the issues. **Motion by Councilmember Patterson, seconded by Councilmember Byrd to approve a property swap between Jason McClung and the City for property located near Highway 113 at Sharpe Creek Reservoir. Motion passed (5-0).**

7. Highway 61/166 Sanitary Sewer Line 2B

Assistant City Manager Grizzard advised the Mayor and Council that on December 29, 2011 the City of Carrollton Engineering Department opened sealed bids for the construction of approximately 3,000 feet of 12" gravity sewer pipeline which will connect the properties in the vicinity of the Moose Lodge and the old Carroll County Water Authority office to the existing sanitary sewer line which runs generally along Highway 61. Assistant City Manager Grizzard also advised that this segment of pipeline was anticipated when the original project was constructed in 2007 and 2008. ACM Grizzard informed the Mayor and Council that the low bidder was L-J, Inc. at a cost of \$149,825.50. ACM Grizzard noted that the bid price is a unit rate contract and payment will be made on actual quantities installed. **Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Patterson to accept the low bid of L-J, Inc. at a cost of \$149,825.50 for the performance of the Highway 61/166 Sanitary Sewer Line 2B. Motion passed (5-0).**

8. GMEBS Life and Health Program Ordinance and Participation Agreement

City Manager Coleman presented to the Mayor and Council for their consideration and approval an Ordinance and Participation Agreement from Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) regarding the City's life and health insurance program. City Manager Coleman explained that the purpose of the Ordinance and Agreement is to revise and include more detailed provisions of the operation of the program and outline the responsibilities of the City and GMA. **Motion by Mayor Garner, seconded by Councilmember Patterson to approve the GMEBS Life and Health Program Ordinance and Participation Agreement as presented. Motion passed (5-0).**

9. Appointments: Main Street Board (2)

Motion by Councilmember Patterson, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to appoint Mr. Ryan Roenigk to a term on the Main Street Board and to reappoint Tony Dermo, Jr. to an additional term (terms expire 12/31/14). Motion passed (5-0).

VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Annie Boykin of 149 Carter Street made a request to the Mayor and Council to rename Carter Street to Boykin Street. Mayor Garner advised that staff would look into the matter.

Mr. Bill Williamson, a county resident, suggested that the new Carrollton Amphitheater be named in honor of the late Charlie Hammett so that a plaque could be placed on the premises explaining the naming. Councilmember Byrd was agreeable to the suggestion.

VIII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Watters commented regarding the elected officials retirement plan. Councilmember Watters advised that there is a difference between elected officials having jobs and what they do as public servants. In addition, Councilmember Watters stated that we earn a living and provide for retirement benefits with our jobs and being a public servant is a civic duty. Mayor Garner advised that the Council is not going to change the retirement plan. Mayor Garner advised that he donates his take home pay as Mayor to the Carroll County Soup Kitchen and challenged Councilmember Watters to do the same. Councilmember Watters replied that he would donate his pay as Councilmember to a charity.

Councilmember Byrd expressed appreciation to the Police and Fire Departments for the great job that they do.

Mayor Garner congratulated Councilmember Watters on his election as Councilmember.

Mayor Garner congratulated Peter Maierhofer on his position as Carrollton Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Director and asked Director Maierhofer to look into the possibility of reducing the fee at the Water Park.

IX. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

X. ADJOURN

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.