

# MINUTES

## City of Carrollton Mayor and Council Meeting

### November 7, 2011

### 6:00 p.m.

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

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor and Council met in regular session on Monday, November 7, 2011 in the Public Safety Annex Building, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. Mayor Garner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Mayor Wayne Garner, Councilmember Peter Balega, Councilmember Mandy Maierhofer and Councilmember Mike Patterson. Councilmember Gerald Byrd absent.

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Garner.

#### III. INVOCATION

Ms. Annie Boykin offered the invocation.

#### IV. MINUTES (September 12, 2011)

**Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Patterson to approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting of the Mayor and Council. Motion passed (4-0). (Councilmember Byrd absent).**

#### V. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

(At this time, Mayor Garner announced that Agenda Item 4 would be addressed first on the discussion Agenda)

##### 4. Consideration of Employee Christmas Gifts

CM Coleman presented a request to the Mayor and Council to consider providing a \$1,000.00 Christmas gift to each permanent fulltime employee and employees with less than 6 months service would receive one-half (\$500.00) of the Christmas gift.

CM Coleman advised that the 2011-2012 FY Budget did not include any pay raise for employees and it is the third year in a row that this has occurred. CM Coleman emphasized that employees have worked very hard to stay within/under the budget and continue to do an excellent job. CM Coleman advised that the FY Budget is "on track" and most categories continue to remain relatively stable. CM Coleman also informed the Mayor and Council that sales tax collections continue to improve and hopefully have stabilized, noting that City proprietary funds (water and garbage) continue to stabilize and are exceeding budget projections.

CM Coleman advised that in his opinion, the City's general economic outlook is mildly better than it was earlier this year when the present budget was prepared. CM Coleman also advised the Mayor and Council that due to the fact that for the past few months sales tax collections have remained stable, he would like to propose that all permanent employees receive a \$1,000.00 Christmas gift and that employees with less than six (6) months service receive \$500.00. CM Coleman noted that if approved, this gift will be given to employees on their payday prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

CM Coleman stated that he is extremely proud of employees and that their dedication to the City of Carrollton and to the jobs that they do is beyond reproach and he believes that this offering sends a

clear message to that effect. **Motion by Mayor Garner, seconded by Councilmember Balega to approve employee Christmas gifts as presented. Motion passed (4-0). (Councilmember Byrd absent).**

- 1. Annexation and Rezoning Request: Annexation and Rezoning of 13.74 acres from Carroll County to M-1 (Light Industry)  
Property Location: 220 Joshua Mabry Street  
Petitioner: Southwire Company  
(Supporting documents attached separately)**

A public hearing was held to receive citizen input from petitioner John Stevens speaking on behalf of Southwire Company to annex and rezone 13.74 acres of property located at 220 Joshua Mabry Street from Carroll County to M-1 (Light Industry). Assistant City Manager Grizzard advised that the Planning Commission had voted to recommend approval of said request with the following condition: Access to the site from Joshua Mabry Street be limited exclusively to passenger automobiles and light pick-up trucks, prohibiting tractor trailer ingress or egress.

At this time, Mayor Garner opened the public hearing to receive citizen input on the matter. Those speaking opposed: Mr. Ricardo Keith of 260 Joshua Mabry Street spoke against the annexation/request due to his fear of increased traffic problems. Ms. Lucetta Williamson of 245 Joshua Mabry Street expressed her opposition of the proposed access road and also stated her concerns regarding speeding and additional traffic problems. Ms. Jasmine Hopkins spoke opposed to the annexation and rezoning request, and specifically expressed concerns regarding increased traffic and the dangers associated with the large transfer trucks, noting specifically Jones Transportation trucks. Ms. Hopkins noted that "No Truck" signs were already posted in the area and nothing has been done about the situation. Police Chief Joel Richards advised that citations would be issued. Councilmember Balega inquired as to the speed limit on the street. Chief Richards advised that the speed limit was 30 mph. Another resident also complained about large transfer trucks knocking down/damaging trees on Joshua Mabry Street. Those speaking in favor: Mr. John Stevens, speaking on behalf of Southwire Company, noted that only cars and pick-up trucks would be utilized in the area. Mr. Stevens advised that Southwire was hoping to have a back access to the road in case it was needed for maintenance issues, etc. Mayor Garner inquired as to the desire of the Council on the request. **Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Mayor Garner to deny annexing and rezoning 13.74 acres located at 220 Joshua Mabry Street from Carroll County to M-1 (Light Industry). Motion failed (2-2). Councilmember Patterson and Councilmember Balega opposed. (Councilmember Byrd absent).**

**Motion by Councilmember Patterson, seconded for Councilmember Balega to table the Agenda item until the next meeting of the Mayor and Council to allow for further discussion of the matter. Motion passed (4-0). (Councilmember Byrd absent).**

- 2. Resolution 11-2011 – Georgia Department of Natural Resources Grant – Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources Recreation Trails Program**

City Manager Coleman presented to the Mayor and Council for their consideration Resolution 11-2011 which authorizes application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resource's Recreation Trails Program. CM Coleman explained that the purpose of the grant funds would be to promote recreation, physical activity and alternative means of transportation by the citizens of Carrollton, and most notably, the continuing work on the City's Greenbelt Project. CM Coleman noted that the maximum funding available under the grant is \$100,000 and requires a twenty percent matching of funds by the City or up to a maximum matching of funds of \$25,000. **Motion by Councilmember Patterson, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to approve Resolution 11-2011: Georgia Department of Natural Resources Grant – Georgia Department of Natural Resources Recreation Trails Program. Motion passed (4-0). (Councilmember Byrd absent).**

- 3. Joint Resolution Adopting Hazard Mitigation Plan**

City Manager Coleman presented to the Mayor and Council for their consideration a "Joint Resolution Adopting the Carroll County, Georgia, Hazard Mitigation Plan". CM Coleman explained that this plan is a multi-jurisdictional plan of all jurisdictions of Carroll County, including all cities, and is a requirement of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is an update of the existing plan. CM Coleman advised that the plan is a large document and may be inspected at his office. CM Coleman explained that basically, the plan identifies areas that are prone to natural disasters and assess risk and vulnerability and recommends actions to be taken in case of emergency. CM Coleman advised that

Deputy Chief Tim Padgett of the Carroll County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) can assist in answering any questions regarding the plan.

CM Coleman advised that one of the reasons that we got such quick consideration for reimbursement during the flood on Valley Circle is because we had adopted this plan several years ago. **Motion by Mayor Garner, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to approve Joint Resolution Adopting Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion passed (4-0). (Councilmember Byrd absent).**

#### **5. Hobbs Property Road**

City Manager Coleman presented to the Mayor and Council for their consideration a plan to build a road and parking lot into the Hobbs property. CM Coleman advised that the proposed road does not go completely through the property, but ends at the parking lot, and it will accommodate approximately 60 cars and will also allow large vehicles, such as school buses. CM Coleman noted that access may be gained from either side of the parking lot utilizing the road from Rome Street and/or the driveway from Stewart Street. **Motion by Councilmember Patterson, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to authorize City Manager Coleman to move forward with the Hobbs Property Road as presented. Motion passed (4-0). (Councilmember Byrd absent).**

#### **VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mr. Fred O'Neal updated the Mayor and Council on Councilmember Byrd's progress since his recent hand surgery.

Carrollton Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Director Wayne Gay advised that federal grant monies from the land and water conservation fund were available and asked that the Mayor and Council consider sending out letters to state senators to obtain funds for Carrollton.

#### **VII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

#### **VIII. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

#### **IX. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to address, the meeting adjourned at 6.36 p.m.