

MINUTES

City of Carrollton Mayor and Council Special Called Meeting

**April 11, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

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

I. OATH OF OFFICE

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Carroll County Probate Judge Betty Cason administered the Oath of Office to Ward II Councilmember Rory Wojcik.

II. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor and Council met in a special called meeting on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Annex Building, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. Mayor Hollingsworth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Mayor Walt Hollingsworth, Councilmember Met Lane, Councilmember Jim Watters, and Councilmember Rory Wojcik. Members absent: Councilmember Gerald Byrd.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hollingsworth.

IV. INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Pastor Eli Daniel.

V. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Sue Medeiros congratulated Ward II Councilmember Rory Wojcik. In addition, Ms. Medeiros stated that she was representing the citizens of the Hays Mill Overlook area regarding traffic concerns. Ms. Medeiros suggested that a committee be formed to address the issues. City Manager Tim Grizzard stated that City Engineer Tommy Holland has ordered electronic speed limit signs that will soon be installed, in addition to guard rails, along Hays Mill Road. City Manager Grizzard advised that the electronic speed limit signs have been found to be very effective in slowing down traffic. Ms. Medeiros also suggested that a committee be formed to address acceptance of art, etc. to be hung in public buildings/property.

Mr. Michael Stone stated that on March 31, 2016 the very first Art Takeover event was held on Adamson Square. Mr. Stone explained that the Art Takeover was a collaboration between downtown merchants, the Art Guild, and University of West Georgia professors and students. Mr. Stone advised that during the event local merchants opened their businesses to display art/sculptures by local artists. Mr. Stone advised that the event was a huge success and he expressed appreciation to staff members who assisted with the event.

VI. MINUTES (February 1, 2016)

Motion by Councilmember Watters, seconded by Councilmember Lane to approve the corrected minutes of the February 1, 2016 meeting. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Byrd absent).

MINUTES (March 7, 2016)

Motion by Councilmember Lane, seconded by Councilmember Watters to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2016 meeting. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Byrd absent).

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Motion by Councilmember Lane, seconded by Councilmember Watters to approve the agenda as presented. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Byrd absent).

1. Proclamation: University of West Georgia Football Program

A proclamation was read by Councilmember Lane in honor of the University of West Georgia Football Team Championship.

2. Proclamation: University of West Georgia Co-Ed Cheerleading Program

A proclamation was read by Councilmember Jim Watters in honor of the University of West Georgia Co-Ed Cheerleading Championship.

3. Proclamation: University of West Georgia Men's Basketball Program

A proclamation was read by Councilmember Wojcik in honor of the University of West Georgia Men's Basketball Championship.

4. 2014-2015 City Audit Report Presentation by Chris Hollifield of Rushton & Company

Mr. Chris Hollifield of Ruston & Company gave a brief presentation regarding the 2014-2015 City Audit. Mr. Hollifield stated that the City is in very good financial shape. City Manager Grizzard advised that this was the first time that the City's audit has been presented publicly. City Manager Grizzard also stated that recommendations made by the audit firm have already been implemented.

Councilmember Watters remarked on the Water/Sewer/Sanitation Departments and thanked City Manager Grizzard for his efforts.

5. Request for Proposals: Greenbelt (Blandenburg Rd. /Christ Fellowship Church – Phase 14A)

City Manager Grizzard advised that the Carroll County Board of Commissioners voted to contribute \$300,000 and the Friends of the Carrollton Greenbelt will pay the remaining balance to construct the section of the Greenbelt at (Blandenburg Road to Christ Fellowship Church). City Manager Grizzard advised that this project would be completed at no cost to the City. Three RFP's were received for the project as follows:

Baldwin Paving Company, Inc.:	\$791,897.52
Lewallen Construction Co., Inc.:	\$521,415.50
Georgia-Alabama Woodlands, Inc:	\$462,750.00

City Manager Grizzard stated that it is staff's recommendation that the RFP be awarded to Georgia-Alabama Woodlands, Inc. in the amount of \$462,750.00.

Motion by Councilmember Lane, seconded by Councilmember Wojcik to award Phase 14A of the Carrollton Greenbelt Project (Blandenburg Road to Christ Fellowship Church) to the

low bidder, Georgia-Alabama Woodlands, Inc., in the amount of \$462,750.00. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Byrd absent).

6. Police Department Vehicle Purchase: 2016 Ford Interceptor

City Manager Grizzard presented to the Mayor and Council a request to purchase a 2016 Ford Interceptor for the Police Department. Councilmember Lane inquired as to why an SUV was being purchased. City Manager advised that Ford no longer makes the Crown Vic. City Manager Grizzard advised that the vehicle will be paid for from seized drug money at no cost to the City.

Motion by Councilmember Watters, seconded by Councilmember Wojcik to approve purchase of 2016 Ford Interceptor from the low bidder, Hardy Ford, in the amount of \$27,308.00. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Byrd absent).

7. Appointments: Planning Commission (3)

Motion by Councilmember Lane, seconded by Councilmember Watters to appoint the following individuals to terms on the Planning Commission: Jason Smith, Jim Naughton, and John Jackson (new terms expire December 31, 2018). (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Byrd absent).

VIII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Rory Wojcik thanked the Mayor and Council, City Manager and City staff for all of their assistance. Councilmember Wojcik stated that he is excited to be on the Council and hopes that he can represent the entire City as a whole.

Councilmember Watters congratulated and welcomed Councilmember Wojcik. Councilmember Watters stated that he was excited to have a full council and about the future of Carrollton. Councilmember Watters stated that there are a lot of good things happening in the City.

Councilmember Lane congratulated Councilmember Wojcik and stated that he is looking forward to working with him. Councilmember Lane also applauded the Police Department and Fire Department.

Mayor Hollingsworth congratulated Councilmember Wojcik. Mayor Hollingsworth also informed those in attendance about the Narcan training which will be held April 12th and April 19th. Police Chief Joel Richards explained that Narcan is an opiate antidote which can be used to reverse an overdose and it comes in the form of a nasal spray. Chief Richards advised that he reached out to LaGrange Police Chief, Lou Dekmar, and he stated that since putting Narcan in use they have had three lives saved from overdoses. Chief Richards stated that in 2014, Governor Deal signed into law the 911 Medical Amnesty Law which allows police officers and fire fighters to administer this antidote without facing liability. Mayor Hollingsworth stated that Ms. Debbie Neal has worked hard to make this program happen and that he is very thankful for Ms. Neal and the Carrollton Rotary Club for their support and funding.

IX. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Grizzard advised those in attendance that Mayor Hollingsworth would be speaking at the Memorial Day event at the Carroll County Veterans Memorial Park which will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

X. ADJOURN

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.