

SPECIAL SESSION

MARCH 21, 2012

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 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  
Carol Barton

Pam Burton, City Administrator  
Pam Watson, City Secretary  
Conor Bateman, City Attorney

others present: Glen Herriage, Gary Crecelius, Buddy Hill, John McQueary, David Hopkins, Haven Cox, Sherri Skeeters, James Murphy, Jean Riggs, Brian Malone and other interested citizens;

with the following members absent: Aubrey Jones, 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

Tyler Hendrickson, Velvin & Weeks Consulting Engineers updated on the following:

- 1) Wood St. Project moving forward

CAIN CENTER REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CAIN CENTER OPERATIONS

Jean Riggs, Executive Director of the Cain Center updated on the following:

- 1) Provided February financials
- 2) 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Triathlon to be held Saturday
- 3) Easter Bunny pictures to be taken on 3/31/12
- 3) Red, White and Blueberry Festival to be held on 6/02/12
- 4) Gun Show scheduled in July, with additional tentative date in September

Councilmember Vaught questioned the financials, with Ms. Riggs stating that they will be getting better due to rental income increasing.

ATHENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT

A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

Brian Malone, President & CEO of Athens Economic Development Corporation updated on the following:

- 1) Budget/Financials
- 2) Upcoming & Recent Marketing Events
- 3) New website address is [www.AthensTexasEDC.com](http://www.AthensTexasEDC.com)
- 4) A.E.D.C. Board selected TIP Strategies to conduct new strategic plan

**DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT'S REPORT**

**A) STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS**

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development updated on the following projects:

- 1) WalMart conducting \$600,000 remodel
- 2) Residences permitted on Rico Dr. and Impala Point Dr.
- 3) Permitted expansion of Oakwood Place
- 4) Bel Air Elementary project underway
- 5) 9-1-1- Office underway
- 6) Due to drainage issues, Mooyah Burger is now looking at property on S. Palestine St.
- 7) New fast food restaurant looking at property at intersection of E. College St. and S. Palestine St.
- 8) City received Airport A.W.O.S. Grant, awaiting on FCC Radio License
- 9) Misc. remodels, pools, etc.

**B) STATUS REPORT ON ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**

Mr. Crecelius informed the Council that the Zoning Board of Adjustments approved a 25 ft. front building line setback variance on 3/13/12 to allow for construction of 23 ft. X 18 ft. detached carport at 415 M.L. King Jr. Blvd., owned by Tommie Thomas.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

David Hopkins, Director of Finance presented January financials.

**DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS;**

**A) DISCUSS AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REGULATIONS PROHIBITING SMOKING**

City Administrator Pam Burton reviewed recent amendments to the Smoking Ordinance. The Council discussed the possibility of allowing smoking rooms with ventilation systems inside nursing homes and assisted living facilities. City Attorney Conor Bateman will prepare options concerning smoking rooms.

**DISCUSS ABANDONMENT OF ALLEYWAY LOCATED BETWEEN LOTS 1B & 8A, BETWEEN LOTS 2 & 7, BETWEEN LOTS 3 & 6, AND BETWEEN LOTS 4 & 5A, BLOCK 12, ATHENS ORIGINAL TOWN, AS REQUESTED BY MIKE STANSBERRY WITH SOUTHERN MULTIFOODS, INC. (TACO BELL AT INTERSECTION OF EAST CORSICANA ST. & SOUTH PALESTINE ST.)**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**DISCUSS AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF IPADS AND AUTHORIZING BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

Ms. Burton explained that the purchase of iPads was requested by the Council during the budget process, with the purchase of eight (8) iPads and a budget adjustment in the amount of \$10,217 appearing on the agenda Monday, 3/26/12. Councilmember Vaught expressed his feelings that this is a good move for the City and will be very beneficial.

**DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA;**

**A) DISCUSS APPROVING MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2012 SPECIAL SESSION AND MARCH 12, 2012 REGULAR SESSION**

These items will appear on the Consent Agenda.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

There was no discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2012.

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Randy Daniel, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pam Watson, City Secretary