

**CITY OF GRIFFIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
ONE GRIFFIN CENTER, W. ELMER GEORGE MUNICIPAL HALL  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

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Chairperson Dick Morrow presided, calling the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners attending were Cynthia Reid-Ward, Doug Hollberg, Ryan McLemore, Cora Flowers, David Brock and Rodney McCord. Also present were City Manager Kenny L. Smith, City Attorney Andrew Whalen, III, and Teresa Watson to record minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance ..... Commissioner David Brock  
Invocation ..... Commissioner Doug Hollberg

Approval of Agenda - ***Motion/Second by Commissioners Hollberg/McLemore to approve carried 7-0.***

<b>PRESENTATIONS / DELEGATIONS</b>
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1. Consider Proclamation honoring First Baptist Church's 175th Anniversary. *Rev. Brian McCartney will be present to receive.*

***Motion/Second by Commissioners Brock/Reid-Ward to approve carried by a vote of 7-0.***  
*Commissioner Hollberg read the Proclamation and pictures were made to honor this achievement.*

2. Consider Proclamation declaring February 2016 Black History Month. Rufus Taylor and Carl Touchstone of the Civic Improvement League were present to receive the Proclamation.

***Motion/Second by Commissioners Flowers/Reid-Ward to approve carried by a vote of 7-0.***  
*Commissioner Flowers read the Proclamation and pictures were made to commemorate.*

3. Consider Proclamation honoring the 60th Anniversary of the Georgia City-County Management Association. *City Manager Kenny Smith will accept the Proclamation of behalf of the Association.*

***Motion/Second by Commissioners McCord/Reid-Ward to approve carried by a vote of 7-0.***  
*Chairman Morrow read the Proclamation and pictures were made to commemorate the anniversary.*

<b>CITIZEN COMMENTS</b>
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*At this time, the Chairperson opens the floor to comments from the audience. Comments should relate to a specific agenda item, not listed on the agenda for a Public Hearing, or to a concern within the jurisdiction of the City. Commission meetings serve the purpose of conducting city business and are not a forum for the unlimited expression of opinion. The Chairperson reserves the right to limit comments to matters germane to city business and may refer speakers to the City Manager or other staff for resolution.*

There were no comments.

<b>PUBLIC HEARINGS</b>
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*Public Hearings are conducted to allow public comment on specific advertised issues such as rezoning, ordinances, policy development, operating budgets and other legislative actions to be considered by the City Commission.*

- 4, Receive comments regarding a request to rezone the property located at 1453 Meriwether Street consisting of 0.73 +/- acres from Low Density Residential-B (LDR-B) to Planned Commercial Development (PCD), submitted by Landrum Family Limited Partnership. *Toussaint Kirk, Director of Planning and Development, will address.*

Mr. Kirk noted that Planning Staff has evaluated the proposed rezoning request submitted by Landrum Family Limited Partnership for the property located at 1453 Meriwether Street for its compatibility with the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the Comprehensive Plan and the Planned Commercial Development zoning district being requested. The applicant's request is compatible with the FLUM, which has identified this parcel for commercial land use. The applicant's rezoning request to PCD, if approved by the Board of Commissioners, will be consistent with adjacent properties in the area. Further, 1451 Meriwether was rezoned to PCD in 2007. There were no speakers.

- 5, Receive comments regarding a request for a special use permit to allow for a Places of Assembly (PAO) to utilize a structure located at 814 Experiment Street as a multi-use activity center. *Toussaint Kirk, Director of Planning and Development, will address.*

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Mr. Kirk explained that the applicant's request for a special use permit to operate a multi-use center to include church facilities at 814 Experiment Street has been reviewed in accordance with requirements outlined under Section 406 and 408 of the City of Griffin's UDC. Planning Staff has found that the request for the Special Use Permit for a Places of Assembly at this location is in compliance with the requirements outlined in the zoning ordinance. Operating a multi-use activity center at this location will not be a detriment to the use and development of adjacent properties. The current development has been vacant and the addition of the ministry will revitalize this underutilized structure in the City of Griffin. A Special Use Permit is required to designate the subject property as a Places of Assembly (PAO). The purpose of the PAO district is to encourage the beneficial development of assembly uses and to properly regulate such uses in a non-discriminatory manner. There were no speakers on the issue.

<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>
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6. Consider approval of Minutes of the February 9, 2016 City Commission Regular Schedule Meeting - ***Motion/Second by Commissioners Brock/McLemore to approve carried 7-0.***

<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>
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*The Regular Agenda includes items on which the Commission will individually consider and possibly take action.*

7. Consider a request to rezone the property located at 1453 Meriwether Street consisting of 0.73 +/- acres from Low Density Residential-B (LDR-B) to Planned Commercial Development (PCD), submitted by Landrum Family Limited Partnership. *Toussaint Kirk, Director of Planning and Development, will address.*

***Motion/Second by Commissioners McCord/Reid-Ward to approve carried by a vote of 7-0.***

8. Consider approval of a request for a special use permit to allow for a Places of Assembly (PAO) to utilize a structure located at 814 Experiment Street as a multi-use activity center. *Toussaint Kirk, Director of Planning and Development, will address.*

***Motion/Second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/Flowers to approve carried by a vote of 7-0.***

9. Consider approval of a work contract and lowest bid to Georgia Asphalt Inc. for the milling and resurfacing of the LMIG 2015 project in the amount of \$261,081.00 for the Public Works and Utilities Department. *Director of Public Works and Utilities Brant D. Keller will address.*

***Motion/Second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/Brock to approve carried by a vote of 7-0.***

10. Consider approval of Bid Award and Work Contract from Steele and Associates, LLC for the Thomaston Mill Village (CDBG) Phase VII CDBG#15-x-126-2-5742 Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$581,485.00 for the Water and Wastewater Department of the Public Works and Utilities Department and approve Budget Amendment accordingly. *Director of Public Works and Utilities Brant D. Keller will address.*

***Motion/Second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/McLemore to approve carried by a vote of 6-0-1 with Commissioner Hollberg abstaining due to a conflict of interest.***

11. Consider approval of a work contract and lowest bid to McLeRoy Equipment, LLC for the demolition and construction of SPLOST Intersection #1 at North Hill Street and North 6th Street in the amount of \$796,718.50 for the Public Works and Utilities Department. *Director of Public Works and Utilities Brant D. Keller will address.*

***Motion/Second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/McCord to approve carried by a vote of 7-0.***

12. Consider approval of a work contract and lowest bid to P.F. Moon and Company for the upgrade and expansion of the Potato Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (PCWWTP) in the amount of \$16,849,000.00 for the Water and Wastewater Department of the Public Works and Utilities Department. *Director of Public Works and Utilities Department will address.*

***Motion/Second by Commissioners Hollberg/Brock to approve carried by a vote of 7-0.***

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13. Consider approval of bid for a Sodium Chlorite Tank for Harry Simmons Water Treatment Plant to EVOQUA Water Technologies in the amount of \$49,040.00 for the Water and Wastewater Department of the Public Works and Utilities Department. *Public Works and Utilities Director Brant D. Keller will address.*

***Motion/Second by Commissioners Hollberg/Reid-Ward to approve carried by a vote of 7-0.***

14. Consider approval lowest and best bid to construct offices at the Stormwater Maintenance Facility to Absolute Construction & Remodeling, LLC in the amount of \$27,157.40 for the Stormwater Department of the Public Works and Utilities Department. *Public Works and Utilities Director Brant D. Keller will address.*

***Motion/Second by Commissioners Reid-Ward/McLemore to approve carried by a vote of 7-0.***

15. Consider approval of lowest and best bid for the insulation of the City's stormwater maintenance facility to GCS Spray Foam Insulation in the amount of \$16,845.00 for the Stormwater Department of the Public Works and Utilities Department. *Public Works and Utilities Director Brant D. Keller will address.*

***Motion/Second by Commissioners McLemore/Hollberg to approve carried by a vote of 7-0.***

16. Consider denial of an ante litem notice, dated February 5, 2016, from attorney Todd Harding on behalf of Carrie M. Watson, who alleges she suffered mental anguish from her photograph appearing in a Griffin Police Department Press Release. *City Attorney Drew Whalen will address.*

***Motion/Second by Commissioners Brock/Hollberg to approve carried by a vote of 6-1 with Commissioner McCord opposing.***

17. Consider Executive Session, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(4), for discussion and acting upon the acquisition of real estate.

*The Chairman asked that this item be postponed until after City Manager/Commissioner Comments.*

<b>CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS</b>
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***The City Manager will update the Commission on pending items, upcoming workshops, meetings, conferences and other pertinent issues.***

- Update on 2016 Commissioners GOALS Workshop earlier today. The Workshop was productive and he appreciated everyone's time and attention. Much was accomplished.
- The February 16 meeting with the new CEO of MEAG, Jim Fuller; MEAG COO, Doug Lego; and our district rep, Holly Besig, has been rescheduled for Monday, March 21 at 2 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room. We will discuss MEAG updates and Griffin's current standing in the market. Our new electric director, Dan Thompson will also be present.
- There will be a BBQ luncheon for Bill Bosch in the City Courtroom, on Friday, 02-26-16 from 11- 1.
- He will attend a Joint Comprehensive Transportation Plan Meeting tomorrow at 1:30 at the Annex.
- He thanked the NAACP and Educational Prosperity Initiative for inviting him to a meeting on Saturday at the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church on Palace Street regarding SPLOST Projects. He will attend.

<b>COMMISSIONER REPORTS</b>
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**District 1, Cynthia Reid-Ward:**

No comment.

**District 2, Cora Flowers:**

No comment.

**District 3, Ryan McLemore:**

He, too, conveyed his sympathies to Chairman Morrow and Mr. Smith. He also thanked Staff for all their hard work and detail in the GOALS Workshop today. It is an exciting time, and he is ready to go to work.

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**District 4, David Brock:**

This has been a long day but a good day. He is proud to be part of this organization. Department Heads and Staff did a great job and much was accomplished today.

**District 5, Chairman Dick Morrow:**

He noted that Mr. Partin was welcome back anytime. He complimented Bill Bosch on his great job and conveyed his best wishes. He noted that the City has been so overwhelmingly kind and caring in the loss of his son, and he thanked everyone for their thoughts and assistance.

**District 6, Vice Chair Rodney McCord:**

He expressed his condolences to Chairman Morrow and noted he and his family would continue to be in his prayers. He, too, felt the annual Workshop was a good one today.

**At-Large, Doug Hollberg**

He expressed his sympathies to Chairman Morrow and to City Manager Kenny Smith on the passing of their family members. He welcomed Tom Partin with Greer Insurance Agency as the new Downtown Council President. He thanked Staff for their hard work at the GOALS Workshop today.

**Executive Session (postponed from earlier in the meeting)**

***Motion/Second by Commissioners Hollberg/McLemore to enter Closed Session at 6:31 p.m. carried 7-0.***

***Motion/Second by Commissioners McLemore/Reid-Ward to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene to Open Meeting at 6:48 p.m. carried by a vote of 7-0.***

<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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***Motion/Second by Commissioners McCord/McLemore to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. carried 7-0.***

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kenny L. Smith, City Manager/Secretary

Accepted:

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Dick Morrow, Chairperson