

March 6, 2007

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Walton County Government Building, 303 South Hammond Drive, Suite 330, Monroe, Ga. Those present included Chairman Kevin Little, Commissioners Clinton Ayers, Michael Turner, Vickie Gasaway, Lamar Palmer, Gerald Atha and John Robinson, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Kirby Atkinson, Personnel Director Karen Fraser, Finance Officer Christi Pickens and Planning Director Mike Martin. A list of citizens and other employees in attendance at this meeting is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Gasaway opened the meeting in prayer.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, with the addition of the recommendation for appointment of the Fire Chief. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a request from Meridian Homes at Weston, LLC to abandon Weston Way. Attorney Jeremy Kilburn, representing the applicant, came before the Board in support of the request. County Clerk Leta Talbird stated that the required legal notice was published in the Walton Tribune and that affected property owners had been notified of the public hearing by certified mail. There was no one present in opposition to the abandonment of the road. Commissioner Atha made a motion to abandon Weston Way. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve a land use amendment - LU06120017 - from Commercial to Industrial and rezone - Z06120019 - on 1.143 acres from B-1 to M-1 for a metal fabrication business only for no public sales for Laura Brynn Nix Howell. The affected property is located at 2509 U.S. Hwy. 78 and Willow Springs Church Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 158, Parcel 15. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Jeff Connelly of C & H Industrial came before the Board in support of the request. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the land use amendment and rezone with the recommendations from the Planning Commission that the rezone to M-1 is for metal fabrication only and that the products will not be used for public sales. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve a rezone - Z07010004 - from A-1 to R-1 with Open Space Conservation Overlay on 41.18 acres for a residential subdivision for Bullard Land Planning, Inc. The affected property, owned by Mary Odell Tanner Still (deceased) c/o William Still, is located on Ralph Still Road and Bold Springs Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 57, Parcel 35 Split. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Joe Moon, representing the applicant, came before the Board in support of the rezone. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the rezone with the recommendation of the left turn lane that is included in the staff report and also with a minimum of three entrance/exits to the sole subdivision. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve a land use amendment - LU07010006 - from Commercial to High Density Residential on 30.975 acres and rezone - Z07010005 - from B-3 to R-1 with Open Space Conservation Overlay on Tract 1 – 27.0 acres and rezone from B-3 to R-1 on Tract 2 – 4.0 acres for Cannon Business Park, LLC. The affected property is located on Old Georgia Highway 138 and Cannon Farm Road and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 53, Parcel 24. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Attorney Jeremy Kilburn came before the Board in support of the request. He referenced a Constitutional rights letter filed with the Planning & Development Office on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Kilburn stated that it is not feasible to develop the property as commercial due to the environmental impact to the stream head. He stated that the Planning Commission recommended that there only be a driveway off of Old Highway 138 for the corner lot, so there will be only three driveways on Cannon Farm Road. Commissioner Turner expressed concern about putting a residential development among B-1 commercial developments. There was no one present in opposition to the request. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the land use amendment and rezone with the stipulation that Lot 1 will have no access easement off Cannon Farm Road. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Gasaway, Palmer and Atha voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Turner opposed the motion. The motion carried 4-1.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve amendments to the WC Land Development Ordinance – OA07010008 – per errata sheet dated 01-02-07. Charna Parker of the Planning & Development Office reviewed the proposed amendments with the Board. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the

amendments to the WC Land Development Ordinance per errata sheet dated 01-02-07. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to accept the following right of ways on subdivision streets: Stonegate at Bold Springs – Stonegate Way, Pebble Trail; Rose Creek – Aniki Bee Drive, Rosie Court; Fox Valley – Fox Valley Drive, Gray Fox Lane; The Royal Club – Royal Lane; Richmond Place III – Richmond Place Way, Richmond Ridge, Hudson Road, Richmond Meadow Court, Richmond Oak Court. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a request from the developer of Creekside at Riverstone subdivision to waive the curb and gutter requirements for a 137 acre tract being developed with 29 lots, all of which will be two acres or larger. Dennis Dudley of Brewer & Dudley came before the Board in support of the request. Commissioner Atha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to waive the curb and gutter requirements. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to adopt a resolution to forward the Community Assessment and Community Participation Program of the Comprehensive Plan update for Walton County to the Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review, comment and recommendation. The resolution also certifies that the minimum public participation requirements of the Comprehensive Plan update will be met with the holding of a public hearing on March 12, 2007. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Chairman Little read aloud a proclamation proclaiming the third Sunday in March as Faith In Serving Humanity (F.I.S.H.) Day in Walton County.

Interim Fire Chief Mike Moore presented options for replacement of the Fire Rescue Department air truck. The Board instructed County Attorney Kirby Atkinson and Risk Management Director Joyce Chambers to pursue reimbursement from the insurance company of the person who was responsible for the accident that damaged the County's existing air truck. After further discussion, Commissioner Turner made a motion to purchase a new demonstration air truck from Custom Truck & Bodyworks, Inc. in the amount of \$109,000.00. He further moved to approve the necessary budget amendment to cover the cost of the truck in excess of insurance proceeds received and available funds from the Fire Rescue Department budget. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers requested approval to use SPLOST funds to purchase materials for the installation of a water main and fire hydrants at Felker Park. Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the purchase. He further moved to approve the low bid from Premier Utilities, Inc. in the amount of \$18,772.80. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered appointments to the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee. Commissioner Turner nominated Pat McGoldrick. Commissioner Atha nominated Lee Malcom and Chairman Little nominated David Willett. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the appointments of the aforementioned nominees and to give the Chairman the authority to sign off on appointment of the other Commissioner's nominees once they are selected. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Personnel Director Karen Fraser presented proposed job descriptions for the positions of Staff Accountant I and Staff Accountant II for the Finance Department along with a salary survey of similar positions from other government agencies. She stated that at the present time, all Finance Department positions are classified as Governmental Accountant. She then described the function of each position. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to table a decision on the matter until after executive session is held. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Chairman Little present a committee recommendation for the appointment of Walton County Fire Chief. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to appoint Mike Moore as Fire Chief contingent upon negotiation of an employment package to be approved by the Board at a later date. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 7:00 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to enter into executive session. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer and Atha voted in favor. *(Commissioner Robinson entered the meeting during executive session.)*

At 8:40 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion to return to regular session. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Robinson voted in favor. No votes were taken while in executive session.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to table a decision on the job descriptions for Staff Accountant I and Staff Accountant II. All voted in favor.

At 8:41 p.m., Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

All documents of record for this meeting are on file in either the addendum book or auxiliary file under this meeting date.

KEVIN W. LITTLE, CHAIRMAN

LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1

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