

June 28, 2007

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 28, 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 and Gerald Atha, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Kirby Atkinson, Personnel Director Karen Fraser, Finance Officer Chris Edwards 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. Commissioner Robinson did not attend the meeting due to a prior commitment.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Ayers opened the meeting in prayer.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, with the addition of appointments to the Board of Elections. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2007, June 5, 2007 and June 14, 2007 meetings. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve a Conditional Use for a guesthouse at 5400 Haynes Creek Drive for Kimberly Guthrie - CU07050005. The effected property is further identified on WC Tax Map N28E, Parcel 16. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Leslie Guthrie 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 Turner made a motion to approve the Conditional Use with the condition that neither house would be used as rental property. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve alteration to a zoning condition placed on rezone Z04090025 to change the development from R-1/OSC to R-1/GS for A. Fortner Construction Company – AZ07050002. The effected property is located on South Sharon Church Road and Cedar Lake Trail and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 12, Parcel 60. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Planning Director Mike Martin presented the request. He explained that the applicant is requesting the open space along the creek be changed to green space and given to the County as part of the Green Space Program. There was no one present in opposition to the request. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the alteration and accept the open space into the Green Space Program. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve a rezone from MH to R-1/OSC on 24.186 acres for Roger Bankston to develop a single-family residential subdivision – Z07050003. The effected property is located on Hightower Trail and Chris Drive and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 54, Parcels 151, 151A, 152, 153 & 154. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Ken Peters, engineer for 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 Gasaway made a motion to approve the rezone. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a Planning Commission recommendation to approve a Land Use Amendment from Commercial to Office Professional and rezone from R-1 to O-I on 2.02 acres for Scott Oaks - LU07050011 & Z07050012. The effected property, owned by Jack Still, is located at 1379 Highway 11 North and is further identified on WC Tax Map C 90, Parcel 13. Chairman Little opened the public hearing on the matter. Lee Malcom, representing Scott Oaks and Jason Murray of Pin Oak Developments, LLC., came before the Board in support of the request. Steve Lavender, who owns property behind the effected property, stated that if the applicant plans to clear the property, he would like to have some sort of noise buffer. Planning Director Mike Martin stated that the Land Development Ordinance requires a 50-ft. transitional buffer between O-I and residential property. He stated that the rezone could be conditioned upon an appropriate supplemental planting to provide additional screening. Jason Murray of Pin Oak Developments stated that he plans to use the house as his office space and does not plan to clear the property. Chairman Little closed the public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the Land Use Amendment and rezone with the condition that the applicant will plant supplemental screening on the backside of the property where it is needed. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Associate Planning Director Charna Parker stated that Normark Properties, LLC requested that the Board approve withdrawal of an application for a Land Use Amendment from Commercial to Industrial and rezone from B-3 to M-2 on 3.06 acres located at 5949 Georgia Highway 20. There was no one present in opposition. Commissioner Turner made a motion to accept withdrawal of the request. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Finance Officer Chris Edwards presented contracts and budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve purchases and contracts as presented. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Mr. Edwards presented a budget amendment for transfer of funds within the Parks & Recreation Department budget. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted

unanimously.

Mr. Edwards presented a resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2008 budget. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a list of proposed capital projects. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the list as presented and to move ahead with the projects. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Personnel Director Karen Fraser presented employee new hires and promotions for the record. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve new hires and promotions as presented, for the record. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority General Manager Wendell Geiger presented actions taken by the Authority at its June 26, 2007 meeting. Mr. Geiger reviewed details of recently imposed Level III water restrictions. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to ratify actions taken by the Authority at its June 26, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a refund request from Lindy Farmer, Jr. for penalties and interest paid on his 2006 property taxes. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to deny the refund request. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Between for LARP resurfacing preparation on New Hope Church Road. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve a Grant Award Contract for the GEMA Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve a contract for a Children & Youth Coordinating Council Grant Award for the Juvenile Court. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve, for the record, a Joint Development Authority Investment Authorization for U.S. Bank. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a recommendation from EMS Director Nancy Couch to approve a contract with Collection Services of Athens, Inc. for collection services for the EMS Department. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner

Palmer, to approve the contract. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve a contract with Frailey and Associates, Inc. d/b/a Patmac Contracting Company for the construction of 3 unincorporated parks. All voted in favor.

Planning Director Mike Martin and Walnut Grove Mayor Don Cannon presented an Intergovernmental Contract between Walton County and the City of Walnut Grove for Fire Safety Inspection Services. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the contract contingent upon review by the County Attorney. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a Department of Juvenile Justice purchase of services contract with Tammy Cabell. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Board considered a proposal from Precision Planning, Inc. for land surveying and engineering design services for intersection improvements at Center Hill Church Road and Sharon Church Road. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the proposal. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Mike Moore spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting. He thanked the Board for it's continued support of the Fire Department.

The Board considered appointments to the Walton County Board of Elections. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to authorize Chairman Little to appoint the members based on recommendation from the Chairman of the Board of Elections. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor. *(The persons appointed are as follows: Jimmy Payne, Larry Pruden, Betty Hearn, Jerry Connell and Lori Greer.)*

At 6:41 p.m., Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

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

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VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DIST. 3 LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5