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MARCH 13, 1998

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I. CALL TO ORDER

9:00 A.M. - Commission Meeting Room
2nd Floor Old Courthouse
124 Bull Street
Savannah, Georgia

II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Harris Odell, Jr.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

• At noon the County Commission will recess for approximately 30 minutes.

V. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. Recognition of St. Patrick's Day Parade Marshal and Committee.

VI. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. Amtrak rent - Dick Knowlton (Commissioner Thomas).
2. Recognize LINKS and General Shuler (Commissioner Thomas).
3. Weightlifting Center - Michael Cohen (Commissioner Murray).
4. Sewage and Isle of Hope (Commissioner Murray).
5. Commitment to Recreation Authority of Juvenile Court property and land for dormitory (Commissioner Saussy).

VII. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation for Cleveland Blige on his retirement from Public Works.
2. GFOA awards.

Recess as County Commission and convene as Chatham Area Transit Authority.

I. Call to order.

II. Roll call.

III. Approval of minutes.

IV. New business.

1. Request Board approve the Authority's 1998 Federal legislative agenda.
2. Request Board approve the purchase of eight (8) paratransit vans for TELERIDE at \$42,340 each, for a total of \$338,720.
3. Information on St. Patrick's Day Shuttle with additional emphasis on promoting use of CAT's fixed routes.

V. Adjourn.

Reconvene as County Commission

VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

Unless action is contemplated at today's meeting, staff report and file material has not been duplicated in your agenda packet. The files are available from the Clerk. Those on which staff is requesting action are indicated by asterisk (*).

1. Board consideration of action regarding advisory boards and committees. **Tabled at meeting of April 25, 1997. Further note: Assigned to committee at meeting of May 9, 1997.**
2. Board consideration on changing the County's fiscal year. **Tabled at meeting of May 9, 1997.**
3. Board consideration of modification to Employee Assistance Program regarding notification as to participating employees. **Tabled at meeting of May 9, 1997.**
- * 4. Board consideration of a request from the Clerk of Superior Court for additional resources for fine collection. **Tabled at meeting of June 13, 1997. Please see memo from Clerk of Superior Court asking that item remain on the table.** See request of March 5, 1998, from Clerk of Superior Court asking that item be removed from the table.
5. Salary adjustments, Chairman Hair. **Tabled until budget deliberations.**
6. Petitioners, Hilda Whitaker, Frank L. Bourne, Jr., James Sheppard, Ronald Kolman, Martin J. Heimes and Marianne M. Heimes, are requesting that the text of the Chatham County Zoning Regulations be amended by repealing the current ordinance and enacting a new one in its place. Given the magnitude of this undertaking, the MPC recommended that the request be approved and that the County fund the activity as a line item in the next two years' budgets. **Note: Item was tabled at meeting of January 23, 1998. See additional staff information including a report from the County Attorney and options from MPC staff. Tabled at meeting of February 6, 1998, until opinion of Attorney General is received.**
MPC File No. 97-11982-C
No District/Text Amendment/Unincorporated Area

See "Second Readings" for an additional tabled item.

IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

(Unless the Board directs otherwise, adoption of an Action Item will mean approval of the respective County staff report and its recommended action.)

1. Request Board approve the following: One Percent Sales Tax Extension Fund (1993-1998) Contingency transfer of \$13,600 to the Pennsylvania Avenue Community Center Project and Reserve for Specified Projects transfer of \$500,000 to the administrative account for funding of consultant right-of-way acquisition services.
2. Board consideration of sale of the County's water and sewer systems. Note: Chairman Hair suggests that public comment be taken at your regular meeting of the 27th of March.
3. Board consideration on next step to consolidate Recreation Departments with City of Savannah.
4. Board consideration of request to provide funding for experimental alternative systems as a practical solution to subsurface drainage in on-site sewage systems in Chatham County.
5. Board consideration of request from the Elections Board to place the Board of Election Supervisors under Chatham County payroll system and to extend benefits offered to County employees.
6. Request for waiver of late Alcoholic Beverage License renewal for Union Station Lounge and Restaurant located at 2130 Norwood Avenue. Staff recommends denial of the request. [District 3.]
7. Request for waiver of penalties for tardy business tax certificate by conducting business without a business tax certificate, William E. Smith, d/b/a Crosstrade, Inc., located at 10 Southerland Road. Staff recommends denial of the request. [District 4.]
8. Request Board approval to waive the 90-day hiring freeze and authorize Human Resources to advertise positions that the department deems more cost efficient to fill.
 - Clerk of Superior Court - Clerical Assistant II (one position); Clerical Assistant III (one position)
 - Board of Assessors - Appraiser III (one position); Appraiser II (one position); Appraiser I (one position)
 - Child Support Enforcement - Child Support Investigator I (one position)

X. ACTION CALENDAR

(The Board can entertain one motion to adopt the below-listed calendar. Such motion would mean adoption of staff's recommendation. Any Board Member may choose to pull an item from the calendar and it would be considered separately.)

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 20, 1998, as mailed.
2. Claims vs Chatham County for the period February 12 through March 5, 1998.
3. Request Board approval of resolution authorizing Tax Anticipation Notes.
4. Request Board authorize the Chairman, County Attorney, Clerk of the Commission and County Engineer to sign all required documents to enable Chatham County to participate in a Local Assistance Road Program (LARP) with GDOT for the resurfacing of the following County roads/streets: Chevis Road - 1.28 mi.; Little Neck Road - 2.52 mi.; Robert Miller Road - 1.36 mi.; and Whitfield Park Drive - 0.66 mi. (5.82 mi. total).
[Districts 1, 6 and 7.]
5. Request Board approve perpetual utility and temporary construction easements with Bethesda-Union Society of Savannah, Inc., and authorize payment of \$30,940.
[District 1.]
6. Request Board approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division, establishing a temporary crab trap recycling area at the Wilmington Island Transfer Station from March 15, 1998, through June 30, 1998.
[District 4.]
7. Two requests from units of the American Cancer Society, a non-profit organization, for waiver of the user fee for the portable band shell:
 - A. The Richmond Hill/Bryan County Unit for its Fifth Annual Relay for Life on May 1 and 2, 1998 (\$250 user fee).
 - B. The Savannah Unit for its Fourth Annual Relay for Life on May 15 and 16, 1998 (\$250 user fee).
8. Request from the City of Port Wentworth for use of two (2) portable band shells and waiver of the \$500 (\$250 per unit) user fee for its annual Stand Up For America Day Parade and Festival. *NOTE: This conflicts with use during USS McFaul commissioning.*
[District 7.]
9. Request from the American Heart Association, a non-profit organization, for waiver of the \$100 user fee for use of the Lake Mayer Community Park pavilion.
10. Request from the Frank Callen Boys & Girls Club, Inc., a non-profit organization, for waiver of the \$650 user fee for use of Memorial Stadium for the High T.I.D.E. Ultimate Frisbee Tournament on March 16, 1998.

11. Request from Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, a non-profit organization, for waiver of the \$650 user fee for use of the ball field site located at President Street and Pennsylvania Avenue for the Magic Midway Amusement Carnival, Inc., event on March 10 through 23, 1998.
12. Request Board adopt a resolution in support of expanding the area in Chatham County that qualifies for higher tax credits under the State of Georgia's "Job Tax Credit Law."
13. Request Board approve admission fee program for Anderson/Cohen Weightlifting Center.
14. Request Board declare as surplus and offer for sale a property held by tax deed at 505 E. Bolton Street in the City of Savannah.
[District 2.]
15. Request for renewal of Sunday sales license for beer pouring for 1998. Petitioner: Cheri Stokes Keller, d/b/a Janie Arkwright's Kitchen., located within Keller's Flea Market at 5901 Ogeechee Road.
[District 6.]
16. Request for renewal of license for Sunday sales of beer and wine pouring for 1998. Petitioner: William J. Young, d/b/a Pizza Inn, located at 313 Johnny Mercer Boulevard.
[District 4.]
17. Request for renewal of license for Sunday sales of beer and wine pouring and add new liquor pouring license for 1998. Petitioner: Thomas W. Williams, d/b/a Williams Seafood Restaurant, located at 8010 Tybee Road.
[District 4.]
18. Request renewal of Sunday sales of beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 1998 from the following:
 - A. Petitioner: John Gregorie England, d/b/a Southbridge Golf Club, located at 415 Southbridge Boulevard. [District 7.]
 - B. Petitioner: John N. Howard, d/b/a Country Social Club of Savannah, located at 5150 Jasmine Avenue. [District 3.]
 - C. Petitioner: Aurrie Belle Wright, d/b/a Sheraton Savannah Inn & Country Club, located at 612 Wilmington Island Road. [District 4.]
 - D. Petitioner: Susan E. Bednarczyk, d/b/a Union Station Bar & Grill, located at 2130 Norwood Avenue. [District 3.]
 - E. Petitioner: Donna M. Love, d/b/a Love's Seafood Restaurant, located at 6817 Basin Road. [District 6.]
19. Request Board approval of Quitclaim deeds.
20. Request Board approval to award bids as follows: (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$10,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear.)

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
A. Confirmation Change Order No. 1 to contract for landscaping at the Administrative Annex for additional landscaping	SPLOST	Grant Landscape Design, Inc.	\$6,019.88	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Administrative Annex
B. Extend, on a month-to-month basis, the annual contract for contract labor	Public Works	Eastern Personnel Services	\$6.89 per hour per man	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SSD - Public Works •Solid Waste Management Fund
C. Annual contract with option to renew for three additional one-year terms, to provide cost allocation services	Finance	Tindol & Company	\$8,400.00	General Fund/M & O - Audit Contract Account
D. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for the construction of a youth activities building at the West Broad Street YMCA to include a suspended ceiling	SPLOST	Walter Strong Company	\$2,934	SPLOST (1993-1998) - West Broad Street YMCA
E. Renew lease agreement for the building occupied by CNT	CNT	Martin, Tovah & Ellen Melaver	\$69,118.92 plus the percentage increase in the CPI (2.7%) over the previous 12 months	General Fund/M & O - CNT
F. Change Order No. 1 to the contract to raise dikes and install storm drain structures in DMCA 14A/14B for additional 48" polyethylene storm pipe	Engineering	L-J, Inc.	\$48,563.20	General Fund/M & O - Harbor Maintenance (100% reimbursable by GDOT)

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
G. Change Order No. 2 to contract for drainage improvements at various locations to recognize the understatement of work required by the project specifications	Engineering	L-J, Inc.	\$10,355.43	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Unincorporated Chatham County Drainage
H. Annual contract to provide various types of high-volume printing requirements	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ABC Printing Company (primary vendor) •Coastal Paper Works (secondary vendor) 	See staff report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •General Fund/M & O - Various •SSD - Various
I. Lease-purchase of Optical-Scan Voting System	Board of Elections	Global Election Systems	\$833,750	Not determined - Debt Service or Lease-Purchase
J. Emergency purchase of crushed stone	I.C.S.	Martin Marietta Aggregates	\$19,350	CIP - County Wide 800MHz
K. Amendment to the annual (1997) maintenance agreement on computer hardware and software system to recognize the installation of the new SMP system	I.C.S.	Unisys	\$17,188	General Fund/M & O - I.C.S.
L. Annual maintenance agreement on SMP computer hardware and software system	I.C.S.	Unisys	\$152,760	General Fund/M & O - I.C.S.
M. Annual maintenance agreement on countywide telephone system	I.C.S.	Property Technology	\$57,220.92	General Fund/M & O - Communications
N. Lease agreement for CCPD Internal Affairs office	Police	Re/Max of Savannah	\$12,000	SSD - Police

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
O. Change Order No. 9 to incorporate trade contracts to install piling, pile caps, building pad and excavation/fill of Slip 2 in the GMP	SPLOST	Maritime Trade Center Builders	\$3,333,762	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Trade Center
P. Contract for the survey and design of Stagecoach Road improvements	SPLOST	David Sladek, P.E.	\$15,200	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Stagecoach Road
Q. Change Order to the contract to include additional parking and an enhanced exit door at the Pennsylvania Avenue Community Center	SPLOST	Bazemore, Mastrianni, Wilson/Pioneer Construction	\$13,600	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Pennsylvania Avenue Community Center

XI. FIRST READINGS

Proposed changes to ordinances must be read or presented in written form at two meetings held not less than one week apart. A vote on the following listed matters will occur at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Comments, discussion and debate from members of the public will be received only at the meeting at which a vote is to be taken on one of the following listed items.

NOTE: Copies of items 1 through 6 are not provided in this agenda packet.

1. To adopt "An Amendment to the Emergency Management Ordinance of Chatham County to Modify Certain Provisions in Accordance with the Georgia Emergency Management Act and Any Amendments Thereto; Repealing Prior Ordinances in Conflict and for Other Purposes;" and to approve the accompanying "Declaration of Emergency" and "Declaration of Effective Ordinances During Emergency" forms. **Hold on first reading until response is received from each of the municipalities.**
2. To adopt "An Amendment to the Emergency Management Ordinance of Chatham County to Prohibit Price Overcharging During Emergencies; Repealing Prior Ordinances in Conflict and for Other Purposes." **Hold on first reading until response is received from each of the municipalities.**
3. To adopt "An Amendment to the Emergency Management Ordinance of Chatham County to Allow for Temporary Mobile/Manufactured/Industrialized Homes, Travel Trailers, Recreational Vehicles, and Mobile/Manufactured/Industrialized Home Parks in Any Zoning District During Emergencies; Repealing Prior Ordinances in Conflict and for Other Purposes." **Hold on first reading until response is received from each of the municipalities.**
4. To adopt "An Amendment to the Emergency Management Ordinance of Chatham County to Allow for Emergency Business Licenses; Repealing Prior Ordinances in Conflict and for Other Purposes." **Hold on first reading until response is received from each of the municipalities.**
5. To adopt "An Amendment to the Emergency Management Ordinance of Chatham County to Allow for Emergency Building Permits; Repealing Prior Ordinances in Conflict and for Other Purposes." **Hold on first reading until response is received from each of the municipalities.**
6. To adopt "An Amendment to the Emergency Management Ordinance of Chatham County to Provide a Curfew and Closed or Restricted Areas During Emergencies; Repealing Prior Ordinances in Conflict and for Other Purposes." **Hold on first reading until response is received from each of the municipalities.**
7. Petitioner, Harold B. Yellin, Agent (for Claude Shore, Owner) is requesting a text amendment to Section 4-5.2, B and I Use Schedule, to allow boat repair shops within the B-N (Neighborhood-Business) zoning classification. The MPC recommended the request be **approved**.
MPC File No. 98-12055-C
[No District/Text Amendment/Unincorporated Area]
8. Amendment to pension plan ordinance to include two retiree members, increasing number of Pension Board members to nine.

9. Amendment to the Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual of Chatham County to authorize the lowest bidding responsive Chatham County firm to match a lower bid from a non-Chatham County firm and the local firm to be selected to provide the goods or services to the County at a price no higher than that offered by the lowest bidding out-of-County firm.

XII. SECOND READINGS

1. The petitioner, Vawn L. Schroll, Agent (for Gladys M. Wise, Owner) is requesting that a 2.5-acre tract of land located on the south side of Johnny Mercer Boulevard on Whitemarsh Island, be rezoned from P-R-A (Planned Residential-Agriculture) to a P-BN-1 (Planned Neighborhood-Business-Limited) zoning classification in order to establish a commercial personal service shop (hair stylist). **The MPC recommended that the request be denied and that a text amendment to the R-A classification to allow personal service shops be approved. NOTE: This item was tabled at the February 20, 1998, meeting.**

MPC File No. 97-112004-C

[District 4.]

XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Progress report on General Fund Contingency Account - M & O and the Special Service District (see attached).
2. List of purchasing items between \$2,500 and \$9,999 (see attached).
3. Information and update regarding staff's review and analysis of open burning.
4. Information report on changes in the service level as a result of budget cuts within the Public Works Department.
5. Information report on golf course and surplus property.

Recess to Executive Session, if necessary.

Appointments - board and number of vacancies to be filled.

<u>Board</u>	<u>Vacancies</u>
A. South Georgia Hospital Authority Board of Trustees	1
B. Veterans Council of Chatham County	3
C. Housing Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals	3
D. Mosquito Control Commission	1
E. Development Authority of Chatham County	3
F. Handicapped Grievance Committee	4
G. Aging Services Advisory Council	1
H. Economic Opportunity Authority	1
I. Youth Futures Authority	2
J. Chatham County Board of Health	1