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MARCH 27, 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. Veto - Transfer of Youth Detention Center and Property Located behind Memorial Stadium to Chatham County Recreation Authority.

VI. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. Weightlifting Center - Michael Cohen (Commissioner Murray). **Postponed from meeting of March 13, 1998.**
2. Assistance to Hall County (Commissioner DeLoach).

VII. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition of basketball teams from Savannah High School and St. Andrews (Commissioner Murray and Commissioner Rivers).

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. Salary adjustments, Chairman Hair. **Tabled at meeting of October 24, 1997, until budget deliberations.**
- * 5. 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. Opinion has been received and is attached.**
MPC File No. 97-11982-C
No District/Text Amendment/Unincorporated Area
6. Commitment to Recreation Authority of Juvenile Court property and land for dormitory (Commissioner Saussy). **Note: At the March 13, 1998, meeting Commissioner Rivers asked for reconsideration of this item.**
- * 7. Request Board approve admission fee program for Anderson/Cohen Weightlifting Center. **Note: Tabled at meeting of March 13, 1998.**

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. Public hearing regarding sale of the County's water and sewer systems.
2. Request Board approve the following: One Percent Sales Tax Extension Fund (1993-1998) Reserve for Specified Projects transfer of \$145,730 to the Science Drive Relocation project and a One Percent Sales Tax Road Program (1985-1993) transfer of \$2.1 million from the Johnny Mercer/US80 Flyover project funds for the Countywide Drainage Improvement Program to be reimbursed when the 1998-2003 SPLOST funds are received.
3. Request for waiver of penalties paid for conducting business without first obtaining a business tax certificate, James B. Howard, President, d/b/a J. B. Howard Investment Co., Inc., located at 53 Peregrine Crossing. Staff recommends denial of the request. [District 4.]
4. 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.
 - Central Services - Equipment Mechanic III (one position); Equipment Mechanic II (one position); Custodian II (one position)
 - Jail - Clerical Assistant III (one position); Clerical Assistant II (one position)
 - Public Works - exemption from hiring freeze until September 1, 1998, for all current and upcoming vacancies in Public Works
 - Inspections - Zoning Inspector (one position); Clerical Assistant III (one position)
5. Board consideration of County assessing for neighborhood open space maintenance.

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 March 13, 1998, as mailed.
2. Claims vs Chatham County for the period March 6 through March 18, 1998.
3. Request Board approve a sixth annual resolution to reaffirm the necessity of the \$1.50 E-911 charge.
4. Request Board approve an agreement with the MPC to continue obtaining and processing digitized topographic mapping information for the County-wide drainage improvement program, and authorize using 1985-1993 SPLOST funds that will be reimbursed when 1998-2003 SPLOST are received. (Note: Transfer is part of Agenda item IX-2.)
5. Request from Konter Development Group, Inc., to approve the construction of the required improvements and to reduce the subdivision bond by 50% for The Settlement, Phase 3.
[District 4.]
6. Request from engineer for Wild Heron Developers to release the remaining bond and to accept the paving and drainage improvements for County maintenance for Kings Grant, Phase 10 subdivision.
[District 6.]
7. Request from Thomas & Hutton Engineering, agent for Gateway of Savannah, Inc., to release the remaining bond and to accept the paving and drainage improvements for County maintenance for Henderson Golf Community Phase 1-A.
[District 7.]
8. Request from Thomas & Hutton Engineering, agent for Gateway of Savannah, Inc., to release the remaining bond and to accept the paving and drainage improvements for County maintenance for Henderson Golf Community Phase 2-A.
[District 7.]
9. Request from Zaremba Contractors, Inc., developer, to approve part of the construction of required improvements and to reduce the subdivision bond for Steeple Run at Southbridge (a.k.a. Phase 14).
[District 7.]
10. City of Savannah's request to abate certain taxes in Tremont Park Subdivision.
[District 8.]

11. Request for new Sunday sales of beer and wine pouring license for 1998.
 - A. Petitioner: Lisa M. Clark, d/b/a The Upper Crust Restaurant, located at 140 Johnny Mercer Boulevard, #7. [District 4.]
 - B. Petitioner: Stephen A. Grove, d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, located at 4705 U.S. Highway 80 East. [District 4.]

12. Request from the St. Pius X Family Resource Center, a component of the Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority, for use of a portable band shell on April 4, 1998, for its fourth anniversary celebration and for waiver of the \$250 user fee.

13. Request from the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce to use the Tybee Pavilion on August 27, 1998, for a business connection to showcase Tybee's restaurants and places of interest and for waiver of the \$650 user fee.

14. 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 |
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| A. Contract renewal to provide psychological services for inmates | Detention Center | Dr. Nic D'Alesandro | \$37 per hour | General Fund/M & O - Detention Center |
| B. Change Order No. 1 to the contract to provide and install an auditorium presentation center for the addition of a stage | SPLOST | Stage Front Presentation Systems | \$2,198 | SPLOST (1993-1998) - Administrative Annex |
| C. Change Order No. 6 to the contract to provide hydraulic analysis for Pipemakers Canal for additional engineering/design work | Engineering | EMC Engineering | \$12,750 | 1998 Drainage CIP |
| D. Change Order No. 2 to the contract to renovate and improve the West Broad Street YMCA for additional services in the construction of the building | SPLOST | Walter Strong Company | \$2,824 | SPLOST (1993-1998) - West Broad Street YMCA |

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| E. Change Order No. 6 to the contract to provide engineering services for dike raising of DMCA 13A, 14A and Jones Oysterbed Island to survey and prepare construction plans and specifications to raise the dikes in DMCA 13B | Engineering | EMC Engineering | Not to Exceed \$15,162 | General Fund/M & O - Harbor Maintenance (100% reimbursable by GDOT) |
| F. Change Order No. 8 to the contract to prove geotechnical design of the DMCA for the Savannah River Harbor to perform a geotechnical site investigation and evaluate the feasibility of deleting geotextile reinforcement from the DMCA 13A front dike | Engineering | GeoSyntec Consultants | Not to Exceed \$22,951 | General Fund/M & O - Harbor Maintenance (100% reimbursable by GDOT) |
| G. Change Order No. 3 to the contract to provide for the construction of the Waters Avenue TSM project to upgrade and relocate water lines | SPLOST | APAC-Ga, Inc. | \$13,641 | SPLOST (1985-1993) - Waters Avenue TSM |
| H. Change Order No. 3, to the contract to provide design services for the Pooler Parkway/I-16 Interchange for the bridge to be redesigned so that bulb tee beams can be used | SPLOST | Thomas & Hutton Engineering | \$9,000 | SPLOST (1985-1993) - Pooler Parkway/I-16 Interchange |

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| I. Change Order No. 2 to the contract for design services for the Pooler Parkway/ U.S. 80 Interchange for the design of traffic signals required by GDOT at U.S. Highway 80 | SPLOST | Thomas & Hutton Engineering | \$7,500 | SPLOST (1985-1993) - Pooler Parkway/U.S. 80 Interchange |
| J. Award a contact for the relocation of Science Drive | SPLOST | Triangle Construction | \$836,687.47 | SPLOST (1993-1998) - Reserve for specified project |
| K. Emergency Change Order No. 7 to the contract for engineering and design of the Hutchinson Island interchange Parkway to modify drawing to comply with new GDOT requirements relating to size and scale | SPLOST | Saussy Engineering | \$4,145.75 | SPLOST (1993-1998) - Hutchinson Island Interchange |
| L. Change Order No. 4 to the contract for the construction of the Administrative Annex | SPLOST | Paul S. Akins Company, Inc. | \$46,591 | SPLOST (1993-1998) - Administrative Annex |

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: See current staff report recommending that items 1 through 6 be passed to second reading.

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. The MPC has reviewed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to identify the consistency of local parking standards with the federal regulations. The MPC recommends that a text amendment be approved regarding the handicapped accessible spaces.

MPC File No. 98-12057-C

No district - Unincorporated area

XII. SECOND READINGS

1. 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]
2. Amendment to pension plan ordinance to include two retiree members, increasing number of Pension Board members to nine.
3. 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.

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. Briefing on road and drainage projects.

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 |
| K. Chatham County Zoning Board of Appeals | 1 |
| L. Metropolitan Planning Commission | 2 |
| M. Coastal Area District Development Authority | 1 |