

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2007, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 124 BULL STREET, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pete Liakakis called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., Friday, September 7, 2007.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Patrick Farrell gave the Invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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IV. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Pete Liakakis, Chairman
 Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight
 James J. Holmes, District Two
 Patrick Shay, District Three
 Patrick K. Farrell, District Four
 Harris Odell, Jr., District Five
 David M. Gellatly, District Six

Absent: Dean Kicklighter, Chairman Pro Tem, District Seven
 Helen L. Stone, District One

Also present: Patrick Monahan, Assistant County Manager
 Jonathan Hart, County Attorney
 Sybil E. Tillman, County Clerk

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. RECOGNITION OF LYNDA MCLARTY ON HER RETIREMENT FROM ANIMAL CONTROL AFTER 29 YEARS OF SERVICE.

Commissioner Patrick Shay presented the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there comes a time when an employee decides to retire and pursue other dreams and in that respect, we salute Lynda McLarty, dedicated employee of the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Lynda McLarty began her career with Chatham County on February 24, 1979 as an Animal Control Officer; and

WHEREAS, showing professionalism in that position, she was promoted to Animal Control Supervisor where she again carried out her duties with distinction and supreme dedication.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby salute:

LYNDA McLARTY

upon her retirement and express sincere appreciation for over twenty-eight years of dedicated service to Chatham County and extend best wishes for a long happy and healthy retirement and success in all endeavors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 22nd of June 2007.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Liakakis said, what I'd like to say, you know it's very important because our pets, as most of us know, they're part of our families, the pets are, and the Chatham County Animal Control has done a great job in the past to provide that Animal Control Service for us but also surviving a number of pets that might have escaped out of a yard in some instance, but we do appreciate your dedication to the citizens of Chatham County for your many years of service. You did an outstanding job. We appreciate your loyalty and the things that you did for us.

Ms. Lynda McLarty said, thank you very much. I'd also like to thank all of the rescuers that are out there. Without them I wouldn't have made it, all the ones that come in, Sav-A-Life, Coastal Pet Rescue that came in and [inaudible]. In other words, dogs that you wouldn't think are adoptable, they went and took them home and shaved them up and they look great, house-broken purebred mutts, but they're all great dogs. I would encourage more people to adopt from the shelter. You don't need to buy a dog. Come back to the Shelter and take a look and see what we have. I mean, there's something there for everybody.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Your supervisor, Lt. Boulware, you know, if you'd like to make some remarks.

Lt. Boulware said, well, I just wanted to say that Lynda [McLarty], when I was first transferred over to the Animal Control Unit, I relied heavily on Lynda to teach me everything about Animal Control because, to be honest with you, I did not have a clue. She's taught me a lot and this has been the most challenging position for me and I know it had to have been tough for her, too, because Animal Control issues can be very volatile sometimes, so it can be a hot and cold issue. So I just wanted to thank her for teaching me everything that I know — that I've learned in the Animal Control. Lynda, thank you so much.

Assistant County Manager Pat Monahan said, I've had the pleasure of working with Lynda for more than two decades. I think that speaks about both of us hanging around. She's done an exemplary job. As you know, in her position she walks a fine line between maintaining the care of pets, but also to the tough job of euthanizing them. I think you should take to heart her words about the need for more adoptions in this community. Lynda, on behalf of the organization, I'm proud to present this lamp to you. Ms. McLarty said, thank you. Assistant County Manager Monahan said, thank you for all your work and Lynda, even though she has retired, she has not disappeared. I think it speaks volumes to her. She's continuing to volunteer on our Citizens Advisory Committee for the Animal Control Shelter because who better knows the day to day workings of that shelter than Lynda. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you again, Lynda [McLarty]. Ms. McLarty said, thank you. Chairman Liakakis said, and of course, let me introduce — some of you might not know — this is Patrick Monahan our Assistant County Manager. Our County Manager is on vacation this week and of course we're proud to have Patrick Monahan, who is the number one Assistant County Manager in the country, and does a fantastic job for all of our citizens.

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2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17 - 23, 2007, AS CONSTITUTION WEEK. CATHY MILLER WILL BE PRESENT TO ACCEPT. DORY HICKSON WILL REPRESENT THE BONAVENTURE CHAPTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND BARBARA VICTOR, THE SAVANNAH CHAPTER.

Chairman Liakakis said, if you will all come forward now. Commissioner Patrick Farrell will read this proclamation. It's important — Constitution Week — that we remember this and we're glad to have the representatives here today.

Commissioner Farrell said, at this time it gives me great pleasure to read this proclamation, to present this to the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which my mother and sister have been members for as long as I can possibly remember that far back. So, here we go. Chairman Liakakis read the following proclamation into the record:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on September 17, 1787, the U.S. Constitution was signed by 55 delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia's Independence Hall; and

WHEREAS, with the words of the Constitution, written more than 200 years ago, our forefathers laid the foundations for a great Nation, adopting a Constitution that has since proven to be an enduring and true guide for American government; and

WHEREAS, our Constitution is sustained by Americans who daily defend the principles of democracy and freedom; and

WHEREAS, today our Nation celebrates not only the longest-lived written Constitution in world history, but also the enduring commitment of our forebears who upheld the Constitution's core principles through the travails of American history.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 - 23, 2007 as:

"CONSTITUTION WEEK"

in Chatham County, and urge all citizens to participate in ceremonies celebrating our Constitution and reaffirm our commitment as citizens of our great Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 7th day of September, 2007.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

Chairman Liakakis said, Barbara [sic], we'd like any of you or all of you to make a comment if you would like because, you know, I'm glad we're remembering this about our Constitution because the government and all of the things we have and the protection of citizens revolves around this Constitution and we really appreciate both Cathy Miller, Dory Hickson and Barbara Victor for the work that they do and their efforts with their organization. We appreciate that very much on behalf of the citizens of Chatham County.

Ms. Cathy Miller said, Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank you and the Chatham County people to give us this proclamation to proclaim Constitution Week. It's nice for the youth to be aware of this because the week of September 17 to the 23rd is Constitution Week, and I appreciate that very much. And I'm sorry to say that Barbara Victor is not here. This is Shannon Lancaster. She's also a member of Lackland-McIntosh Chapter, so I want to thank you.

Ms. Dory Hickson said, I'd just like to thank the Commissioners and Chatham County for your continued support. We can always count on you. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, give her your name so she can put it in the record. Ms. Hickson said, I'm Dory Hickson, Bonaventure Chapter. Chairman Liakakis said, thank you.

Ms. Miller said, Mr. Chairman, could I get a picture of you with us for the proclamation so we can put it our scrapbook. Commissioner Shay said, he was one of the people that signed that document. Commissioner Farrell said, yeah, he was in the County Commission and in Philadelphia at the same time.

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3. PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF ROBERT "SHIG" PORTER.

This item was pulled from the agenda to allow family members to be present.

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4. SWEARING IN OF THE 2007-2008 CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION.

Chairman Liakakis said, this is a very important day. Our Chatham County Youth Commission has represented this County in many ways. They have had a lot of training, the ones in the past. They have represented this County and many of the graduates these many years have gone on to greater things in our area and around the country and we're really proud. And one of the good things about our Chatham County Youth Commission, it has functioned so good and what has happened around the country that other areas, cities and counties, have copied what has gone on here. And, of course, we'd like to thank that person on the County Commission who had the vision and said we ought to have a youth commission so that they can find out about the government, they can get training so that they can prosper in their lifetime, too, and for them to encourage other students, you know, to do the right thing. So that is none other than our Vice Chairman of the County Commission, over here on my left, that we have Dr. Priscilla Thomas. Let's give her applause. [Applause.] Chairman Liakakis recognized Mr. Van Johnson.

Mr. Van Johnson said, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, gentlemen, good morning. Certainly it has just been said that where there is no vision the people perish, and we are sitting here today, we're celebrating today because of a vision that occurred over 15 years ago by this young lady, Dr. Priscilla Thomas, who felt that young people needed to be involved as a part of the solution instead of always being considered a part of the problem. So for these last 15 years we've celebrated during this time of the year when the school goes back in and the weather gets just a little cooler. Our newest edition of the Chatham County Youth Commission — now our 15th — for the 2007-2008 year. We have 43 young people — 22 of them are new faces and 21 are faces that you have seen before.

We have been extremely busy during this Summer. As a matter of fact, we've been busier this Summer than we've ever been before because you've expected from us a quality program and you know that quality does not come easy. But I do appreciate the fact that you have co-signed onto Dr. Thomas' vision because you've chosen to answer the philosophical and theoretical question of what do we do with our young people with a very clear, distinct and resounding answer that we will take care of our youth one youth at a time. And that answer is the Chatham County Youth Commission. We know for the basics of this Summer that these young people were so busy they didn't have time to do drugs, they didn't have time to have sex, they didn't have time to commit crime. They hardly had time to clean up their rooms. So we know that at least if we couldn't save all of them this Summer, we certainly saved 43, and certainly 43 is a very, very good number. And as we've gone through and we've looked through the annuals of this organization, it's been over 3,350 young people that you have saved from the perils of everyday life because you have chosen to engage them because we require them that if they're going to be good citizens, they have to be good students. If they're going to be good citizens, they have to be good children at home. They have to be good leaders in their community, and our young people have not disappointed us over the last number of years. So for that, we're very proud.

As Mr. Liakakis so eloquently just mentioned, they were very busy this Summer. Early this Summer they were on the CBS Morning Show very early in the morning. They sponsored the New Beginning Concert on River Street. They sponsored a Back to School Boat Ride. All of these young people riding up and down in white, dancing their little hearts away. They co-sponsored the Read It Loud first year anniversary event, which you know the County Commission wholeheartedly supported with Wally Amos. As a matter of fact, we won the best tent — Best and Most Creative Tent. We co-sponsored a Back to School Showcase. We sponsored a Back to School Pool Party. We participated in the CEMA Hurricane Conference and, as many of you know, we had a press conference with the School Board to support the new uniform policy for public school students and we also had them, as you know, to attend your meetings during the course of the Summer and people are taking notes.

Just in the last 12 months, we've been to Reno, Nevada, Washington, DC, Richmond, Virginia at the National NACo Conference, DeKalb County just a couple of weeks ago, because people are taking notes what you're doing here in Chatham County. Among the success that we can claim, Fulton County, Atlanta, has a program based on Dr. Thomas' vision; Alachua County, Gainesville, Florida, based on this vision; of course, the City of Savannah with the Savannah Youth Council, based on this vision; Prince Georges County in Maryland based on this vision, and we already have Youth Commissions being started this month in Albany, Georgia, hopefully DeKalb County, Georgia, and we're invited later this year to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where they'll be starting a Youth Commission there, and Dr. Thomas told me about somewhere in Canada they want us to come because of what you're doing right here in Chatham County. So we know that engaging young people is difficult work, it's very challenging work. We have our challenges. We do not have many private schools young people that we would like to have, but we believe we'll be able to remedy that during the course of this year. This is certainly not without much love and much support from a team of professionals, certainly Mr. Abolt in his absence, my Director: Mr. Kaigler, my staff: Ms. Debra Allen, Ms. Sandra Smalls, Ms. Takiyah Martin, Mr. Pete Nichols, who's working the video, and then we have graduates of ours, the individuals who have graduated from the program, have gone off and then come back to help sew seeds into our present age: Ms. ZaDonna Slay, Ms. Taqwaa Saleem and Mr. John Hawkins. And we certainly cannot forget the parents. Certainly we have parents that understand what it is like to be a Youth Commissioner, but we have never had a parent to come back and say this was not a rewarding experience. And for the new parents, they don't know what they've gotten themselves

into, but certainly they're going to have to teach their young people have to drive or just buy a lot more gas. We would like to ask all of our parents to please stand — parents, grandparents, godparents and loved ones, let them all stand. [Applause.] And we know naturally they're all here for the County Commission meeting as well, so I'm sure that they'll be very interested in what you all are talking about today.

I would like to introduce our officers. We have our first male Chairperson in the 15-year history of the Youth Commission, Mr. Anthony Williams, who is a senior at Jenkins High School. We have Ms. Sheray Franklin, who is a junior at Savannah Arts Academy, who's serving as Vice Chair, Ms. Desirae Suggs, who is a junior at Savannah Arts Academy, is our Secretary; Ms. Jennifer Morse of Jenkins High School, a senior, is our Acting Parliamentarian; Ms. Brandi Chaney from St. Vincent's Academy, who's a junior, is the Executive Member; Ms. Stephanie Chu of Savannah Country Day, she's a senior and she's also an Executive Member; Mr. Mark Stevenson, a senior at Savannah Christian, will be acting as an Interim Executive Member and he's a senior at Savannah Christian. We would like to have some brief comments from our chairperson, Mr. Anthony Williams. We do want you to know our officers were sworn on this past Wednesday by Chief Judge Perry Brannen of the Chatham County Superior Court and Mr. Chairman and Dr. Thomas were there to help celebrate with us.

Mr. Anthony Williams said, thank you, County Commission, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Priscilla Thomas. We want to thank you all for supporting the Chatham County Youth Commission, supporting it for 15 years. We also want to thank the parents for coming out and supporting your kids, and we ask that you continue to support them this year because we definitely need it. I just want to say thank you for coming out and please continue your support. Thank you.

Mr. Johnson said, thank you, and the remainder of our young people are as follows:

Ms. Jameya Barnwell at St. Vincent's Academy. She's a senior in her second year.
Ms. Asia Calhoun, Beach High School. She's a junior and this is her first term.
Ms. Angela Coleman, St. Vincent's Academy. She's a junior and this is her first term.
Ms. Lauren Cummings, who's a Legacy Member from Jenkins High School. She's a junior in her first term.
Ms. Jamesha English, St. Vincent's Academy. She's a junior in her second term.
Mr. Justin Gerido, Windsor Forest High School. He's a sophomore and he's in his first term.
Ms. Erica Green, Beach High School. She's a junior and she's in her second term.
Ms. Keyuanna Green, Jenkins High School. She's a junior in her first term.
Mr. Desmond Griffith, Bethesda Home for Boys. He's a sophomore and he's in his first term.
Mr. Morgan Gusby, Jenkins High School. He's a senior and he's in his first term and he's a Legacy Member.
Ms. Samone Hagins, Jenkins High School. She's a junior in her first term.
Ms. Kenjahte' Harrison. She's a sophomore at Johnson High School in her first term.
Ms. Shaunte' Hasty. She's a junior from Johnson High School. She's in her first term.
Ms. Tilly Isaacson, who's a Legacy Member from Savannah Country Day. She's a sophomore in her first term.
Ms. Kendra Johnson, from St. Vincent's Academy. She's a junior in her first term.
Ms. Sherelle Jones from St. Vincent's Academy. She's a junior in her first term.
Ms. Emily Kahn from St. Andrew's. She's a junior on her first term.
Mr. Shawn Knight. He's from Jenkins. He's a junior in his second term.
Ms. Jacelle Lewis from Jenkins High School. She's a junior in her second term.
Mr. Clint Middleton is a senior at Jenkins High School and he's in his second term.
Ms. Tomika Middleton from Windsor Forest High School, she's a junior and in her second term.
Ms. Korbyn Mingleford from Early College, formerly School to Career. She's a sophomore in her first term.
Ms. Monique Pal from Savannah Arts Academy. She's a junior in her second term.
Ms. Priscilla Peay from St. Andrew's. She's a junior in her second term.
Ms. Kathryn Pinckney from Groves High School. She's a junior in her second term.
Ms. Alexis Proctor from St. Vincent's Academy. She's a senior in her second term.
Ms. Shaniqua Purvis, Groves High School. She's a junior in her second term.
Mr. Christopher Scott, Jenkins High School. He's a junior in his first term.
Ms. Alexis Slay, Johnson High School. She's a sophomore. She's a Legacy Member and she's in her first term.
Mr. Byron Spellman, Jenkins High School. He's a junior in his first term.
Mr. William Stewart, Savannah Country Day. He's a sophomore in his first term.
Ms. Meredith Stone, Johnson High School. She's a sophomore in her first term.
Mr. Wesley Stone, Benedictine Military Academy. He's a senior in his third term.
Ms. Telicia Thomas, St. Vincent's Academy. She's a senior in her first term.
Ms. Aysha Washington from Windsor Forest. She's a senior in her second term.
Ms. JaLisa Williams from Johnson High School. She's a junior in her first term.

Ladies and gentlemen, the Chatham County Youth Commission Class of 2007-2008.

Mr. Johnson said, Mr. Chairman, if you would, come down to administer the oath of office and, Dr. Thomas, if you would please, because they have to get back to school. Quickly. And we want to thank the schools also for being very supportive of the Youth Commission.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. If the Youth Commission would stand please we'll get started. If everybody would raise their right hand on the Commission and I want you to repeat your name as you say I, repeat your name. Chairman Liakakis then administered the following oath to the Youth Commissioners:

"I, _____, a citizen of the State of Georgia and of the United States and a member of the Chatham County Youth Commission, do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Georgia, that I will honestly and faithfully perform the duties assigned to me and that I will at all time abide by and conform to the laws, ordinances and rules and regulations approved by the Chatham County Commissioners. So Help Me God.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much and you're all now sworn in as this year's Chatham County Youth Commission.

Commissioner Thomas said, I just want to say that this is a great moment again in Chatham County and we do congratulate all of our Youth Commissioners, those who are newly installed and those who are returning to us for another year. You have a great responsibility. The challenges are before you. The expectations are high. You know that. We will make sure that you live up to those expectations because you have taken the same oath just as we have. And so today, parents, I know you sit here and I know that you're very proud because we are very proud of these young people and we say to each of them: You are ours. We know that your parents birthed you and everything, but when you are in our hands, you are ours and we take all those responsibilities and those privileges, maybe some beyond what the parents might feel, so we do it because we love them and we want them to excel and we want them to be the best person that they can be, not only to represent themselves, but to represent this great County of Chatham and the State of Georgia and America. We are now so happy to have you aboard.

Commissioner Thomas said, and before I take my seat, I would be remiss if I did not give the accolades to the person who does all of this work. I get all the praises for being the founder and et cetera — of course, I do my bit, too — but I can't do all the things that are needed to be done. We have a superior Director of the Chatham County Youth Commission, and that is Commissioner — I mean, Mr. Van Johnson. Where is Mr. Johnson? He doesn't miss a beat, and let me tell you, this is an unpaid position and when you spend each and every day, Saturdays and Sundays and, I mean, he never says no, and you just can't imagine the amount of work that goes into this type of thing. So I want Mr. Johnson to know, and I want the world to know, that we appreciate all that he's doing and has done and will continue to do, and we know that this year the Youth Commissioners having just taken their oath, are going to be better and greater than the ones that we had before. Again, to the Chairman Pete Liakakis and the County Commissioners we thank you for your continued support and we look forward to giving you a banner year again.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, thank you. But I would also like to say something about Van Johnson, too. Not only does he do this work, he's a County employee, but he does the Youth Commission as a volunteer, but he's also a City Councilperson that does an excellent job as a City Councilperson for the City of Savannah. I would like to thank the advisors and all of the parents and families of the members of the Youth Commission. We thank each and everyone of you.

Chairman Liakakis said, now we're going to continue with the Chatham County business right now so if you would like to leave, because I know a number of the students have to get back to school right now. We want to make sure they're educated, too. So thank all of you for coming this morning.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. PROPOSED BANDSHELL PROJECT, SAVANNAH WATERFRONT ASSOCIATION.

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the item of Chairman's Items and under Item #1, Rick Lott, who is the Executive Director of the Savannah Waterfront Association, has sent us information that they are trying to completely fund and build a permanent bandshell on River Street and it will be placed on the east side of Morrell Park, and after the completion, what they're saying, they want to turn over the key to the City and not only the Savannah Waterfront Association can use it for their activities, but all other community groups would have access to the facility. And what I'm going to do is I'll invite — I don't think he's here this morning — Rick Lott. What I'll do is I'll invite him to another meeting so that he might go into some details about the particular bandshell. I think that will add a lot to our waterfront and also give the opportunities to other organizations in the community to be able to have functions in that locations also. And what they also will have there is they will have dressing rooms and those kinds of things so that will be a really plus for that particular area.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Chairman Liakakis advised that the Savannah Waterfront Association is planning to completely fund a permanent bandshell on River Street to be located on the east side of Morrell Park, that it will be available to all organizations in the community; and this item will be again be put on the agenda when Mr. Rick Lott, Executive Director of the Savannah Waterfront Association, is able to be with us to go into more details about the bandshell.

AGENDA ITEM: VI-1
AGENDA DATE: September 7, 2007

From: "Rick Lott" <rick@riverstreetsavannah.com>
To: <peteliakakis@Chatham County.org>
Date: 8/30/2007 11:10 AM
Subject: from rick lott
Attachments: Proposed Bandshell Project.doc; Bandshell Rendering 1.JPG

Hi Pete.

I hope you've had a good summer.

I want to let you know about an exciting project the Savannah Waterfront Association is taking on. We are hoping to completely fund and build a permanent bandshell for River Street on the east end of Morrell Park. Upon completion, we would "turn over the key" to the City and not only the SWA, but all other community groups would have access to the facility.

We have letters of endorsement from the Eric Meyerhoff, the TLC and the DBA and wonder if Chatham County could also give us their endorsement of the project?

I am attaching a fact sheet on the project as well as a rendering of the bandshell onsite. I would be happy to come before the Commission if you'd like.

Thank you for your thoughts.

Rick Lott, CFEE
Executive Director
Savannah Waterfront Association
404 E. Bay St.
Savannah, GA 31401
912-234-0295

**Proposed Bandshell for Morrell Park
River Street, Savannah, Georgia**

1. The Savannah Waterfront Association a non profit 501(c)(3), is proposing to design, fund and construct a permanent bandshell to be located at the east end of Morrell Park on east River Street.
2. This location will serve as an entertainment bridge between the new Savannah River Land project and historic River Street.
3. The entire project would be self-funded through a combination of River Street Improvement Funds and naming rights to a national or individual sponsor.
4. Sponsorship Funds would cover construction as well as programming.
5. The facility will include dressing rooms and restrooms which could be used for the public, adding a much needed amenity on the east end of River Street.
6. The facility will have built-in wiring and structure for sound, lights and technical needs which will help a number of area non profits produce events.
7. The facility would be turned over to the City of Savannah to operate and maintain upon completion of construction.
8. The Savannah Waterfront Association would be granted rights of first refusal to utilize the bandshell as part of its festivals and for special events without cost for rent or usage. The Bandshell would be available to other community groups as well.
9. The basic design is being adapted from the amphitheatre built in Handy Park in Memphis, Tennessee. The footprint there is much smaller than the available space in Morrell Park.
10. Design and concept will address public utilization of the space during those times when an event is not occurring. Safety and vagrancy will also be addressed.
11. The Facility will be designed so as to be ADA accessible.

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2. RESOLUTION TO URGE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS A STATUTE THAT PREVENTS THE TRANSFER OF WATER FROM ONE BASIN TO ANOTHER TO THE DETRIMENT OF CURRENT AND FUTURE DOWNSTREAM ECONOMIC GROWTH OR TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE NATURAL HEALTH OF THE STREAM.

Chairman Liakakis said, you know, most of our waters that come to our area and to the Southern part of Georgia comes through that area and what happens is when you transfer one water basis, one water allotment to the next one, that it causes problems, especially in those areas that we've had drought. When you reduce the water ability to flow down, we have a problem with those other particular areas of the State and it even could affect us in our Chatham County area. So what I'd like to do right now is read the resolution and then ask the County Commission if they would at this time vote on passing this to send it to the Georgia State Legislature.

Chairman Liakakis read the proclamation as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is increased pressure on the surface and ground water resources within the State of Georgia, but a lack of information as to the natural quantities of water in its rivers and aquifers; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Commission believes that the surface and ground waters of the State should continue to be managed in the public interest and in a sustainable manner to protect natural systems and meet human and economic needs; and

WHEREAS, protection and restoration of water resources requires regional water planning, based on assessments of watersheds, river basins, and aquifers, that is tied to implementation, including a comprehensive management process; and

WHEREAS, protection of river basins must be strengthened to reflect scientific knowledge and respect natural systems; and

WHEREAS, downstream communities in Georgia rely on certain flow levels in river basins for current and future economic development, recreation, and environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, decisions on new water supplies for growing communities should recognize that efficiency and the wise use of current resources are the best course for taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, transferring water from one basin to another can adversely affect downstream communities and unfairly redistribute economic growth.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Commission supports and adopts the principles outlined above and urges the General Assembly of Georgia to fully fund comprehensive regional and statewide water planning and monitoring.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chatham County Commission urges the General Assembly of Georgia to pass a statute that prevents the transfer of water from one basin to another to the detriment of current and future downstream economic growth or to the detriment of the natural health of the stream.

DULY ADOPTED this, the _____ day of _____, 2007.

By: _____
Pete Liakakis, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Sybil Tillman, Clerk of Commission

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like a motion on the floor to approve this please.

Commissioner Shay said, so moved, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone, Odell and Kicklighter were not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to adopt a resolution to urge the General Assembly to pass a statute that prevents the transfer of water from one basin to another to the detriment of current and future downstream economic growth or to the detriment of the natural health of the stream. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone, Odell and Kicklighter were not present.]

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

None.

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Chairman Liakakis recessed the meeting as the County Commission at 10:08 a.m., and the Board convened as the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

The Board reconvened as the County Commission at 10:21 a.m.

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POINT OF PRIVILEGE - CHAIRMAN PETE LIAKAKIS

Chairman Liakakis said, right now, as I mentioned, as a point of privilege, I'd like to recognize Bill Hubbard, who is the President, the Executive Officer of the Savannah-Chatham Chamber of Commerce, and Bill has been here for a number of years. He's done an outstanding job representing the businesses and, not only that, representing a number of issues around our City and our County that is important for the quality of life of our citizens, and we really appreciate that because we can see a lot of economic development that under Bill's leadership that has occurred in our community and the assistance that he gives to the businesses within our community. So that is really, you know, really good for all our citizens and, of course, with him another outstanding member of the Chamber of Commerce is Trip Tollison, who does an excellent job. He's head of the governmental affairs for the Chamber and, as you can see, many things that are important as far as governmental issues for our City and our County that he has gone forth to push those and to help out. In fact, here in a week or two they will be going to Washington, DC, for legislation that's important for our particular area, and we appreciate Trip Tollison's service also.

In the audience we have two other people who are here, is Bob Coffey, the Executive Director for the International Trade Center and, of course, Mark Friday, another member of the MMB board, and what I'd like to do — it'll just take a moment — is ask Bill Hubbard to come up and explain about the MMB that's important for our community.

Mr. Bill Hubbard said, thank you. That's really probably best left to Mark [Friday], who is the Chairman, but MMB really is kind of a community brainchild that occurred. I think the most important thing behind it is the hoteliers and the hospitality industry realize their role in trying to help transportation, and so they funded through this MMB board, but they funded a dollar per occupied room fee. That then goes to this volunteer group that Mark has chaired for several years. Bob Coffey is very action in it and a variety of other folks, and they then work closely with CAT to try to figure out how all of the common interests of moving people around, whether it be visitors, whether it be residents, whether it be for the need for transportation or whether it be because of kind of a certain conservation of car use and park which works best for the community. So I think they deserve a lot of credit. We haven't heard a lot about it lately. I know that they've been working very hard on it for several years. They're about to kind of go public with a lot of the activities and progress that they've been making, but it's been a good effort, a bunch of good volunteers and interestingly a hospitality community helping provide funds.

Thank you very much for giving us an opportunity, and particularly it should have been Mark an opportunity, to get up there and talk about it.

Chairman Liakakis said, yes, and we know that Mark Friday has done an outstanding job, you know, being members of the different business organizations and other things he's been involved in. You know, a number of things like charitable organizations and civic things that he's participated and we really appreciate Mark's service to our community also. And, of course, Bob Coffey, since he is the Executive Director of the International Trade Center, we can see the wonderful job that he's done over there because it's important that that Trade Center brings a lot of economic value to our community, and under Bob's leadership he's done an outstanding job, and we appreciate that, for both of you. We'd like to thank both of you also for helping us and this community because we need people like you that makes a difference in our community. Thank you again.

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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 (*).

None.

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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. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) AMENDMENTS TO THE FY2007 GENERAL FUND M&O TO TRANSFER \$144,480 TO CAT TELERIDE FROM THE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT (\$120,000) AND THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM (\$24,480); (2) AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND TO INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE GENERAL FUND M&O TRANSFERS OF: A) \$150,000 TO TYBEE BEACH RENOURISHMENT, B) \$88,000 FOR CEMA EQUIPMENT, C) \$150,000 FOR DISPARITY STUDY, D) \$200,000 FOR STELL PARK BALL FIELDS IMPROVEMENTS, AND E) \$25,000 FOR A SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VEHICLE; (3) AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY2008 CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT BUDGET TO REDUCE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS \$176,425 IN ORDER TO AGREE TO THE STATE APPROVED BUDGET; AND (4) AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY2008 MULTIPLE GRANT FUND FOR A \$25,000 GRANT FROM THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GEORGIA TO JUVENILE COURT.**

Chairman Liakakis asked, do we have a motion on the floor to approve these items?

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman, I move for approval. Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. We have a motion on the floor and a second. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the following: (1) Amendments to the FY2007 General Fund M&O to transfer \$144,480 to CAT Teleride from the Contingency Account (\$120,000) and the Food Stamp Program (\$24,480); (2) an amendment to the FY2008 Capital Improvement Program Fund to increase revenues and expenditures for the General Fund M&O transfers of: a) \$150,000 to Tybee Beach Renourishment, b) \$88,000 for CEMA equipment, c) \$150,000 for Disparity Study, d) \$200,000 for Stell Park ball fields improvements, and e) \$25,000 for a Sheriff's department vehicle; (3) an amendment to the FY2008 Child Support Enforcement budget to reduce revenues and appropriations \$176,425 in order to agree to the state approved budget; and (4) an amendment to the FY2008 Multiple Grant Fund for a \$25,000 grant from the Judicial Council of Georgia to Juvenile Court. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**AGENDA DATE: September 7, 2007**

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE: To request approval of the following: (1) amendments to the FY2007 General Fund M&O to transfer \$144,480 to CAT Teleride from the Contingency Account (\$120,000) and the Food Stamp Program (\$24,480); (2) an amendment to the FY2008 Capital Improvement Program Fund to increase revenues and expenditures for the General Fund M&O transfers of: a) \$150,000 to Tybee Beach Renourishment, b) \$88,000 for CEMA equipment, c) \$150,000 for Disparity Study, d) \$200,000 for Stell Park ball fields improvements, and e) \$25,000 for a Sheriff's department vehicle; (3) an amendment to the FY2008 Child Support Enforcement budget to reduce revenues and appropriations \$176,425 in order to agree to the state approved budget; and (4) an amendment to the FY2008 Multiple Grant Fund for a \$25,000 grant from the Judicial Council of Georgia to Juvenile Court.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The expenditures for the CAT Teleride service exceeded budget for FY2007. To provide additional funding for Teleride, transfers are requested of \$120,000 from the Contingency budget and \$24,480 from the Food Stamp Program budget. Copies of correspondence are attached.
2. The Board of Commissioners approved funding decision packages at their meeting held August 10, 2007. Item #2 in the issue statement above lists expenditures that should be budgeted and accounted for in the CIP Fund. These funds are properly shown as a transfer out from the General Fund M&O to the Capital Improvement Program Fund. A resolution to amend the FY2008 CIP Fund budget is attached.
3. Expenditures for Child Support Enforcement are reimbursed by the State. The department's annual budget request is submitted to both the State and the County for approval. Reimbursement is based on the final State approved budget. Updated information on the State budget has been received. Preparation of reimbursement requests is facilitated by having the County budget records agree to the amended State budget. A resolution to amend the budget has been prepared and is attached.
4. Juvenile Court has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Judicial Council of Georgia. A resolution to amend the FY2008 Multiple Grant Fund and copies of correspondence are attached.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the General Fund M&O budget for the transfer. The budget amendments will establish funding in the Capital Improvement Program Fund, the Child Support Enforcement Fund, and the Multiple Grant Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O FY2007

transfer \$120,000 from Contingency and \$24,480 from Food Stamp Program for CAT Teleride.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND FY2008

an amendment to increase revenues and expenditures for the General Fund M&O transfers in of:

- a) \$150,000 to Tybee Beach Renourishment,
- b) \$88,000 for CEMA equipment,
- c) \$150,000 for Disparity Study,
- d) \$200,000 for Stell Park ball fields improvements,
- e) \$25,000 for a Sheriff's department vehicle.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FUND FY2008

an amendment to the FY2008 Child Support Enforcement budget to reduce revenues and appropriations \$176,425 in order to agree to the state approved budget.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND FY2008

an amendment to increase revenue and expenditures for a \$25,000 grant from the Judicial Council of Georgia to Juvenile Court.

(2) Amend or deny the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law grants the Board authority to amend the budget during the year as it deems necessary.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approves Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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2. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE ISSUANCE OF TWO CREDIT CARDS, ONE FOR TRAVEL BY THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT K-9 UNIT AND THE OTHER FOR THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT’S USE DURING A DISASTER RECOVERY EFFORT.

Chairman Liakakis said, and as we know, that the Sheriff’s Department not only do they provide that K-9 service for us and we receive a substantial amount of money from the State of Georgia for that operation, but they have to travel to other areas, especially if there’s some crime and they need these there for terrorism or homeland security or other crime actions that have occurred in other areas. And, of course, the Finance Department for their credit use during a disaster recovery unit because, of course, we’re not going to have the cash or those kind of things that are necessary to be able to operate. So Linda Cramer, who heads up that Finance Department for us, they would like to have this credit card for those disaster items. Do we have a motion on the floor to approve these two items or this item?

Commissioner Gellatly said, motion to approve. Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Let’s go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Gellatly moved to approve the issuance of two (2) credit cards, one for travel by the Sheriff’s Department K-9 Unit and the other for the Finance Department’s use during a disaster recovery effort. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: September 7, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE: Approve issuance of two credit cards, one for travel by the Sheriff’s Department K-9 Unit and the other for the Finance Department’s use during a disaster recovery effort.

BACKGROUND: The Commission has previously approved two credit cards for travel for the Sheriff’s Department. The only other credit cards are issued to the County Manager and the Commission Chairman.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Sheriff’s Department currently has two credit cards issued. One is issued in the name of Sheriff Al St. Lawrence and the other to Major John Wilcher for the Inmate Transportation Unit. The K-9 Unit is subject to call out at all hours of the day and night, seven days a week. Travel is often unexpected and does not allow for the processing of a County travel advance.
2. The limit on both cards at the Sheriff’s Department is \$1,500. The K-9 Unit will have the same limit. This will bring the total credit available to the Sheriff’s Department to \$4,500.

3. As part of their disaster plan the Finance Department needs to have an alternative method of securing goods and services. In a disaster situation banks may not be available in the immediate area to cash checks for vendors. A credit card will guarantee payment and provide the time needed to gauge cash flow needs.
4. The limit for the Finance Department card will be \$10,000. Higher limits could be pre-approved prior to an event.
5. The County would not be responsible for employee misuse of the credit card as long as the County pursues civil/criminal proceedings against said employee. There is no annual card fee or interest charges as long as the account is paid in full by the due date each month.

FUNDING: Funding for the K-9 Unit's use of the credit card is found in the Sheriff's Department travel budget. Funding for the Finance Department's card will be determined by each disaster event.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The County's current travel policy allows for credit card usage. Use of the Finance Department's credit card will be governed by the County's Emergency Purchasing Procedures.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve issuance of two credit cards, one for travel by the Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit and the other for purchasing during a disaster by the Finance Department, or
2. Deny approval.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Alternate 1.

Prepared by: Cheryl N. Deariso, Assistant Finance Director

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY OF SAVANNAH TO ADMINISTER PARKING VIOLATIONS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA.

Chairman Liakakis said, we had information that was in your packet; but, Patrick [Monahan], if you'd like to —.

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, yes sir. This closes a bit of a loop hole, particularly during the holidays, cars parking in fire lanes. The Metropolitan Police Department will write the ticket, but the County lacks a procedure on how to handle whether the collection or even the administrative procedure that follows. This would authorize the City of Savannah to serve as the County's agent in collecting and tracking those. It's not substantial, but the fact is that when a ticket's written, it should be enforced.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Do we have a motion on the floor to approve this agreement?

Commissioner Gellatly said, motion to approve. Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Let's have discussion. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, this doesn't mean that my constituents in Nottingham or in Sandfly or in Norwood can look forward to parking meters and people riding around in golf carts issuing tickets. This is just an administrative effort to make sure that when citations are issued under the current regulations, that there's a procedure to make sure that the fines are paid. Correct? Assistant County Manager Monahan said, to my knowledge there are no parking meters in the unincorporated area and there are no plans to start. Commissioner Shay said, thank you.

Commissioner Odell asked, would we be able to control that when we sign this agreement? Assistant County Manager Monahan said, yes. I mean, it's the Metropolitan Police Department that would be issuing the tickets.

Commissioner Farrell asked, they issue them already, right? Assistant County Manager Monahan said, yes, they issue them already. In fact, the situation came up last year —. Commissioner Farrell said, they don't have the administration to collect. Assistant County Manager Monahan said, and that's what happened. It was a situation of roads last year that we got, and no one knew what to do with it. The Metropolitan Police Department wrote a ticket for a parking violation in a fire lane, but — and handed to the Finance Department and the Finance Department said, "Well, what do we do with this? We've never had one of these before." But apparently it's become a more critical situation and more frequent.

Commissioner Odell said, and this is not a large item. Assistant County Manager Monahan said, no sir. It's — we're talking maybe three or four tickets a year.

Commissioner Holmes asked, Pat [Monahan], we would be in control of that? Assistant County Manager Monahan said, yes sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. We have a motion on the floor and a second. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Gellatly moved to approve an agreement for the City of Savannah to administer parking violations in the unincorporated area of the County. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3
AGENDA DATE: September 7, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Patrick Monahan, Asst. County Manager

ISSUE:
Board approval of intergovernmental agreement with the City of Savannah to administer parking violation tickets in unincorporated Chatham County.

BACKGROUND:
The County Code provides for certain parking violations in unincorporated Chatham County. These relate mainly to vehicles parking at shopping centers, which occurs particularly during holidays. Despite the ordinances, when police officers ticket the violators, the County lacks any procedure to track and collect payment of the tickets.

- FACTS & FINDINGS:**
1. By the terms of the inter-local agreement (see attachment), the City of Savannah would administer parking violations in unincorporated Chatham County. Savannah-Metropolitan Police Officers would issue the citations, which would then be handed to the Parking Services Division for collection and tracking payments. An administrative judge would hear any appeals.
 2. The City would charge the County 45% of gross collections. It is estimated that this program would generate fewer than \$2,000 annually; however, the main purpose would be enforcement of existing ordinances intended to protect public safety.
 3. Besides the County Attorney's Office, the Metropolitan Police Department has reviewed the agreement and concurs in its form and format.

FUNDING:
Revenue (Special Service District)

- ALTERNATIVES:**
1. That the Board adopt the inter-local agreement which authorizes the City of Savannah to administer parking violations in unincorporated Chatham County.
 2. That the Board take no action and opt not to contract with the City of Savannah. The County would then be responsible for establishing a procedure and designating an officer to administer the program.

POLICY ANALYSIS:
State law provides that governments can enter into cooperative agreements for the efficiency of public services. This agreement would take advantage of the City of Savannah's streamlined management of parking violations.

RECOMMENDATION:
That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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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.)

Chairman Liakakis said, the Action Calendar. All of you have been distributed this information concerning these particular items. Any Commissioner would like to pull an item from the calendar, that's Items 1 through 11 and under 11 we have Items A through J —, are there any items that the Commissioners would like to pull this morning? Okay, we need a motion on floor to approve Items 1 through 11 and under Item 11 again, A through J.

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved. Commissioner Holmes said, second. Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor to approve these Action Calendar items. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve Items 1 through 11-J, both inclusive. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.]

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[NOTE: ACTION OF THE BOARD IS SHOWN ON EACH ITEM AS THOUGH AN INDIVIDUAL MOTION WAS MADE THEREON.]

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1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2007, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 24, 2007. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 17, 2007, THROUGH AUGUST 30, 2007.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period August 17, 2007, through August 30, 2007, in the amount of \$5,548,786. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.]

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3. REQUEST FROM THOMAS & HUTTON, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, THE FITZER GROUP, FOR THE COUNTY TO RELEASE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AND ACCEPT THE DEDICATED IMPROVEMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 1. [DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the request from Thomas & Hutton, engineer for the developer, The Fitzer Group, for the County to release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for maintenance for Stonebridge, Phase 1. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: September 7, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: A.G. Bungard, P.E., County Engineer
ISSUE: To release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for Stonebridge, Phase 1.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, Thomas & Hutton, for the developer, The Fitzer Group, requests that the County release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for maintenance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Stonebridge is a single-family residential subdivision located within the Berwick Plantation development on Highway 17. This phase of Stonebridge consists of 47 lots on 27.3 acres. Paving, drainage, and streetlight energy costs will be maintained by the County. Water and sewer are maintained by Consolidated Utilities, Inc.
2. Construction of the subdivision infrastructure is complete. It has been inspected and found to be acceptable. The required warranty period is complete.
3. The letter of credit that was provided as a financial guarantee will be released upon the Board's approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To accept the dedicated improvements for County maintenance and release the financial guarantee for Stonebridge, Phase 1.
2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS: This action is consistent with the subdivision regulations.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative number 1.

District 7

PREPARED BY: Suzanne Cooler

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4. REQUEST FROM THOMAS & HUTTON, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, THE FITZER GROUP, FOR THE COUNTY TO RELEASE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AND ACCEPT THE DEDICATED IMPROVEMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 2. [DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the request from Thomas & Hutton, engineer for the developer, The Fitzer Group, for the County to release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for maintenance for Stonebridge, Phase 2. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: September 7, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: A.G. Bungard, P.E., County Engineer
ISSUE: To release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for Stonebridge, Phase 2.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, Thomas & Hutton, for the developer, The Fitzer Group, requests that the County release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for maintenance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Stonebridge is a single-family residential subdivision located within the Berwick Plantation development on Highway 17. This phase of Stonebridge consists of 51 lots on 19.88 acres. Paving, drainage, and streetlight energy costs will be maintained by the County. Water and sewer are maintained by Consolidated Utilities, Inc.
- 2. Construction of the subdivision infrastructure is complete. It has been inspected and found to be acceptable. The required warranty period is complete.
- 3. The letter of credit that was provided as a financial guarantee will be released upon the Board's approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. To accept the dedicated improvements for County maintenance and release the financial guarantee for Stonebridge, Phase 2.
- 2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS: This action is consistent with the subdivision regulations.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative number 1.

District 7

PREPARED BY: Suzanne Cooler

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5. REQUEST FROM THOMAS & HUTTON, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, THE FITZER GROUP, FOR THE COUNTY TO RELEASE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AND ACCEPT THE DEDICATED IMPROVEMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 3. [DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the request from Thomas & Hutton, engineer for the developer, The Fitzer Group, for the County to release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for maintenance for Stonebridge, Phase 3. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: September 7, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: A.G. Bungard, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE: To release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for Stonebridge, Phase 3.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, Thomas & Hutton, for the developer, The Fitzer Group, requests that the County release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for maintenance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Stonebridge is a single-family residential subdivision located within the Berwick Plantation development on Highway 17. This phase of Stonebridge consists of 64 lots on 37.67 acres. Paving, drainage, and streetlight energy costs will be maintained by the County. Water and sewer are maintained by Consolidated Utilities, Inc.
- 2. Construction of the subdivision infrastructure is complete. It has been inspected and found to be acceptable. The required warranty period is complete.
- 3. The letter of credit that was provided as a financial guarantee will be released upon the Board's approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. To accept the dedicated improvements for County maintenance and release the financial guarantee for Stonebridge, Phase 3.
- 2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS: This action is consistent with the subdivision regulations.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative number 1.

District 7

PREPARED BY: Suzanne Cooler

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6. REQUEST FROM THOMAS & HUTTON, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, THE FITZER GROUP, FOR THE COUNTY TO RELEASE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AND ACCEPT THE DEDICATED IMPROVEMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE FOR STONEBRIDGE, PHASE 4B. [DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the request from Thomas & Hutton, engineer for the developer, The Fitzer Group, for the County to release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for maintenance for Stonebridge, Phase 4B. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: September 7, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: A.G. Bungard, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE: To release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for Stonebridge, Phase 4B.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, Thomas & Hutton, for the developer, The Fitzer Group, requests that the County release the financial guarantee and accept the dedicated improvements for maintenance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Stonebridge is a single-family residential subdivision located within the Berwick Plantation development on Highway 17. This phase of Stonebridge consists of 37 lots on 12.934 acres. Paving, drainage, and streetlight energy costs will be maintained by the County. Water and sewer are maintained by Consolidated Utilities, Inc.
- 2. Construction of the subdivision infrastructure is complete. It has been inspected and found to be acceptable. The required warranty period is complete.
- 3. The letter of credit that was provided as a financial guarantee will be released upon the Board's approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. To accept the dedicated improvements for County maintenance and release the financial guarantee for Stonebridge, Phase 4B.
- 2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS: This action is consistent with the subdivision regulations.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative number 1.

District 7

PREPARED BY: Suzanne Cooler

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- 7. **REQUEST FROM HGBD, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, HERB RIVER BEND, LLC, THAT THE COUNTY RECORD THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR HERB RIVER BEND SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, AND WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A STREETLIGHT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT. [DISTRICT 3.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the request from Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung, engineer for the developer, Herb river Bend, LLC, that the County record the subdivision plat fro Herb River Bend Subdivision, Phase 2, and waive the requirement for a streetlight assessment district. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7
AGENDA DATE: September 7, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: A.G. Bungard, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE: To record the subdivision plat for Herb River Bend Subdivision, Phase 2, and waive the requirement for a streetlight assessment district.

BACKGROUND: The surveyor, HGBD, for the developer, Herb River Bend, LLC, requests that the County approve the final plat for recording and waive the requirement for a streetlight assessment district.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Herb River Bend is a single-family, residential subdivision located on LaRoche Ave. This Phase consists of 20 lots on 8.10 acres. Paving and drainage improvements will be maintained by the Herb River Bend Homeowners' Association. Water and sewer will be maintained by the City of Savannah.
2. Staff approved construction plans and issued a permit. Construction of the improvements is underway.
3. The developer previously submitted a letter of credit issued by Banksouth in the amount of \$1,075,000, which is 100% of the cost of all improvements within Herb River Bend Subdivision. The Board accepted the construction agreement and financial guarantee on November 3, 2006.
4. The developer has requested that the Board waive the requirement for a streetlight assessment district. Streetlights will be provided and will be maintained by the Homeowners' Association. The Board waived the streetlight assessment district requirement for Phase 1.
5. An Environmental Site Assessment was previously conducted on the subdivision in accordance with the Subdivision Ordinance. No environmentally unsafe conditions were found on the site.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve the recording of the subdivision plat for Herb River Bend, Phase 2, and waive the requirement for a streetlight assessment district.
2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS: This action is consistent with the subdivision regulation regarding the creation of lots through plat recording.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 3

PREPARED BY: Suzanne Cooler

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8. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE UPDATED TRAVEL POLICY REMOVING FLEET OPERATIONS FROM THE RENTAL CAR PROCESS.**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the updated Travel Policy removing Fleet Operations from the rental car process. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-8
AGENDA DATE: September 7, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Linda Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE:

Request approval of the updated Travel Policy removing Fleet Operations from the rental car process.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1) The Travel Policy was last updated and approved by the County Commission on April 7, 2006.
- 2) Currently, under Article VII, Section G anyone needing a rental car is required to send that request to Fleet Operations. Fleet Operations then contacts Enterprise to make the arrangements.
- 3) The State of Georgia has a contract with Enterprise that uses the internet and to establish a reservation. Chatham County is allowed to use that contract.
- 4) The State contract with Enterprise enables departments to make their reservations directly and affords better tracking through our purchasing system.
- 5) Both Fleet Operations and Purchasing support this change.
- 6) The updated Travel Policy will be effective September 1, 2007.

FUNDING:

Each department is responsible for funding travel related activities from their approved budget. Current travel budgets would not change.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) That the Board approve the updated Travel Policy as presented; or
- 2) That the Board denies approval and provides other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board has the authority to set policies for the internal operations of the County.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approves Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Cheryl N. Deariso
Assistant Finance Director

**INTER-OFFICE
CORRESPONDENCE**

DATE: August 13, 2007
TO: Cheryl Deariso, Asst Finance Director
FROM: Stuart Chatham, Fleet Manager
Leslie Prouty, Asst Purchasing Agent
SUBJECT: Rental Car Procedure Revision

Per our discussions on this matter, it is requested that the County Travel Policy be modified so that primary rental car service (departing from Savannah) will be procured through County Purchasing, rather than Fleet Operations.

This proposed procedure will function almost identically to our internet procurement arrangement for office supplies with VIP.

1. County departments will be given a website and login information to place their reservation requests with Enterprise Rental, off the State of Georgia contract.
2. Their request will launch an email to Purchasing, requesting a Purchase Order (PO).
3. Purchasing will create the PO (with FMIS verification of funding).
4. Purchasing will provide the PO number to Enterprise via their website.
5. Enterprise's receipt of the PO authorizes the rental transaction.
6. Invoices will be sent to Purchasing, where they will be matched to department PO's and sent to Finance.

It is further proposed that this change be initiated on August 30th, following a procedural introduction in the Green Room on August 29th, from 0900-1000. This will be jointly conducted by Enterprise, Purchasing and Fleet.

cc: Linda Cramer, Finance Director
Michael Kaigler, HR&S Director
Bill Parson, Purchasing Agent

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA TRAVEL POLICY

I. General

Participation by County personnel in travel and training activities represents a significant cost to the taxpayers of Chatham County. This policy is intended to set forth the conditions and limitations of authorized travel and guide management in their control over available travel funds.

II. Definitions

Authorized Travel - includes attendance at occasions of State, institutes, conferences, meetings, training sessions and any other such business or professional/educational travel as approved by the Department Head. The following is a partial list of authorized travel events:

- A. Travel required to maintain or obtain financing for ongoing or newly approved programs, e.g. federal or state grants, etc.
- B. Travel required to recruit personnel for key vacancies. Vacancies appropriate for inclusion under this category are department heads and their immediate subordinates.
- C. Travel required by federal, state or other legal body for the purpose of testimony as a representative of Chatham County.
- D. Travel required for the planning and completion of newly approved or ongoing capital construction project or a significant capital investment, e.g. site visits, meeting with architects, etc.
- E. Travel and related costs for training of employees where such training is required for job performance and/or professional certification, e.g. basic police training, property appraiser's courses, special EDP programming and systems courses, etc.
- F. Travel ordered by the courts, such as transporting of prisoners, evidence, etc.
- G. Travel to attend official governmental functions and occasions of state.
- H. Travel involving essential contacts or significant information that is important to improve operations of the department.

Department Head - a person appointed by the County Manager to manage departmental operations or an elected official whose responsibilities include management of a County department.

III. Scope and Purpose of Policy

This document sets forth the policies of the Chatham County Commissioners relative to the participation by County personnel in county-funded professional, business and educational travel.

Chatham County will pay for necessary and authorized transportation and related expenses for travel and training of its staff on official County business in accordance with the guidelines set forth in this document.

IV. Delegation of Authority/Assignment of Duties

The County Manager shall adopt such procedures and forms as are necessary to implement and administer these policies and guidelines. The Finance Director shall administer the policy.

All Department Heads or their appointed designee who have, or expect to have, members of their staff travel at County expense shall thoroughly familiarize themselves with the provisions of this policy and cooperate fully in the continued stewardship of the taxpayer's money. All official travel by County employees requires the pre-approval of the employee's Department Head. *It is incumbent upon each department head to ensure that each staff member that travels is familiar with this policy prior to making any travel arrangements.*

Departmental travel budgets are approved during the County budget process by the County Board of Commissioners. Department Heads must assure that the department remains within its budgeted travel allocation for the year.

County staff shall follow the provisions of this policy.

V. Travel Advances

Prior to any official travel, County personnel shall complete a Travel and Training Advance Form ("Advance"). This form should reflect the entire budgeted amount of the travel or training event including costs for transportation, lodging, registration, and meals & incidentals. The Advance requires the pre-approval of the Department Head. Advances should reflect a reasonable estimate of actual costs. Advance amounts for meals & incidentals are limited to a per diem rate as noted in Appendix A.

No Advance may be issued if:

1. There are unsettled Advances from the same department.
6. The trip is unbudgeted and/or there are no funds available in the departmental travel budget.

VI. Travel under State/Federal Grants

Advances for employee attendance at activities reimbursable by the State or Federal government are authorized at rates applicable under such programs. Requests for such Advances must be accompanied by official documentation of the reimbursing agency illustrating the exact rates upon which reimbursement shall be based.

All reimbursement checks for such travel must be made payable to the Chatham County Commissioners and mailed to them c/o the Finance Director, P.O. Box 9297, Savannah, Georgia 31412.

VII. Travel Expense Reports and Settlement of Advances

Any personnel receiving an Advance shall be required to submit a Travel Expense Report with receipts, as required, and remit the unused portion of the advance within five days after return from the conference or meeting.

Upon receipt of the Travel Expense Report, Finance shall review the report for conformance with policy. Finance will either accept the balance owed to the County or reimburse the traveler for expenses incurred above the advance amount in accordance with the provisions of this policy. It shall be the responsibility of the Department Head to approve all Travel Expense Reports turned in by their employees as being in accordance with these regulations and to ensure that Travel Expense Reports are submitted in a timely manner.

The Travel Expense Report must be in the name of the person who received the original travel advance. If the designated employee in whose name the Travel Advance is issued can not attend the conference, the Travel Advance check is not transferable between employees and must be returned to the Finance Department accordingly.

Only those reimbursable travel related expenses supported by receipt will be reimbursed or paid for by the County. Unsupported expenses must be paid for by the employee. No

receipts are required for meals & incidentals since per diem rates apply. In situations where the per diem does not adequately address the true expenses, only the Chatham County Commissioners have the option to submit the actual expenses supported by receipts in lieu of per diem. The County will not pay for expenses of non-County personnel (such as family members) who accompany County personnel on authorized travel. County staff should only claim reimbursement for his/her own individual expenses and should maintain records reflecting those expenses.

County personnel may be authorized necessary and reasonable expenses and leave time for travel prior to and following the business, educational, or professional meeting attended. Travel time shall be determined by the most direct route. All time caused by detours for convenience must be approved by the Department Head and shall be charged against annual leave. Any related additional expenses caused by such a detour will not be paid by the County.

Departments that receive federal, state or other types of reimbursement for travel may need to establish more restrictive travel parameters in order to facilitate travel needs and guarantee reimbursement. In such a situation, the Department Head will need to communicate these parameters to Finance so that the proper reimbursement rates may be applied.

The following reimbursement policies are intended to set forth general standards:

- A. Airlines - Coach accommodations shall be the standard mode of travel. Employees shall be responsible for procuring the lowest fare.
- B. Railroad - First class accommodations shall be standard and shall include lower berth or roomette in case of overnight travel.
- C. Personal Auto - Reimbursement for use of personal automobile in travel will be paid on the basis of up to the current IRS guidelines per mile or tourist air fare, whichever is less. Note: When two to four employees are going to the same activity, only one vehicle may be reimbursed, unless approved by department head.
- D. County Auto - Reimbursement for gas, etc, purchased by an employee during a trip utilizing County vehicles shall be for the actual amount of such purchases. (Receipts required)
- E. Cab and Bus Fare to and from the air or rail terminal shall be reimbursed at actual cost. (Receipt required) Cab or Bus fare required for transportation while at the destination shall be reimbursed at actual cost provided it is necessarily related to the purpose of the trip. (Receipts required)
- F. Parking Fee related to authorized travel will be reimbursed at actual cost. (Receipt required except on meters)
- G. Auto Rental cost will be reimbursed when such travel is necessary to the purpose of the trip and where cab fare exceeds cost of the auto rental. Rental car usage will be procured through Enterprise Car Rental via the internet. Contact Purchasing for instructions to assure State of Georgia contract pricing. Both liability and physical damage insurance coverage should be obtained when renting the vehicle.
- H. Registration, Tuition, etc. - Employees will be reimbursed for registration of conference fees as authorized (Receipt or Conference Brochure required). Whenever possible, advance registration should be made on the Advance form.
- I. Lodging - Hotel/Motel accommodations will be reasonable and will be reimbursed at actual and necessary cost consistent with facilities available and proximity to the traveler's destination. Where double or multiple occupancy has occurred, the employee or official may claim only the actual and necessary cost of his/her single occupancy. See Appendix A for additional guidelines. (Receipts required). A hotel/motel tax exemption form may be used within the State of Georgia to waive local hotel/motel taxes. To waive Georgia sales and use taxes, County personnel may use a tax exemption form. A County check is also required to ensure the sales and use taxes are waived. These exemption forms are available from Finance.
- J. Meals and Incidentals - Meals and miscellaneous expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the per diem schedule set forth in Appendix A. Meals provided in the cost of registration fees may be deducted from per diem as discussed in Appendix A. In situations where the per diem does not adequately address the true expenses, only the Chatham County Commissioners have the option to submit the actual expenses supported by receipts in lieu of per diem.
- K. Long Distance Telephone Calls - Only station to station calls will be reimbursed and must be documented by receipt. Generally, such calls should be restricted to absolutely necessary business communications. Personal calls are included in the meals & incidentals per diem rate.

Submission of a Travel Expense Report, including receipts and other supportive documentation as outlined in this policy, will be required as shown below:

1. **Five days** after the completion of the travel, a Travel Expense Report must be submitted to the Finance Department. The unused portion of any travel advance must be returned at that time.
2. **Fifteen days thereafter** Finance will send a formal notification to the Department Head and the employee regarding any travel that is outstanding 20 days after the travel date.
3. Finance may resolve any Advance that remains outstanding by deducting the advance amount in \$100 increments from the employee's paycheck. Employees will be notified about such a course of action in advance.

VIII. Reimbursement for Local Use of Personal Automobile

Department Heads should submit a completed Vehicle Mileage Report to the Finance Department within five (5) working days following the reporting period for each employee authorized to be reimbursed for use of their personal auto on County business.

The Finance Department will review all mileage reports for conformance with the provisions of this policy and the availability of funds. Compliant reports will be processed for payment. Noncompliant reports will be returned to department heads, unpaid, with an explanation.

IX. Effective Date of Policy

The effective date of the Travel Policy will be November 1, 2005. This policy was amended by Commission action on April 7, 2006. This policy was amended by Commission action on September 7, 2007.

APPENDIX A PER DIEM AND MILEAGE RATES

Per Diem Rates for Meals and Incidentals

Reimbursement for Meals & Incidentals will be in compliance with the per diem rate in IRS Publication 1542 for the specified area not to exceed the maximum per diem rate per day in those areas. The attached publication was current as of the date of this policy. Rates for meals and incidentals will be amended to comply with IRS Publication 1542 as it is amended and updated, per website www.irs.gov. When not traveling for the entire 24-hour day, prorate the standard meal allowance by the percentages below:

Breakfast - 20%
Lunch - 30%
Dinner - 50%

If meals are provided by the conference, a portion of per diem rate may be disallowed at the discretion of the department head. For example, when lunch is provided at the conference, the per diem rate may be reduced by 30%.

The international and non-continental United States per diem rates are also set by the IRS and will be updated every October and April. Contact the Finance Department for the current rate.

The County pays lodging at the actual rate, not the maximum lodging rate set forth in IRS Publication 1542, and requires receipts for lodging expenses.

As of the date of this policy, the IRS Publication 1542 could be accessed through the "**Search Forms and Publications for**" section of the www.irs.gov Website.

Personal Vehicle Use Reimbursement:

Mileage - Mileage reimbursement is hereby set at:

Out of town - Lesser of the mileage rate set forth in the IRS guidelines or Tourist Air Fare.

Local Usage - the mileage rate set forth in the IRS guidelines.

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9. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE FINAL SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF ABDEL MARINE.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the final settlement of the claim of Abdel Marine for \$500. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-9
AGENDA DATE: September 7, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

ISSUE:

To approve final settlement of claim of Abdel Marine.

BACKGROUND:

On August 24, 2007, the Commission discussed the claim of Abdel Marine in Executive Session.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

- 1. The case can be settled for \$500.00.
- 2. The Board in Executive Session on August 24, 2007, indicated that such a settlement would be acceptable.

FUNDING:

Claims and Judgments.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is in the best interest of the County to settle this claim to avoid any potential litigation.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Settle claim for \$500.00
- 2. Do not settle claim for \$500.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Formally approve final settlement in the amount of \$500.00.

RJH/dc

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10. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION TO COVER ENERGY COSTS FOR LIGHTING INTERSECTION AT I-16 AND I-95. [DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the request for financial participation to cover energy costs for lighting the intersection at I-16 and I-95. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-10**AGENDA DATE: September 7, 2007**

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Patrick Monahan, Asst. County Manager

ISSUE:

Board approval of intergovernmental agreement with the City of Savannah and City of Pooler to fund energy and maintenance cost of high-mast lighting at I-95 and I-16.

BACKGROUND:

The State of Georgia has agreed to fund installation of high-mast lighting at I-95 and I-16, the most heavily-traveled intersection on I-95 without any lighting. Not only does the lack of lighting prove a safety problem at night but also travelers on I-95 find it difficult to locate the exits to Savannah and Macon.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. By the terms of the inter-local agreement (see attachment), the City of Pooler will design and install the lighting under review by the Georgia Department of Transportation. The State will reimburse Pooler for its design and capital costs, estimated at \$300,000.
2. Once installed, maintenance and repair and operating costs will be split between the City of Pooler, City of Savannah and Chatham County. The County's 25% share is based on the portion within the unincorporated area. Pooler will invoice the County.
3. It is estimated the County's annual cost would be \$8,000 to \$12,000.
4. The agreement would be for 10 years. GDOT plans to redesign the interchange, which would require replacing and funding new lighting.
5. The County Attorney's Office drafted the agreement and concurs in its form and format.

FUNDING:

Special Service District/Streetlighting.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board adopt the inter-local agreement which obligates Chatham County for 25% of the annual maintenance and repair and operating cost for new high-mast lighting.
2. That the Board take no action and opt not to participate in the lighting plan for I-95 and I-16.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law provides that governments can enter into cooperative agreements for providing needed public services which cross jurisdictional boundaries. By the state's agreeing to fund the capital cost, this leaves repair and maintenance and operating expense to local governments to provide under a pro-rated formula.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT is entered into this _____ day of _____, 2007 by and between the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County ("County"); the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah ("Savannah"); City of Pooler ("Pooler"); and the Georgia Department of Transportation ("GDOT") by purposes of Intergovernmental Agreement.

WHEREAS, the Georgia Constitution provides in Article IX, Paragraph III, Section I that any county, municipality, or state agency may enter into an Intergovernmental contract for period not to exceed fifty (50) years with each other for the provision of services, facilities, and equipment; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the County and Municipalities to provide for services to its citizens to ensure their health, welfare and safety of the community; and

WHEREAS, there is a desire among the parties to enter into this Agreement for purposes of providing for interstate highway lighting system at the intersection of I-16 and I-95 bearing GDOT project number CSNHS-0006-00(464) ID No. 0006464 and desire to enter into this lighting system agreement for the installation and maintenance of high-mast highway lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE, for the mutual covenants and benefits of each to the other, the parties enter into this Intergovernmental Agreement more particularly as follows:

1. Pooler shall undertake the design and installing of a high-mast lighting system at the intersection of I-16 and I-95, including the access approaches. GDOT shall review and approve the design for said project. The County and Savannah shall reimburse the cost incurred by Pooler in accordance with each pro-rated percentage set forth in paragraph 3 below.
2. Pooler shall be responsible for the installation of such lighting system or may as mutually agreed to among the parties request the assistance of the GDOT insofar as installation. GDOT shall have final inspection and approval of the installed lighting system.
3. Pooler, Savannah and County shall be responsible for all future continuing maintenance and repairs to the lighting system in accordance with their pro-rata percentage as set forth hereafter.
City of Pooler – 50% Chatham County – 25% City of Savannah – 25%
4. Pooler shall be responsible for determining the need for maintenance or as maintenance may be requested by GDOT concerning the lighting system, and Pooler shall make appropriate arrangements as may be agreed upon by the parties for the performance of maintenance as is necessary. Upon receipt of invoiced for maintenance, service, or for utility bill, Pooler shall make payment and thereafter as soon as practical invoice County and City for their appropriate pro-rata share of cost. City and County shall pay within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of said invoice.
5. This Intergovernmental Agreement shall be for a term of ten (10) years and shall automatically renew for an additional ten (10) year period unless a party to this agreement shall provide written notice to the remaining parties six months prior to the date of termination of a term of their intention not to renew for additional terms.
6. The Parties may meet from time to time and amend this document in writing upon mutual consent of the Parties.

This Intergovernmental Agreement is executed the day and year written above by the authorized representatives of the County, Municipalities, and Government Agencies.

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

ATTEST: _____
Sybil E. Tillman
Clerk of County Commission

By: _____
Name: Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Title: Chatham County Commissioners

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH

ATTEST: _____
Dyanne C. Reese
Clerk of Council

By: _____
Name: Michael Brown
Title: City Manager

CITY OF POOLER

ATTEST: _____
Maribeth Lindler
Clerk of Council

By: _____
Name: Mike Lamb
Title: Mayor

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ATTEST: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____
Name:
Title:

RESOLUTION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, at a regularly scheduled meeting, did, in accordance with their governmental charter, authorize the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement among the parties including the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, the City of Pooler and the Georgia Department of Transportation for purposes of providing for the design, installation and maintenance, including all utility services and other associated costs, for the high-mast lighting system at the intersection of I-95 and I-16.

SO ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this _____ day of _____, 2007.

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: _____
Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Sybil E. Tillman, County Clerk
Chatham County Commission

**RESOLUTION OF THE
MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, at a regularly scheduled meeting and in accordance with their governmental charter, did authorize the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement among the parties including the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, the City of Pooler and the Georgia Department of Transportation for purposes of providing for the design, installation and maintenance, including all utility services and other associated costs, for the high-mast lighting system at the intersection of I-95 and I-16.

SO ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this ____ day of _____, 2007.

**MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF SAVANNAH**

By: _____
Michael Brown
City Manager

Attest: _____
Dyanne C. Reese
Clerk of Council

**RESOLUTION OF THE
CITY OF POOLER**

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Pooler, at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting, did, in accordance with their governmental charter, authorize the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement among the parties including the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, the City of Pooler and the Georgia Department of Transportation for purposes of providing for the design, installation and maintenance, including all utility services and other associated costs, for the high-mast lighting system at the intersection of I-95 and I-16.

SO ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this ____ day of _____, 2007.

CITY OF POOLER

By: _____
Mike Lamb
Mayor

Attest: _____
Maribeth Lindler
Clerk of Council

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11. 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.)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. One (1) used 2007 Ford Freestar vehicle	Human Resources and Services	Fairway Lincoln Mercury	\$16,025	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
B. Annual support software contract	Tax Commissioner	VisiCraft/ Manatron (Sole Source)	\$41,120	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
C. Ammunition	Sheriff	Master Cartridge	\$19,890	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
D. Confirmation emergency approval for the painting at 17 Minus Avenue	Health Department	E.J.H. Painting	\$15,650	CIP - Health Department
E. Term contract to provide construction equipment and services for County projects	Engineering	T Clearing	Not to Exceed \$200,000	SPLOST (1985-1993)
F. Annual maintenance agreement on the software for the document imaging system	ICS	Palmetto Microfilm Systems (Sole Source)	\$24,030	General Fund/M&O - ICS
G. Confirmation of emergency repairs to damaged brick structure on Isle of Hope Causeway	CIP	Pine Valley Concrete Company, Inc.	\$39,780	CIP - Bridges
H. Change Order No. 5 to the contract for Louis Mills Drainage Improvements for additional engineering services	Engineering	Thomas & Hutton Engineering	\$72,000	SPLOST (1998-2003) Drainage, Louis Mills/Redgate/Rahn Dairy Canal Project
I. Change Order No. 3 to the contract for repairs to tennis courts to add the construction of two (2) tennis courts at Runaway Point Park	CIP	Tennico of Columbia, Inc.	\$94,842	CIP - Parks and Recreation
J. Professional engineering services contract	Engineering	Grady Dixon	\$45 per hour	SPLOST (2003-2008)

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve Items A through 11-J, both inclusive. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.]

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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. On first reading, presentation by MPC staff and discussion only by Commissioners will be heard. 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.

- 1. THE PETITIONER, JOHN FARMER, AGENT (FOR MR. ASHLEY HUGHES OWNER) IS REQUESTING THE REZONING OF 5011 GARRARD AVENUE FROM AN R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-5 UNITS PER NET ACRE) TO A P-R-3-6 (PLANNED MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL 6 - UNITS PER NET ACRE) ZONING CLASSIFICATION. THE MPC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL IN ASSOCIATION WITH A MASTER PLAN/GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN.
MPC FILE NO. Z-070627-60394-1
[DISTRICT 8.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Chairman Liakakis read this item into the record as the first reading.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

1. **THE PETITIONER, JOYCE FISCHER, IS REQUESTING THE DESIGNATION OF MARIDON, 2326 EAST BOULEVARD, AS A HISTORIC PROPERTY ON THE CHATHAM COUNTY REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. THE CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY AS A HISTORIC PROPERTY ON THE CHATHAM COUNTY REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.
MPC FILE NO. DP20070530-02-1
[DISTRICT 4.]**

Chairman Liakakis said, we had information in our packets concerning that and, of course, the Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission that we appointed has asked for the adoption of this, the approval.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion for approval and reserve a couple of comments. Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Commissioner Farrell said, I second that motion.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Commissioner Patrick Shay for comment.

Commissioner Shay said, you know, I'd like to congratulate our Historic Preservation Commission. The work that they are doing now is starting to bear fruit, and also commend our staff personnel Ellen Harris for the hard work that she does in documenting all these things and making sure that everything is being said into the register in an appropriate way. So another opportunity for us to rejoice at the fact that we have a Preservation Commission and that they're in the process of seeing to it that the significant places in the unincorporated area of Chatham County are being preserved and protected.

Chairman Liakakis said, and I know this is great because not only Joyce Fischer is requesting that, but she has worked in a number of activities as a community activist, and we appreciate that. All right, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the petition of Joyce Fischer requesting the designation of Maridon, 2326 East Boulevard, as a historic property on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.]



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METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-1~~

AGENDA DATE: ~~August 24, 2007~~

AGENDA ITEM: XII-1

AGENDA DATE: September 7, 2007

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: R. E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: THOMAS L. THOMSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

The petitioner, Joyce Fischer, is requesting the designation of Maridon, 2326 East Boulevard, as a Historic Property on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places. The Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission (CCHPC) recommends APPROVAL of the adoption of an ordinance to designate the property as a Historic Property on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places. MPC File No. DP20070530-02-1

ISSUE:

Adopting ordinances to designate Maridon, 2326 East Boulevard, as a Historic Property on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places.

BACKGROUND:

On November 18, 2005 the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance was approved to create the Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission (CCHPC) and establish the designation process for listing properties in unincorporated Chatham County on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places. The CCHPC received an application from Joyce Fischer for the historic designation of her property located at 2326 East Boulevard and historically called "Maridon". The CCHPC reviewed the application at its August 1, 2007 meeting and voted unanimously to recommend approval to the Board of Commissioners.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. **Public Notice:** Notice of the CCHPC public hearing was published in three consecutive issues of the Savannah Morning News and written notice of the hearing was mailed to the owner of the property not less than ten and not more than twenty days prior to the public hearing.
2. **Site:** The subject property is 9.76 acres in size and is located on a private road at the south end of Wilmington Island. The proposed boundaries of the historic property will follow the existing parcel boundaries of parcels 1-0101-01-003Y and 1-0101-01-003W.
3. **History:** Maridon, 2326 East Boulevard was built in 1891 as the Eureka Club House for the Wilmington Island Pleasure and Improvement Company. The property was purchased by the Rodgers in 1945 and has been in their family ever since. The main house is a significant and intact raised coastal cottage. It is a one-story raised cottage with a unique cedar post foundation. It represents the transition of Wilmington Island from a predominantly agricultural economy to a recreation one.
4. **Designation Criteria:** As per the criteria set forth in the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance, Section IV.D., the property meets the Criterion A as an outstanding example of a structure representative of its era; Criterion B as one of the few remaining examples of a past architectural style; and Criterion D as a site of natural or aesthetic interest that continues to contribute the cultural and historical development and heritage of the county.
5. **Zoning:** Designation as a Historic Property will add a Zoning Overlay to the property, changing it from C-M-EO to C-M-EO-HO (Historic Overlay).

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the ordinance to designate Maridon, 2326 East Boulevard, as a Historic Property on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places.
2. Do not approve the ordinance to designate Maridon, 2326 East Boulevard, as a Historic Property on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The purpose and intent of the historic preservation ordinance is to establish a uniform procedure to provide for the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of areas having a special historical, cultural, or aesthetic interest or value. Designating Maridon, 2326 East Boulevard, as a Historic Property furthers the intent of the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION: The Preservation Professional and the CCHPC recommend Approval of the adoption of the attached ordinance to designate Maridon, 2326 East Boulevard, as a Historic Property on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places.

District 4

PREPARED BY: Ellen I. Harris
Preservation Professional

August 15, 2007



C H A T H A M C O U N T Y - S A V A N N A H

METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: AUGUST 15, 2007

TO: CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSION

FROM: CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

SUBJECT: CCHPC RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT DESIGNATION ORDINANCE

PETITION REFERENCED:

Joyce Fischer, Owner
 Maridon, 2326 East Boulevard
 MPC File No. DP20070530-02-1

CCHPC ACTION:

Approval of adoption of ordinance to Designate Maridon, 2326 East Boulevard, as a Historic Property on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places.

CCHPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of adoption of ordinance to designate Maridon, 2326 East Boulevard, as a Historic Property on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 8 + Chairman

E. G. Daves Rossell, Chairman	Stephen Lindell
George Cohen, Vice Chairman	Pamela Lossing
Jane Feiler	Christian Sottile
Vaughnette Goode-Walker	Lisa White
William Haynes	

<u>VOTING FOR MOTION</u>	<u>VOTING AGAINST MOTION</u>	<u>*ABSENT OR **FAILING TO VOTE</u>
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George Cohen		
Jane Feiler		
William Haynes		
Vaughnette Goode-Walker		
Stephen Lindell		
Pamela Lossing		
Christian Sotile		
Lisa White		

FOR APPROVAL: 9 FOR DENIAL: 0 ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Thomas L. Thomson
 Executive Director

TLT/eh

Enclosure

MPC FILE No.: DP20070530-02-1
Recommendation: To C-M-EO to C-M-EO-HO
P.I.N.: 1-0101-01-003Y, 003W

CCHPC recommends adoption of the ordinance to designate Maridon, 2326 East Boulevard as a Historic Property on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places and add Historic Overlay to the existing zoning.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Starting on a point located at the intersection of the centerline of Clanton Street and Wilmington Island Road, thence proceeding in a southerly direction along a line South 29 degrees 30 minutes 18 seconds East a distance of approximately 309 feet to a point, thence westerly along a line South 60 degrees 15 minutes 18 seconds West a distance of approximately 34 feet to a point, said point being the point of beginning, thence proceeding in a southerly direction along a line South 28 degrees, 17 minutes 20 seconds East a distance of approximately 681 feet to a point on the northernmost right of way of an unnamed creek, thence southwestly along said creek a distance of approximately 743 feet to a point, thence northerly along a line North 27 degrees 31 minutes 36 seconds West a distance of approximately 888 feet to a point, thence easterly along a line North 61 degrees 33 minutes 25 seconds East a distance of approximately 170 feet to a point, thence southerly along a line South 27 degrees 30 minutes 43 second East a distance of approximately 226 feet to a point, thence easterly along a line South 60; degrees 51 minutes 06 seconds East a distance of approximately 235 feet to a point, thence northerly along a line North 31 degrees 20 minutes 58 seconds West a distance of approximately 212 feet to a point, thence easterly along a line North 59 degrees 40 minutes 35 seconds East a distance of approximately 128 feet back to the point of beginning.

**Maridon
Historic Property Resolution**

WHEREAS, Chatham County is fortunate to have significant historical and cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, these resources are among its most valued and important assets and that the preservation of this heritage is essential to the promotion of the health, prosperity and general welfare of the people; and

WHEREAS, Maridon is a significant historic resource meeting the criteria for designation as a Historic Property as established in the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance as an outstanding example of a structure representative of its era, as one of the few remaining examples of a past architectural style, and as a site of aesthetic interest that continues to contribute to the cultural or historical development and heritage of the county; and

WHEREAS, Maridon has applied for listing as a historic property on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Division supports the Nomination.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, E.G. Daves Rossell, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission, do hereby recommend to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners the designation of

Maridon

As a Historic Property on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this the 1st day of August, 2007.

 /s/ Daves Rossell
E. G. Daves Rossell, Ph.D., Chairman
Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission

 /s/ Ellen I. Harris
Ellen I. Harris, Preservation Professional

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2. **THE PETITIONER, GREGORY DEAN ELMGREN, IS REQUESTING TO REZONE 124 QUACCO ROAD FROM AN R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL - 5 UNITS PER NET ACRE) TO A P-B-1 (PLANNED BUSINESS LIMITED). The MPC recommended denial. MPC FILE NO. Z-070430-40223-1 [DISTRICT 7.]**

Note: This map amendment was heard at the July 6, 2007, meeting and was acted on as a second reading. The petitioner's attorney had requested through the Building Safety and Regulatory Services office that it be scheduled for first reading on July 6, 2007. BSRS will run an additional advertisement for second reading on July 20, 2007.

At the July 20, 2007, meeting the item was referred back to MPC and the County Attorney. The County Attorney's opinion is attached.

Chairman Liakakis said, as you remember, this map amendment was heard July 6, 2007, and the meeting was acted on as a second reading. The petitioner's attorney had requested through the Building Safety & Regulatory Services Office that it be scheduled for first reading on July 6, 2007. The BSRS will run an additional advertisement for second reading on July 20, 2007 — which was done — and at the July 20, 2007, meeting the item was referred back to the MPC and the County Attorney. The County Attorney opinion is attached. What I'd like to do is call on our County Attorney, Jonathan Hart, for comment please.

County Attorney Hart said, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, thank you very much. This is a matter that the Commission has some discretion in. This is the rezoning, District 7. Commissioner Kicklighter is not here and has indicated an interest in this property over time and has spoken. You have the decision to proceed with the zoning hearing and make a decision or you can defer it. It's totally in your discretion. The attorney representing the folks would like to have Commissioner Kicklighter present. We — if we do that, I'd like to call the hearing to order and then adjourn it for two weeks. That way we won't have to readvertise it. It's really your discretion, but let's proceed and at least call it to order and then if you want to table it for two weeks, that will avoid all of the notification.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. We have the attorney for the petitioner, Gregory Elmgren. Would you like to comment?

Mr. Eric Gotwalt said, good morning Mr. Chairman and Board members. My name is Eric Gotwalt. I represent Mr. Elmgren in this rezoning petition. We did provide a short written statement as to the reasons for our rezoning this morning, and as Mr. Hart indicated, this is in Commissioner Kicklighter's district. He had expressed some interest in trying to find a workable solution and in that regard we would ask that this be tabled until Mr. Kicklighter could be here.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. We have a request from the attorney for the petitioner to postpone this for the next meeting.

County Attorney Hart said, Mr. Chairman, what we would do is recess or continue it for a date certain, at the next Commission meeting, just continue it for a date certain, which the next Commission meeting would be the 21st.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, in conformance with the attorney's recommendation, I move that we call the hearing into being and then place on the table for consideration until the 21st of September the matter before us so that the County Commissioner representing this particular area, Commissioner Kicklighter, might have the opportunity to be present.

County Attorney Hart said, I understand your motion basically to call it to order and just continue the hearing until the 21st? Commissioner Shay said, yes, that's exactly what I said.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, we have a motion on the floor to continue. Do we have a second? Commissioner Holmes said, second. Commissioner Farrell said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.]

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, when we get this back, exhibits from the MPC were photocopied and I really can't — they're not discernable. I can't really see what the aerial photographs looked like. When we get the packets next time if we could have better photocopies or something, so that we can see that a little better. Thank you.

Mr. Gotwalt said, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to table this item until the meeting on September 21, 2007. Commissioners Holmes and Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: **XII-2**

AGENDA DATE: September 7, 2007

DATE: August 14, 2007

TO: Chairman and Members of the Board

FROM: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

SUBJECT: Status of 124 Quacco Road Rezoning

Ladies and gentlemen, the attached from Jon Hart explains follow through on a matter initially suggested for change by Commissioner Kicklighter. You will note that this will be before you on the 7th of September.

REA:fqr

Attachment

cc: Gregori S. Anderson, Director, Building Safety and Regulatory Services (via fax)
 R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney
 Thomas L. Thomson, Executive Director (via fax)
 Frances Q. Rasmussen, Assistant to the County Manager/Admin. Services (Note: Docket for the 7th of September meeting.)

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: August 13, 2007

TO: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

SUBJECT: Rezoning Petition of Gregory Dean Elmgren, 124 Quacco Road

Russ, on July 20, 2007, the above matter was on the agenda for second reading. The Commission voted to table the petition and directed me to meet with MPC staff about the possibility of rezoning the property with conditions. I did so. Enclosed is a copy of my memo on this subject.

The petition needs to be placed back on the agenda for the second reading for the meeting of September 7, 2007. It needs to be advertised. It is my understanding from Robert Sebek in Gregori's office that the soonest that it can be heard by the Commission is September 7, 2007, due to the time requirements for the ad. The attorney for the petitioner has been informed of the date.

RJH/dc
 enclosure

cc: Gregori Anderson, Director of Building Safety & Regulatory Services
 Jim Hansen, AICP, Director, Development Services, MPC

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: August 1, 2007

TO: Chairman, Board of Commissioners and R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

SUBJECT: Rezoning of 124 Quacco Road

As directed, the County Attorney met with staff of the MPC to review information and suggestions pertaining to the rezoning of the subject property from R-1 (single family residential - five units per net acre) to P-B-1 (planned business limited). Under the home

rule provisions of the Georgia Constitution, the rezoning of property is considered local matters left to the governing body, so long as the zoning decision is not arbitrary or capricious.

The request for rezoning of the property from R-1 to P-B-1 has not been recommended by the Planning Board, in that the proposed change of use is inconsistent with the recently adopted Comprehensive Zoning Plan which shows this area to be residential. The property contiguous to this property is zoned R-1, PUD, M-12 residential) and R-A (agricultural).

Prior to petitioner purchasing said property, and during the due diligence, MPC staff was consulted and informed representatives of petitioner that the current proposed use did not come within the current zoning classification. Subsequently, petitioner sought a home occupation permit which was not appropriate, since the property was not a residence.

After much discussion, there is no way for the County to rezone the property with a proposed "reversionary clause" or "subsequent change in condition clause" that would revert this property to its original zoning classification (i.e. R-1) upon subsequent sale of the property by petitioner. Upon rezoning this property to P-B-1, the petitioner would then have vested rights to all uses permitted within that zoning classification P-B-1.

The petitioner has three potential options.

1. Keep the present zoning and modify the use of the property.
2. Proceed with the request for rezoning from R-1 to P-B-1 in hopes that the Board of Commissioners would act favorably to the request.
3. Should the Board of Commissioners deny the rezoning request, seek an acceptable text amendment to the zoning provisions which would be narrow in scope and acceptable to the Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners that would permit the proposed use within the text amendment language.

RJH/jr

cc: Thomas L. Thomson, Executive Director, MPC
James L. Hansen, AICP, Director of Development Services, MPC
Harmit Bedi, Deputy Executive Director, MPC
Eric Gotwalt, Esq.

~~AGENDA ITEM: XII-1~~
~~AGENDA DATE: July 20, 2007~~

~~AGENDA ITEM: XI-1~~
~~AGENDA DATE: June 22, 2007~~
~~AGENDA ITEM: XII-1~~
~~AGENDA DATE: July 6, 2007~~

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THRU: R. E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER
FROM: THOMAS L. THOMSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

The petitioner, Gregory Dean Elmgren, is requesting to rezone 124 Quacco Road from an R-1 (Single Family Residential - 5 Units Per Net Acre) to a P-B-1 (Planned Business Limited). The MPC recommended denial. MPC File No. Z-070430-40223-1

ISSUE:

Rezoning from an R-1 (Single Family Residential – 5 Units Per Net Acre) classification to a P-B-1 (Planned Business Limited) classification.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. **Public Notice:** All property owners located within 200 feet of the petitioned site(s) were notified of the rezoning petition.

- 2. **Site:** The subject property is 1.12 acres in size and is located on the north side of Quacco Road approximately 1,300 feet west of U.S. Highway 17 South (Ogeechee Road). The site is presently occupied by a single family residential structure and a detached garage.
- 3. **Request/Site History:** The petitioner requests that the site be rezoned to a P-B-1 zoning classification in order to establish an office as the principal use and an accessory use storage yard.

The site was purchased by the petitioner 13 months ago (April 17, 2006) as an existing single family residence. The Chatham County Zoning Administrator advised staff that the petitioner/owner, soon after purchasing the property, applied for a home occupation permit for the purpose of establishing a landscaping business in accordance with the provisions of the Chatham County Zoning Regulations, Section 2-28 Home Occupation. However, in response to a complaint, an inspection of the subject site by a Chatham County zoning Inspector revealed the following: 1) The single family house was being used as a graphic arts office; 2) the rear portion of the property was being used to store lawncare and landscaping equipment including landscaping materials; and, 3) it appeared that no one actually lived at the site. The owner/petitioner was cited by the Zoning Administrator for non-compliance with the provisions for a home occupation use.

- 4. **Zoning History/Existing Development Pattern:** The subject site was rezoned from an R-A classification to its present R-1 classification on September 28, 1984 (MPC File Number 84-6659-C). Other properties that have been rezoned within the last 25 years include:

A site located on both sides of Larchmont Drive from Ogeechee Road to Larchmont Estates was rezoned from R-A and R-A-S classifications to its present PUD-B and PUD-R classifications on September 28, 2004 (MPC File Number 84-6659-C); 2) a site located on the south side of Quacco Road approximately 1,425 feet east of Holiday Circle was rezoned from an R-A classification to its present P-D-R classification on January 29, 1986 (MPC File Number 86-7403-C); 3) a site located between Larchmont Drive and Quacco Road approximately 775 feet west of Ogeechee Road was rezoned from PUD-M-12 to its present PUD-B-C classification on July 25, 2003 (MPC File Number Z-030514-30448-1); 4) a site located on the south side of Quacco Road approximately 200 feet west of Laurel Green Court was rezoned from an R-A classification to its present PUD-M-12 classification on September 8, 2006 (MPC File Number Z-060516-56325-1). The adjacent land uses and zoning districts surrounding the subject property include:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Zoning</u>
North	Vacant Land	PUD-M-12 [1]
South	Quacco Road Mobile Home Park Mobile Homes/Vacant Land	R-M-H-1 [2] R-A
East	Single Family	R-1
West	Single Family	R-1

[1] PUD-M-12 - Planned Unit Development Multi-Family 12 Units Per Net Acre
 [2] R-M-H-1 - Residential Mobile Home Park

The areas along both sides of Quacco Road in the general area have remained relatively unchanged over the last 20 years with the exception of the development of new single family subdivisions and the development of properties located at the corner of Quacco Road and Ogeechee Road (U.S. Highway 17 South) as a convenience store, including the sale of fuel, and a boat sales lot. The predominate use along both sides of Quacco Road continues to be residential.

- 5. **Existing R-1 Zoning Districts:**
 - a. **Intent of the R-1 District:** According to the Zoning Ordinance, the purpose of the R-1 district is to create an environment in which one-family dwellings, and certain non residential uses are permitted in order to promote stability and character of low-density residential development with adequate open space.

- b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the R-1 district appear in the attached chart.
 - c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the R-1 district appear in the attached table (Table 1).
6. **Proposed P-B-1 Zoning District:**
- a. **Intent of the P-B-1 District:** According to the Zoning Ordinance, the purpose of the P-R-1 district is create and protect areas in which limited business and certain industrial activities like activities, which have limited traffic generation potential, are permitted. This district is intended to be applied in areas, which would not be appropriate for more intensive commercial districts because of the character of the surrounding land uses and other factors.
 - b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the P-R-1 district appear in the attached chart.
 - c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the P-B-1 district appear in the attached table (Table 1).
7. **Land Use Element: Land Use Element:** The Chatham County Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map designates the subject property as Suburban Single Family Residential. Approval of the zoning map amendment would not be consistent with the Future Land Use Map.
8. **Transportation Network:** The property is accessed from Quacco Road. Quacco Road is a two lane public road. According to the Street Classification Map Number 1 of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance, Section 4-6, Quacco Road is classified as a secondary arterial roadway. The 2004 average daily traffic count for Quacco Road between Ogeechee Road and Interstate 95 was 3,900 vehicles per day.
9. **Public Services and Facilities:** The property is served by Metropolitan police, Southside Fire Department fire protection, and by Consolidated Utilities, Incorporated water and sanitary sewer. The subject site is presently served by the Chatham Transit Authority (CAT).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- 1. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses that would create traffic volumes, noise level, odor, airborne particulate matter, visual blight, reduce light or increased density of development that would adversely impact the livability or quality of life in the surrounding neighborhood?
 Yes ___ No X
- 2. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses that would adversely impact adjacent and nearby properties by rendering such properties less desirable and therefore less marketable for the type of development permitted under the current zoning?
 Yes X No ___
- 3. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses that would generate a type or mix of vehicular traffic on a street or highway that is incompatible with the type of land use development along such street or highway?
 Yes ___ No X
- 4. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses that would generate greater traffic volumes at vehicular access points and cross streets than is generated by uses permitted under the current zoning district to the detriment of maintaining acceptable or current volume capacity
 Yes ___ No X
- 5. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses or scale of development that would require a greater level of public services such as drainage facilities, utilities, or safety services above that required for uses permitted under the current zoning

district such that the provision of these services will create financial burden to the public?

Yes ___ No X

6. Will the proposed zoning district permit uses or scale of development that would adversely impact the improvement or development of adjacent and nearby properties in accordance with existing zoning regulations and development controls deemed necessary to maintain the stability and livability of the surrounding neighborhood?

Yes ___ No X

7. Will the proposed zoning district permit development that is inconsistent with the comprehensive land use plan?

Yes X No ___

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Approve the petitioner’s request to rezone the property from an R-1 classification to a P-B-1 classification.
- 2. Deny the petitioner’s request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The proposed rezoning is not consistent with Chatham County’s Comprehensive Future Land Use Plan. The proposed P-B-1 classification would allow non-residential uses within an area that is predominately low density residential and would adversely impact the existing residential properties in the general area.

RECOMMENDATION: The MPC and Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services recommend Denial of the petitioner’s request to rezone the property known as 124 Quacco Road (PIN-1-1006B-05-011) from an R-1 (Single Family Residential - 5 units per net acre) classification to a P-B-1 (Planned Business Limited) classification.

PREPARED BY: Jim Hansen, AICP, Director
Development Services
May 15, 2007

Gregori Anderson, Director
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES



C H A T H A M C O U N T Y - S A V A N N A H

METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: May 15, 2007
TO: CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSION
FROM: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
SUBJECT: MPC ZONING RECOMMENDATION

PETITION REFERENCED:

Gregory Dean Elmgren, Petitioner/Owner
124 Quacco Road
MPC File No. Z-070430-40223-1

MPC ACTION:

Denial of the petitioner’s request to rezone the property known as 124 Quacco Road from an R-1 (Single

Family Residential-5 Units Per Net Acre) classification to a P-B-1 (Planned Business Limited) classification.

MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Denial of the petitioner's request to rezone the property known as 124 Quacco Road from an R-1 (Single Family Residential-5 Units Per Net Acre) classification to a P-B-1 (Planned Business Limited) classification.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 9 + Vice-Chairman

Robert Ray, Vice-Chairman
Michael Brown
Douglas Bean
Adam Ragsdale
David Hoover

Jon Todd, Secretary
Shedrick Coleman
Timothy Mackey
Lacy Manigault
Ben Farmer

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VOTING AGAINST MOTION

***ABSENT OR **FAILING TO VOTE**

*Susan Myers
*Russ Abolt
*Freddie Gilyard
*Stephen Lufburrow

FOR APPROVAL: 10

FOR DENIAL: 0

ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Thomas L. Thomson

Thomas L. Thomson
Executive Director

/cbm

Enclosure

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. PROGRESS REPORT ON GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT - M&O AND THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT (SEE ATTACHED).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached for review.

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2. LIST OF PURCHASING ITEMS BETWEEN \$2,500 AND \$9,999 (SEE ATTACHED).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached for review.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2**AGENDA DATE: September 7, 2007**

List of Purchasing Items between \$2,500 and \$9,999
That Do Not Require Board Approval

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Fill dirt for the Wilmington Island Drop Transfer Station	Solid Waste	B & N Trucking	\$9,600	Solid Waste
Hardware and software for time updates	ICS	Savannah Communications	\$8,338	General Fund/M&O - Communications
Repairs to security cameras	Detention Center	Wholesale Industrial Electronics	\$8,742	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
One (1) used 2005 Ford Focus vehicle for Assessor's office	Assessor	Fairway Lincoln Mercury	\$9,965	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement
Landscape maintenance labor for Gen. George C Lynch Drive	Manager	Blankenship Landscape	\$2,520	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Seawright Drive Connector Road
22,000 dog and cat tags	Building Safety and Regulatory Services	Ketchum Manufacturing Co., Inc. (Sole Source)	\$2,278	SSD - Building Safety and Regulatory Services
100 tons asphalt hot mix	Public Works and Park Services	Carroll & Carroll	\$5,200	SSD - Public Works and Park Services
Surveying Services for Wilmington Island Transfer station	Solid Waste	Tucker's Construction Surveying	\$7,310	Solid Waste
Two (2) advanced tasers with audio video cam and related accessories	Detention Center	DGG Taser, Inc.	\$2,645	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Prepare easement plat and erosion control plan	Engineering	EMC Engineering	Not to Exceed \$6,500	SPLOST 1998-2003) - Wilmington Park
Additional trees for the Citizens Service Center	Manager	Blankenship Landscape	\$3,130	Bond Fund - ANG Property
Reinstall fence and gate through asphalt at Citizens Service Center	Manager	Ram Wholesale Fence, Inc.	\$6,200	Bond Fund - ANG Property
Demolition and cleanup at 7310 Albert Street	Land Bank	American Clearing and Hauling (MBE)	\$7,780	Land Bank
Paint and body work to wrecked Sheriff's department vehicle	Fleet Operations	A & L Autobody	\$4,953	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Miscellaneous grinder parts	Solid Waste	The Trading Company	\$4,948	Solid Waste
Repair of improperly installed fire alarm system at the Detention Center - 3 rd phase	Detention Center	Brewer Technology Solutions (Sole Source)	\$8,400	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Four (4) Motorola digital radios	ICS	Motorola Communications (Sole Source)	\$8,604	General Fund/M&O - Communications
Road striping at Citizens Service Center	Manager	Peek Pavement Marking	\$4,225	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Seawright Drive Connector Road

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3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached for review.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 Roads

AGENDA DATE: September 7, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioner

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: A.G. Bungard, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE: To provide information on the status of Chatham County road projects.

BACKGROUND: The schedules for construction are dictated by GDOT allocations of funds among the Congressional districts and the balancing of funds in the Chatham Urban Transportation Study (CUTS) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The current Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was approved by the CUTS Policy Committee on September 22, 2004. A new TIP (Fiscal Years 2008-2011) was approved by the CUTS Policy Committee on June 27, 2007.

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Diamond Causeway Widening. Because of the environmental impacts of changed design criteria (width of median and design speed of high span bridge) on approval of the Environmental Assessment (EA), the GDOT is managing the project. The GDOT met on February 13, 2007 at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Savannah District, to show the resource agencies the wetland impacts due to the 44-ft, 24-ft and barrier separated medians (12.5-ft). The GDOT Office of Environmental Location (OEL) is to address and revise the EA to show updated impacts and file an application for a permit.
 - a. Because of the environmental impacts of a second bridge and widening the causeway to four lanes, the GDOT now intends to build ONLY a two-lane high level bridge over Skidaway Narrows on the north side of the bascule bridge. The additional two lanes for the causeway and the bridge over the Moon River can only be built after an EA is approved by the FHWA.
 - b. Funding: In the CUTS TIP for FY 2008 - 2011, design and right of way funding is programmed for FY 2008. Construction funds are programmed in FY 2011.
 - c. IN THE MEANTIME
 - (1) Paving of the Skidaway Narrows boat ramp access road and parking lot is complete. It can serve as a staging area for emergency crossings (e.g. by float bridge).
 - (2) The emergency access ramp (gravel) on the Skidaway Island side is complete.
 - (3) The County designed a project to widen the roadway on the portion of Diamond Causeway that is on Skidaway Island, to include new traffic signals at State Park Road and McWhorter Drive. The County published an Invitation to Bid for a construction contract. **No** bids were submitted at the bid opening on June 5, 2007. The bid schedule was extended to June 28. Only one contractor submitted a bid @ B. Baker Construction, Inc for \$5.3 million which was \$2.4 million more than the estimate from the County's design consultant). On July 6, 2007, the Board authorized negotiating with the sole bidder. On July 26, 2007, staff and a representative from the consultant (Thomas & Hutton) met with representatives from Baker. Negotiations did not produce a significant reduction in cost. On August 24, 2007 the Board rejected the bid. Staff will seek a permit from the GDOT to construct only a signal at State Park Road.
2. Whitfield Avenue Widening. The FHWA approved the EA on February 13, 2004. A Public Information Open House (PIOH) was held on February 28, 2006. Approval of a Revised Concept Report and updated EA was on hold pending resolution of the median width and tree planting opportunities. The Concept Report (revised to incorporate a 50 feet wide median with 6 canopy trees) was forwarded by the GDOT Office of Urban Design on August 17, 2007, to "other offices" for comment or approval.

3. Truman Parkway
 - a. Phase 5. Right of way (ROW) plans were approved by the GDOT on June 30, 2005. Property acquisitions are underway and will take until April 2008 to complete (94 acquisitions required, 34 titles acquired). Final design continues.
 - b. Wetlands mitigation. A major part of the wetlands mitigation work required under the terms of the USACE permit for Phases 3, 4 and 5 was recently accomplished at the 22 acre site at the intersection of Truman Parkway and Eisenhower Drive. Planting of wetland seedlings will be done in the next season (probably January 2008). Additional mitigation is required at a 20 acre site (already acquired) adjacent to the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal (Bush Road). The balance of 20 credits were deducted from the County Wetlands Mitigation Bank to satisfy the mitigation credit purchase requirement for the permit. Creation of marsh habitat adjacent to the Vernon River marshes is required in conjunction with Phase 5 construction.
4. Middleground Road/Montgomery Cross Road Widening. Scheduled completion is October, 2008.
5. Bay Street Widening from I-516 to Bay Street Viaduct. The Concept Report was approved by the GDOT on February 9, 2005. The FHWA approved the Draft EA for Advancement to Public Hearing on October 20, 2006. The public hearing was held January 18, 2007. The Final EA was sent to FHWA on July 18, 2007 for review and approval.
6. Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Phase 2 (I-16 to US 80). The FHWA approved the Final EA on March 3, 2006. On September 22, 2006, the Board approved a change order for the engineering services contract to complete the design.
7. Jimmy DeLoach Parkway/US 80 Interchange. Seven alternatives for the interchange layout were presented at a PIOH in Bloomingdale on April 26, 2007. The Concept Team Meeting was held August 16, 2007. Depending on the scope of comments, the consultant anticipates having a Concept Report approved by the GDOT in November 2007.
8. Stephenson Avenue. Substantially complete as of April 1, 2005. Liquidated damages totaling \$54,450 were assessed from December 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005. GDOT, County, City of Savannah and APAC performed the joint final inspection on June 14, 2005. A punch list was compiled (129 items) and given to APAC on June 21, 2005. Some punch list items remain uncorrected. Staff started the process to find them in default. In the meantime, APAC filed a law suit against the County.
9. White Bluff/Coffee Bluff Road. A PIOH was held on August 12, 2004. The Need and Purpose Statement was revised to essentially create a 3-lane section from Willow Road to Cedar Grove (near entrance to Country Day School) and to improve the two lanes (i.e. widen pavement to 12 feet wide travel lanes) from Cedar Grove to Rose Dhu Road. It was submitted to GDOT January 19, 2006. The project will include either sidewalks on both sides or a multi-purpose trail on one side. GDOT has transferred management of the project from Atlanta to the Jesup District Office. The revised Need and Purpose Statement was approved by GDOT on June 26, 2006. On April 27, 2007, FHWA comments were received. Per FHWA comments the consultant is updating the traffic information.
10. Eisenhower Widening from Abercorn to Truman Parkway. The Concept Report was approved by GDOT on June 22, 2004. Because of the high estimated ROW costs (over \$22 million -- local cost), the City of Savannah, County and consultant proposed reductions in the project. The proposal was sent to GDOT October 28, 2005. This project has also been transferred to the District Office in Jesup to manage. City and County staffs have met to discuss further reducing the scope of the project. A revised concept with reduced right-of-way impacts is being evaluated.
11. Abercorn Widening from Truman Parkway to U.S. 17. The GDOT is managing a project for Abercorn Street from Truman Parkway (Phase 5) to U.S. 17. PIOHs were held on November 14-15, 2006. After the GDOT and consultants evaluated comments and alternatives, a second round of PIOHs were held at AASU on June 19-20, 2007. The next step is to prepare the Concept Report with a preferred alternative for approval by the GDOT.
12. Skidaway Widening. The Final EA was approved by the FHWA on December 30, 2004. The Board approved a new engineering services contract with the County's consultant on October 20, 2006, to resume design of the project incorporating all new GDOT requirements known to date.

13. Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement. LPA Group (consultant) is under contract with County to develop the Concept Report. A PIOH was held on May 26, 2005, presenting three alternatives to construct high span bridges. The last utility relocation estimate was received and the consultant submitted the Concept Report on August 8, 2006, to GDOT. A Concept Team Meeting was held April 26, 2007. Seven alternatives have been developed for a four lane bridge. GDOT has asked for a 3-lane alternative.

14. Abercorn Intersection Improvements (DeRenne Avenue, Mall Boulevard, Apache Drive, Tibet Avenue). The County certified the ROW for all four projects to the GDOT. In April the GDOT solicited bids for the DeRenne, Mall and Apache intersections. No bids were received. Tibet Avenue was to be added to the group, but there is now a problem with a Georgia Power line relocation which will delay the Tibet project. GDOT intends to re-bid the other three projects in September.

15. Local Roads.

a. Fountain Road. Substantially complete. A connector road from Fountain Road through the Vaden property remains to be done.

b. Heather Street, Shore Road. Both roads are substantially complete. A final inspection and punch list of corrections remain to be done.

c. Palm Drive. On May 11, 2007, the Board approved award of a construction contract to Bryco, Inc. in the amount of \$135,172. The graded aggregate base has been placed and primed. The next step is asphalt paving. Scheduled completion is December 2, 2007.

d. Old Pine Barren Road. On June 22, 2007, the Board approved award of a construction contract to Griffin Contracting. Construction is underway. Estimated completion is January 14, 2008.

e. Old Highway 204 Bridges. The project to replace two failing timber bridges with concrete culverts is substantially complete. Property acquisitions for the four parcels affected by the two remaining timber bridges is in progress (closed on one parcel).

f. Dulany Road. The project is on hold because of environmental impacts and right of way issues with a property owner affected by the project.

g. Stone Street. Final construction plans are complete. Acquisition of a permanent drainage easement remains to be completed.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

SUMMARY OF ROAD PROJECT STATUS
September 2007

PROJECT	ELEMENT	MILESTONE FOR COMPLETION	AGENCY RESPONSIBLE	NOTES
Truman Parkway, Phase 5	Environmental ROW Final Design Construction	Complete April 2008 Nov 2007	County County/GDOT County/GDOT GDOT	EIS approved 8/12/99 Acquisitions underway. CST FY 2010
Middleground/Montgomery Cross Road Widening	Construction	Oct 2008	GDOT	Change order with APAC signed May 31, 2006.
Whitfield Avenue Widening	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Feb 2004	County County County/GDOT GDOT	EA/FONSI approved 2/13/04. Delayed - median/tree issues.. ROW funded FY2006/07 CST FY 2009
Diamond Causeway Widening and two bridges (Skidaway Narrows and Moon River)	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Unknown	GDOT GDOT GDOT GDOT	Draft EA signed Feb 05. ROW FY 2008 CST FY 2011

Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Phase 2	Environmental ROW Design Construction	Mar 2006	County County County GDOT	Final EA approved by FHWA. CST LR
Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, US 80 Interchange	Environmental ROW Design Construction	Nov 2007	County County County GDOT	Concept Report approval. CST LR
Skidaway Road Widening	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Complete	County County County GDOT	Final EA signed 12/30/04. New contract 10/20/06. CST FY 2012
Bay Street from I-516 to Viaduct	Environmental ROW Final Design Construction	Nov 2007	County County County GDOT	Draft EA approved 10/20/06. CST LR
White Bluff/Coffee Bluff	Environmental	Unknown	County	CST FY 2013
Eisenhower (Abercorn to Truman Parkway)	Environmental Construction		County	Concept Report approved 6/22/04. CST FY 2013
NOTES: CST = FY in which the projects are programmed for construction in the CUTS 2008-2011 TIP.				

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 Drainage
AGENDA DATE: September 7, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: A. R. Black, Assistant County Engineer

ISSUE: To provide information on the status of Chatham County drainage projects.

BACKGROUND: For construction contracts that have been awarded, this report provides the latest scheduled completion dates. For projects pending environmental permits, start dates are best estimates. All project scopes include varying degrees of canal widening, bank stabilization, larger bridges and culverts.

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Pipemakers Canal
 - a. Phase 2 (From SR 21 to I-95). Increase channel size and provide maintenance access. The permit application documents have been submitted to the USACE for approval. The Consultant and staff are working to address preliminary comments. New information discovered concerning existing drainage rights of way west of S.R. 307 will reduce acquisition costs but will require drawings to be revised. Staff is negotiating a cost with the design consultant to accomplish the necessary changes.
 - b. Kahn Mitigation Site. This site was to provide the necessary wetland mitigation for the Pipemakers Canal Drainage Improvement projects. Staff has not been successful in achieving an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding special provisions regarding the mitigation site's potential impacts to air traffic safety. At its meeting of June 22, 2007, the Board approved declaring the mitigation site to be surplus property. Staff is working to secure an alternate way to mitigate wetland impacts that will be caused by the Pipemakers Canal project.
 - c. Bridge Removal and Sheet Pile Wall Modifications. A project to remove an existing bridge that restricts drainage from Pipemakers Canal into the Savannah River. Drawings and specifications for demolition of the existing bridge have been reviewed and approved by staff. Arrangements are being made with Georgia Ports Authority for additional area necessary to perform the work.
2. Hardin Canal
 - a. Phase 1 (SR307 bridges). Widen channel and replace canal crossings. The USACE has issued a permit. Preliminary construction and right of way drawings have been reviewed by staff and corrections have been

- incorporated by the consultant. Plans have been submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation for approval.
- b. Phase 1 (Southbridge bridges). Replace bridge crossings. The owners of the Southbridge Golf Course offered to cooperate in a project to replace two bridges with wider structures. Right of way acquisition is underway. Design work will commence after the right of way is secured.
 - c. Phase 2 (From 307 to Pine Barren Road). Widen channel and construct a detention pond. No target construction date. Staff is working to acquire canal rights of way for the future improvements on property owned by the Georgia Ports Authority.
3. Westlake/Springfield Canal CSX railroad undercrossing. Final Design is complete. Staff acquired the temporary access easement onto Hunter Army Airfield property. As a result of delays related to HAAF, changes to the drawings will be made to bring the project into compliance with current regulatory requirements. The Board approved the additional costs associated with making these changes to the drawings at its meeting on March 23, 2007.
 4. Conaway Branch Canal (tributary of Pipemakers Canal) Widen channel with road crossing improvements and a maintenance road from north of Main Street to the Pipemakers Canal.
 - a. Phase 1A extends from Pipemakers Canal to Conaway Road. Right of way acquisition is underway. Staff expects the need to utilize eminent domain to secure the last of the necessary right of way, approved by the Board on December 4, 1998.
 - b. Phase 1B extends from Conaway Road to Main Street. There is no target date for completion.
 - c. Phase 1C includes the area west of Maple Street. Construction costs are to be funded by the City of Bloomingdale. Recommended improvements have been provided to the City of Bloomingdale.
 5. Little Hurst Canal Improve undercrossings at SR 21 and railroad, and widen channel downstream of SR 21. A project to acquire rights of way and easements, and to acquire the required permits is underway. The preliminary engineering report was reviewed by staff and returned to the consultant to address comments.
 6. Wilmington Park Canal Phase 2 Widen channel and improve culvert crossings under Wilmington Island Road. The USACE permit expired on September 30, 2005. The scope of the project has been reduced to avoid costs associated with relocating City owned water and sewer utilities. Staff is working with the Wilmington Homeowners Association to secure an easement to the outfall. This will facilitate the County's maintenance of this section of the canal.
 7. Kings Way Canal Phase 2 Widen channel and enlarge culverts from Kings Way Court to the Truman Parkway. Preliminary design and easement plans have been reviewed and returned to the consultant for revisions. Acquisition of right of way is underway. Final drawings are under review by staff.
 8. Romney Place Drainage Phase 2 Improve storm drains and road crossings on Romney Place and along Parkersburg Road. Final design drawings are complete. Permitting is complete and ROW acquisition is underway. The project will connect to the Skidaway Road Shoulder Improvement Project. Staff expects minor cost saving changes to the design might be feasible as a result of the Skidaway Road project. Staff is waiting on completion of the Skidaway Road Shoulder project in order to make this determination.
 9. Village Green Canal, Phase 2 Improve the outfall and provide access for canal maintenance. Design work and right of way acquisition work is underway concurrently in an effort to expedite the project. Field survey work is complete. Preparation of preliminary design drawings and easement plats is underway.
 10. Port Industrial Park Improve the channel downstream from S.R. 307 to Pipemakers Canal. Design of the project is complete. Staff is working with Garden City staff and the property owner to coordinate plans for future development with the needs of the drainage improvement project.
 11. Louis Mills Canal Widen channel from Veterans Parkway downstream to outfall at Westlake Canal and improve crossing under Marshall Avenue. Design is complete. Acquisition of easements and ROW is complete for the section downstream of Garrard Ave. Acquisition of remaining easements will require the use of an eminent

domain, approved by the Board on December 4, 1998. The downstream portion of the project, where easements have been acquired, will be combined with the Westlake-CSX railroad culvert project for construction.

12. Redgate/Rahn Dairy Provide larger undercrossings at several roads, widen the canal and provide for maintenance access. This project will reduce storm water flows in the Louis Mills system, as well as improve the drainage in the Rahn Dairy canal. Acquisition of easements is underway and will require the use of an eminent domain, approved by the Board on December 4, 1998, to complete.
13. Ogeechee Farms Phase 2 Improve road crossings at various locations. The permit from the USACE has been received. Mitigation requirements have been met. A fee proposal from the Consultant for design of drainage improvements in additional areas identified by Public Works has been reviewed by Staff and returned to the consultant for clarification. A small project to design a drainage culvert improvement under the runway at Hodges Airpark is underway.
14. Fawcett Canal Phase 2 Provide increased storm water drainage capacity in areas affecting Red Fox Drive and White Hawthorne Drive. Design is complete. Acquisition of easements from the City of Savannah is complete. Acquisition of the remaining easements is underway.
15. Quacco Canal Drainage Improvements East of US17 Improve Quacco Canal and associated road undercrossing capacities from US 17 to marsh, including removal of a private tidegate structure. Estimated date of completion is March 14, 2008. Construction work is underway with the installation of sediment and erosion control devices and the start of work on the concrete box culvert. Staff will request the Board to approve a change order to address the quantity of earth fill material.
16. Quacco/Regency Park Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community. The County Attorney has not provided a legal opinion regarding relocating utilities located within road right of way. At the direction of staff, the consultant completed design based on the understanding that the cost of utility relocations will be borne by the utility companies. If this understanding is overturned as a result of objections from utility companies, the project may need to be redesigned at a higher cost to the County.
17. Halcyon Bluff Subdivision Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community. Construction is approximately 95 percent complete. Plans to incorporate improvements to address poor drainage in vicinity of Halcyon Drive and Lavon Avenue have been completed and a change order to complete this work was approved by the Board at its meeting of August 24, 2007.
18. Golden Isles Subdivision Phase 2 Storm collector improvements to relieve severity and frequency of flooding within community. Approval by Health Department to proceed with the project has been obtained. Right of way acquisition is complete. This project is currently on hold.
19. Wilmington Outfall A project to correct storm sewer drainage pipes between Wilmington Road and the Wilmington River. Construction is underway. The project is complete except for final restoration of the project area.
20. Henderson Channel and crossing improvements to alleviate flooding in the subdivision.
 - a. Brown Thrush Canal (a.k.a. Channel 1): Crossing and channel improvements on the canal parallel to Brown Thrush Road, from Al Henderson Blvd. to Little Neck Road. Design work and preparation of easement plats is underway.
 - b. Little Neck Crossing: Replacement of the undersized culvert. The preliminary design report has been review by staff and approved by Staff. Design work is underway.
 - c. Henderson Canal: Provide maintenance road for canal from Gateway Blvd. to Little Neck Road through wetlands. Wetland delineation has been approved by the USACE. No target construction date.
21. Walthour Canal at Off Shore A project to improve the undersized culverts under the entrance road to the Off Shore Subdivision. Final construction documents have been received. Efforts continue to secure the necessary permits for construction of the project. Staff anticipates that changes to the project design will be required in order for the work to be in compliance with new environmental regulations.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

Prepared by W.C. Uhl, P.E.

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4. MONTHLY STATUS REPORT ON NEW RECREATION RESOURCES (RAP).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached for review.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-4

AGENDA DATE: September 7, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Robert Drewry Director, Public Works and Park Services

ISSUE: Provide Board a status update on RAP

BACKGROUND:

At the Board's request, staff has developed a Recreational Action Plan (RAP) that best utilizes the additional funds allocated to Parks and Recreation. It is staff's overall commitment to improve the visibility of the recreation facilities and the quality of recreational programs for the citizens of this community.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. To provide the Board with data on RAP
2. FY 06 staff was able to accomplish the following:
 - In-house renovation of Lake Mayer's Restrooms
 - Installed new infield mix for Ambuc Park, L. Scott Stell, and Charlie Brooks Park
 - Installed new backstop and foul line fencing for Ambuc Park
 - Hired nine Maintenance Workers
 - Replaced the scoreboards at Ambuc, L. Scott Stell, and Charlie Brooks Park
 - Replaced all roofs at Memorial Stadium
 - Purchased three new vehicles
 - Purchased material for the renovation of the restroom at Ambuc Park
 - Painted the exterior of the concession stand at L. Scott Stell, and Ambuc Park
 - Contracts were awarded to replace the roof on the large pavilion at Lake Mayer, and reconstruct/resurface eighteen tennis courts
3. With remaining funds allocated for FY 07, staff has proceeded with renovation of tennis courts as follows:
 - All eight courts at Lake Mayer are completed.
 - Courts at L. Scott Stell are expected to be completed by mid-September..
4. Status of CIP project recently approved by the Board:
 - Fred Thompson has been assigned as Project Manager for all CIP projects.
 - Turners Creek Boat Ramp parking lot paving - Engineering is currently working with a consultant for design.
 - Tom Triplett Park Bridge - Contract award Ansley Sutton on August 10th.
 - Fence at Memorial Stadium - specs yet to be prepared
 - Lake Mayer - Roofs for Restroom, Boathouse, Administration Building - specs yet to be prepared
 - Westlake Neighborhood Park - Playground Equipment & enlarge pavilion - specs yet to be prepared
 - Lamarville Neighborhood Park - Playground Equipment & enlarge pavilion - specs yet to be prepared
 - Kings Ferry Park - New Restrooms & Pavilions Roofs
 - Salt Creek Complex - Playground Equipment & new Pavilion Roof
5. RAP improvements identified in Park Services operating budget for FY 08.
 - Ambuc Sports Lighting
 - Lake Mayer Restroom, Boat House and Administration Building roofs replacement
 - Jim Golden Complex backstop replacement

- Replacement of light wiring for tennis courts at Lake Mayer
- Change water source at the Soccer Complex

FUNDING:
N/A

RECOMMENDATION:
For Board Information Only

[All Districts]

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Commissioner Farrell said, I'd like to make a motion to excuse Helen Stone from today's meeting. I understand she's in Athens on some County Commission type business. Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second to excuse Helen Stone, who's there for a training class in Athens, Georgia. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter were not present.]

Chairman Liakakis said, we haven't heard anything from Commissioner Kicklighter, so we can take that up at the next meeting.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session required at this meeting.

Chairman Liakakis said, what I would like to do is remind the Commissioners that at our next meeting we need to have some appointments. There's one particular one that we made for the RDC because that individual lived in another County cannot hold that particular position.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2007

PETE LIAKAKIS, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

SYBIL E. TILLMAN, CLERK OF COMMISSION