

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2015, 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 Albert J. Scott called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 6, 2015.

Chairman Scott said, good morning --

County Manager Lee Smith said, good morning.

Commissioner Holmes said, good morning.

Chairman Scott said, -- and welcome. You may be seated, and I ask that you remain seated until such time that our devotional leader has completed his remarks and indicate it's time for prayer. And at that time if you would please re-stand and remain standing through the Pledge of Allegiance. We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by the Commissioner from the 7th District, Commissioner Kicklighter.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Scott said, at this time it's a great deal of pleasure to have with us today as our chaplain an elder in the AME church, but beyond an elder in the AME church, he is a lifelong educator, for his -- almost his entire working life, along with being a devoted person of faith. He's held many posts in the African Methodist Episcopal church. He's currently serving as interim pastor at the St. Phillip Monumental AME Church, and that church is located over on Jefferson and Park Avenue. It's one of the more historical churches in the city. The AME faith is the oldest African Methodist faith -- or the oldest faith in the African American community. And I had a chance recently in Philadelphia to visit the mother church of the AME faith, and if you ever get there, I highly recommend it. Also, Elder Taylor is a resident of Isle of Hope. Ms. Stone, he's your constituent. And at this time it's with a great deal of pleasure I invite up Elder James E. Taylor for the purpose of leading us in devotion this morning.

Elder James E. Taylor said, good morning.

Commissioner Holmes said, good morning.

Commissioner Stone said, good morning.

Members of the Board collectively said, good morning.

Elder Taylor said, thank you Mr. Chairman and other distinguished Commissioners of the Chatham County Commission, ladies and gentlemen. Most leaders during the earthly ministry of Jesus said one thing and did another. Most of the time they exhibited certain behaviors and attitudes which were contrary to his teaching. They assigned tasks to others but would not lift a finger themselves to help. Whatever they did, they did to be seen of men. They wore impressive garments and lived in upper rooms at feasts and chief seats at the synagogue. They demanded to be addressed by great title. Jesus came offering though a more excellent pathway to greatness. It was service. He said but he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. Forty years ago I served as a peace corp volunteer in West Africa, primarily in Liberia, but traveled in other countries. From that unforgettable experience, I wish in our couple of minutes we have to illustrate three imperatives dealing with the pathway to greatness through service.

Elder Taylor said, number one, even when we think we have done enough, the pathway to greatness requires us to do more. On one occasion, a traveling carver knocked on my door. He had a very heavy sack full of various carvings, and it was during the rainy season, and he was unable to continue his travels. He asked me to keep those carvings for him, and he promised that when he came back to pick them up, he would bring me a carving. Three or four weeks passed, and he showed up again, and thanked me and spread some carvings on the floor, and he asked me which one did I want. I picked one. He said ten dollar. Ten dollar. And I said Kotter Par (phonetic), you promised to bring me a carving. I thought I heard you say something about money. He said, ten dollar. Ten dollar. Yes, even when we think that we have done enough, many times we have to do more.

Elder Taylor said, two, when we think we have gone as far as we can go, the pathway to greatness through service requires us to go further. I was on a long -- a long bush hike one day, and we were on our way to Bartawee (phonetic), beautiful waterfall. So we inquired, how far is it? The answer was not far. We walked on

through the day. Nightfall was approaching, and I inquired, I thought he said not far. If you need to go there, it's not far. It is not far.

Elder Taylor said, thirdly, we must hear, understand and respond to the voices of those with whom we come in contact as we strive to develop a community where everybody is somebody. Illustration, I was traveling with a friend and the language in that area was called Kpelle. K-P-E-L-L-E. So my friend asked me, do you hear Kpelle? I said, yes I hear Kpelle very well. So a person walked up to me and remarked naba sambola ela babae (phonetic). I said, huh? And my friend said, I thought you said you hear Kpelle. To them hearing was more than make -- hear -- picking up sounds. It was understanding. And so, yes, if we would walk the pathway to greatness through service, we must be sensitive to the cry of those who are left out, left behind, all of our brothers and sisters with whom we come in contact, and yes he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. Let us pray.

Elder Taylor gave the invocation as follows:

Eternal God our Father we thank you for the blessings of this day and for your guidance and sustaining power as we seek to serve your people. We pray for anointing. Anoint our minds and our hearts so we will have the capacity to do more, to see new possibilities. Anoint our vision so that we may be able to see and reach horizons far beyond our current capacities. Anoint our understanding so that we may come to know and celebrate our role as servants to your people. Amen.

Members of the Commission and Members of the audience collectively said, Amen.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Kicklighter led all in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Chairman Scott said, Elder Taylor, it's a pleasure having you here.

Elder Taylor said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, the message was inspiring. I didn't know you spent so much time in the bush.

Elder Taylor said, oh, yeah.

Chairman Scott said, we are not allowed to compensate you for being here, but I did want to present you with a certificate of appreciation just to say on behalf of all the members of the Commission that we really appreciate you being here, and we also appreciate all the work that you do in the community.

Elder Taylor said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, thank you so much.

Elder Taylor said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

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IV. ROLL CALL

Chairman Scott said, next we have a roll call. The Clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Albert J. Scott, Chairman
 Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight
 Helen L. Stone, Chairman Pro Tem, District One
 James J. Holmes, District Two
 Tony Center, District Three
 Patrick K. Farrell, District Four

Yusuf K. Shabazz, District Five
Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

Also Present: Lee Smith, County Manager
R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney
Janice Bocook, County Clerk

Not Present: Lori L. Brady, District Six

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 3rd District for the purpose of a motion.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that we excuse Commissioner Brady. She's under the weather.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

Commissioner Center said, I'm -- I'm voting yes, my light's not coming up. Commissioner Holmes fixed it. Look out Pete Nichols.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Brady is excused.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to excuse Commissioner Brady from the Commission meeting. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Scott said, at this time I'll recognize our Vice Chair, Commissioner Thomas, for the purpose of introducing the members our Youth Commission who are here today.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen, we're delighted to have with us this morning two seniors who will be participating in the discussions this morning, and they are -- and please correct me if I don't say your name correctly. Is that Kennedy?

Youth Commissioner Kennedy Cunningham said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, huh?

Youth Commissioner Cunningham said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, Cunningham. She's a senior attending Woodville Tompkins; and Cordell Woods, a senior at Benedictine Military School. Welcome this morning, and you have the same rights as we are to ask questions or whatever, okay? So we look forward to your participation.

Youth Commissioner Cunningham said, thank you.

Youth Commissioner Cordell Woods said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION OF AND PROCLAMATIONS FOR THE VETERANS COUNCIL'S NEWLY SELECTED VETERAN OF THE YEAR, COL. JIM VELAR, US ARMY RET., PARADE GRAND MARSHAL ALLEN HARVEY AND HONORARY PARADE MARSHALS KEVIN RYAN, CEO OF SERVICE BREWING COMPANY, DANIEL MERRITT (AND TYLER MERRITT), CO-FOUNDERS OF NINE LINE APPAREL COMPANY.

Chairman Scott said, next we have with us -- proclamation and special presentation, and we have with us a group of people who have served their country in uniform in various branches and posts, and it's with honor and pleasure that we have you here today, and we have some proclamations and -- that we would like to present, and I -- Doug [Andrews] -- and I don't know if this is the proper order, but I'm -- I'm going to start with -- with the Veteran of the Year.

Mr. Doug Andrews said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott read part of the following proclamation:



WHEREAS, to be named Veteran of the Year is a distinguished honor bestowed by the Veterans Council of Chatham County, which is comprised of 27 military veterans organizations, and is worthy of recognition on Veterans Day November 11th, when all of America pauses to commemorate all those who have served in military uniform to defend our nation and preserve its liberty, we now salute Veteran of the Year 2015-2016 Jim Vejar; and

WHEREAS, COL Vejar is a highly decorated veteran awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (2OLC), Purple Heart, two Air Medals, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and other awards, his military record clearly reflects his proven leadership, valor and above all, honor. He became a member of the elite Special Forces, served three years in the Vietnam War and as a Battalion Commander with the 82nd Airborne Division participated in the invasion of Grenada, and his last assignment was as the Inspector General for the Alabama National Guard; and

WHEREAS, COL Vejar following his active duty, has invested most of his time in the service of fellow veterans, active military, and in the memory of fallen and missing comrades, including his untiring efforts to honor our World War II veterans by working to plan, gain requisite approvals, and oversee the construction of the world-class memorial on River Street. Jim was also instrumental in the dedicated efforts to raise funds to help pay for the million dollars plus project; and

WHEREAS, every year COL Vejar oversees, recruits the help of men and equipment, and coordinates the display of donated coffin flags above Broughton Street to help us remember the price of freedom as the parade marches beneath and he holds office and actively participates American Legion Post 135, the Honor Society of the 40 & 8, the Scottish American Military Society Post 7, and serves with the USO to see our troops off to deployment and welcome them home, a mission that involves long hours, both early and late.

WHEREAS, COL Vejar is married to Moira going on 27 years and they have been blessed with 4 daughters and the love of 6 grandchildren; and

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

COLONEL RAY JAMES (JIM) VEJAR

as the Veteran of the Year 2015-2016 and extend our commendations for his dedication and commitment to his community and the veterans of Chatham County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 6th day of November 2015.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, I'm not going to read it in it's entirety but Colonel Vejar is married to Moira going on 27 years and they have been blessed with four daughters and six lovely grandchildren. Now therefore, as Chairman and on behalf of the entire Board of Commission, we do hereby salute Colonel James (Jim) Vejar as being selected as Veteran of the Year. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, Colonel, on behalf of the entire Commission, and any member of the Commission wish to join me, please feel free to do so, we commend you and salute you.

Colonel Jim Vejar said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, we will recognize you for some remarks in just a few minutes. Thank you.

[NOTE: Chairman and Board of Commissioners presented Colonel Vejar with the Proclamation.

Chairman Scott said, do -- do you wish to say something?

Colonel Vejar said, I'm honored to be here believe me to represent all the veterans in the country. November's a special month, I think. It's a month where we can pause and give thanks and thought to all the things that we have. We do that on Thanksgiving. Then we have Veteran's Day where we pause and give thanks to those people who have provided the opportunity to get all those things we're thankful for on Thanksgiving. So it's a very important month to me, and I want to thank you all very, very much for this honor. I appreciate it, and I'll do the best I can. [Applause.]

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman, may I say something to the Colonel?

Chairman Scott said, yes, please.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I didn't come down because I was in an accident, and I have -- I'm having problems walking. So -- otherwise, I would have come down. But I just want you to know how proud we are of you and all of the veterans of the United States of America. Because of your work that you have done over the years, we are where we are today. So I want to say thank you so very much. We appreciate all that you have done, and to those who will continue to do, and I am just elated to be sitting here this morning to be able to be a part of this recognition that you so well deserve. Thank you so very much.

Colonel Vejar said, thank you for your support.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman?

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. [Applause.]

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Stone our pro tem and then Commissioner Center from the 3rd District in that order.

Commissioner Center said, sorry.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. It truly is an honor, Colonel Vejar to have you here today, and I had the distinct pleasure a few years ago of working with some of these gentlemen on the World War II monument. Mr. Andrews and Colonel Vejar and many others, Joe Cetti. I remember you all driving all those bricks down there, and I just want you all to know that not only did they serve our country, these gentlemen and women continue to serve and continue to remind us of what the foundation of this country was built on and it -- it is very -- I don't know if you all have ridden down Broughton Street now to see all the flags and, Doug, I'm sure that you're going -- well, I'm getting there. I'm getting there. Going to explain about the flags, 'cause I don't want to do that, but Colonel Vejar has been doing that for how many years now?

Colonel Vejar said, close to ten.

Commissioner Stone said, ten. You know, that's a job. That's a job, and he takes it on every year and so when you look at Broughton Street, not only remember the lives that those flags represent, but remember the continued support that our military gives us, and God Bless You All.

Colonel Vejar said, thank you for your kind words. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Center.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I know words alone don't do it. We -- the gratitude that we pay, but I -- I saw -- you know, heard your three tours of Vietnam, and I -- I just want to point out that I had the special privilege, Commissioner Stone was there also, last week after Chief Lumpkin and Assistant Chief Tolbert swore in 31 new police officers, I had to leave that early to come out to Hunter Army Air Force [sic] where you and your comrades, Savannians who served in Vietnam were honored. And I get emotional, 'cause that's my -- my generation. And when you served, I know General Rosenblum tells me that you changed uniforms when you got in the plane to get into your civvies because you knew what was happening back home. People didn't applaud you when you got on the airplane or pick up the tab when you had a meal. But last week our Governor and our present Department of Defense had a special presentation, 50 years later, to welcome home with the Savannians -- or all Savannians who served in Vietnam and to give all of y'all the recognition you deserved. I listened to our U.S. Congressman and our Secretary of State, who like me, even though they're

younger, didn't serve, and you heard words. But I looked over at the three or 400 men who got medals that day and saw guys on canes, some wheelchairs, all older, like me with bellies, and I was thinking we have a U.S. Congressman and a Secretary of State speaking, but you guys represent America. Thank you very much.

Colonel Vejar said, thank you for your kind words, sir. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, Colonel, thank you so much. We have a question now from one of our Youth Commission, Ms. Cunningham.

Youth Commissioner Cunningham said, on behalf of the Chatham County Youth Commission, we -- I would like to congratulate you on your accomplishment.

Colonel Vejar said, thank you very much. Appreciate that and for your support. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you, sir. We have a number of proclamations. We won't read them all because some of the -- some of the recipients are not with us this morning, but just for the sake of it, let me just name a few of them. We have the parade Grand Marshal. We have a proclamation for him, Mr. Allen Harvey. We have the honorary parade marshals, Kevin Ryan. We have with us -- we have also a proclamation for Daniel Merritt and then we also have a proclamation for Tyler Merritt, who are co-founders of Nine Line Apparels, and I'm just going to read one because there's -- we only have one who are with us today, and then --

Chairman Scott read part of the following proclamation.



WHEREAS, to be named Honorary Parade Marshal of the Veterans Day Parade in Savannah is a special honor, because November 11th is when America pauses to commemorate those who have served in uniform to defend our nation and preserve its liberty, we now salute Captain Daniel H. Merritt and his brother Tyler as a 2015 Veterans Day Honorary Parade Marshal; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Merritt, being the older brother, enlisted and served for three years in the U.S. Army in Germany, and upon discharge, attended college and ROTC at Valley Forge Military College, obtained his Army commission in 2005, and completed his degree at UCONN, while in the Connecticut National Guard as a Military Police Officer, entering active duty he deployed in 2008 with the 10th Mountain Division, on the ground, while brother Tyler was flying in Iraqi airspace; and

WHEREAS, after completing the Military Police Captain Career Course, CPT Merritt served with the 1st CAV Division, Fort Hood TX, and deployed in 2011 to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and then, after 11 years of Army service, left active duty and now serves in the U.S. Army Reserve as an Airborne Civil Affairs Officer, recently selected for promotion to Major; and

WHEREAS, CPT Tyler Merritt's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (3rd Award), the Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Parachutist's Badge, and Combat Action Badge, along with other medals; and

WHEREAS, Daniel, with his brother Tyler, started Nine Line Apparel Company in a garage in 2012, deciding to create their own apparel brand that advocates for military, veterans, and other patriotic Americans and it is successful due to the exemplary customer service they provide; and

WHEREAS, as a result of its steadfast support of the military, the apparel line also promotes the importance of caring for our severely wounded veterans. The Merritt brothers created the Nine Line Foundation, with their commitment to donate a portion of all sales to helping those veterans and their families, one veteran at a time, with the Foundation being IRS 501(c)(3) approved, and no Foundation Board member is compensated, so all proceeds raised go to the wounded veterans needs; and

WHEREAS, these veterans, like the Greatest Generation of WWII, came back from America's longest war and got on with the business of life, continuing to serve their community and veterans, setting the standard for the next Greatest Generation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert J. Scott, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby salute:

DANIEL H. MERRITT

as Honorary Parade Marshal of the 2015 Veterans Day Parade and extend sincere appreciation for the dedication and service to your community, state and nation, in and out of uniform, by the brothers Daniel & Tyler Merritt.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 6th day of November 2015.

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, and I won't read the entire thing, but I just wanted to say this demonstrate a commitment not just of an individual but of a family who are committed to serving this country and to -- trying to preserve our liberties. And so, it's with that as Chairman, and on behalf of the entire Board of Commission, we hereby salute, Daniel H. Merritt, as an honorary parade marshal of the 2015 Veterans Day Parade and extend sincere appreciation for the dedication and service to your community, state and nation, in and out of uniform, by the brothers Daniel & Tyler Merritt. Daniel, I will present you with a framed copy of this Resolution. Any members of the Commission wish to join me, please feel free to do so.

[NOTE: The Chairman and Members of the Commission presented Daniel Merritt with the proclamation.

Mr. Daniel Merritt said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Scott said, thank you, and if you would be so kind, I will also give you your brother's to take.

Mr. Daniel Merritt said, that would be.

Chairman Scott said, and the remainder, I will leave in your care.

Mr. Andrews said, yes, sir.

Mr. Merritt said, thank you, sir. I appreciate it.

Commissioner Thomas said, I just want to say thank you as well. I didn't get a chance to come down as I stated earlier, I'm having trouble with my legs. We just appreciate all that you've done and will continue to do, and you're so well deserving of this honor. Again, congratulations.

Mr. Merritt said, thank you very much, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, this young man has a question here before -- the Youth Commissioner, before you leave. Sorry.

Chatham County Youth Commissioner Cordell Stewart said, on behalf of the Chatham County Youth Commission, we would like to congratulate you on becoming the parade marshal.

Mr. Merritt said, thank you very much. I appreciate that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. We also have with us the Commander of VFW 500. John [Parker], It's good to see you. Would you please stand?

[NOTE: John Parker, Commander of VFW 500 rose for recognition.]

Mr. Andrews said, that's John Parker, Your Honor, and he is also vice chair of the Veteran's Council. May I take a moment to introduce the other folks that are here?

Chairman Scott said, yes, please, please do. I -- I just wanted to single out --

Mr. Andrews said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, -- Post 500 because he and I go to the same barber shop.

Mr. Andrews said, well, John Parker, as you know is a Marine Corp Veteran, fire department retired, served as chief of fire departments both in New York and California. He has a rich legacy.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Mr. Andrews said, but also present with us is the -- of course you've met Jim Vejar already. He's senior vice chair of Veteran's Council.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Mr. Andrews said, Colonel Pete Hoffman, I think you've seen before. He is vice chair of Council and the parade wouldn't happen without our parade adjutant, Mike Brady. And -- Your Honor, may I -- or -- Mr. Chairman, may I say briefly that it's important to point out that Tyler Merritt isn't here because that brother is on active duty at West Point on the faculty. He was assigned here, and they both served in Iraq or Afghanistan or both. But I wanted to mention, the reason that I've broken a little bit of tradition with these honorary parade marshals is they're not part of Veterans' Council, they are entrepreneurs. They are business people. Kevin Ryan with Service Brewing is the other one.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Mr. Andrews said, they've started companies as veterans. They've hired veterans, and more than that, both of those companies, Service Brewing and Nine Line, which is on President Street, they have -- like Nine Line has created a foundation to help severely injured veterans, one veteran at a time. Every sale they make, a portion of those proceeds go into that foundation. It's a 501(c)(3), and none of the Board members of that organization draw any compensation. It's all pro bono. And the same with Service Brewing. I recognize them because of their tremendous outreach to the veteran community. They hold fundraisers in support of veteran causes. So that's why this year I chose those veteran companies to represent the honorary parade marshal, and I like to say that they are possibly the next greatest generation, 'cause just like our World War II guys, they came back, got on with the business of life after they did their duty at war, and they are continuing to make this country great and supporting the economy and hiring veterans. With that, I will stop talking. But thank you, Mr. Chairman. May I take a moment and -- Elder Taylor didn't come back. There are folks in this room that are veterans. In honor of Veterans Day, could I ask veterans, to include Mr. -- the Chairman, raise your hand if you're a veteran, please, and be recognized, please? [Applause.]

Mr. Andrews said, thank you very much. Elder Taylor and I overlapped in military service. He got out December '66 from the air Force, four years of service, and I was drafted in April of '66. So we overlapped a little bit. Thank you, sir. And -- and I believe the parade adjutant has you all in the parade. [Applause.]

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Mr. Andrews said, thank you very much.

Chairman Scott said, and we -- Pete raised his hand, the past chair, Pete Liakakis, in the back, who's very active in the veteran's organization. I just wanted to acknowledge his presence here today. Thank you. Former Commissioner Pete Liakakis -- former Commission Chair, Pete Liakakis. Thank you, Pete for all that you do.

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2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 14, 2015 AS NATIONAL TYPE 1 DIABETES AWARENESS DAY. MAGGIE GILL, CEO, AND MARY CHATMAN, COO/CNO, OF MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER, WILL BE RECEIVING THE PROCLAMATION.

Chairman Scott said, next we have a -- we have some very special guests, and they're here for the next proclamation that we're going to present, and it has to do with diabetes.

Chairman Scott read the following proclamation:



WHEREAS, Type I diabetes (T1D) is an autoimmune disease, where the body's immune system destroys the insulin-producing beta cells within the pancreas; and

WHEREAS, Savannah-Chatham County Public School System (SCCPSS), Memorial Health (MH), and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) agree to partner on this collaborative to increase Type I Diabetes awareness amongst children, parents, and education staff of SCCPSS; and

WHEREAS, there are more than three million people living with T1D, most of which are children; there are more than 8,000 children in Georgia living with T1D; approximately 500 children are diagnosed each year in the state of Georgia, and approximately 10% of children who are diagnosed each year are from Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for research to prevent T1D, develop new devices and therapies that optimize blood-sugar control, or restore a person's insulin-producing capability and there is a need for education to increase knowledge, encourage advocacy, and promote safe care for those living with T1D. The goal is to find a cure and turn Type I into Type None.

WHEREAS, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is the non-profit, community service organization dedicated to research and education for Type I Diabetes; and Memorial Health is a 604-bed tertiary hospital; and Savannah-Chatham County Public School System serves 38,000 children in grades K-12 in 52 Schools; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County supports the Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools, Memorial Health, and JDRF in their mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert J. Scott, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 14th 2015 as:

TYPE-1 DIABETES AWARENESS DAY

in Chatham County and urge all citizens to unite to accomplish the goal of finding a cure.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 6th day of November 2015.

ATTEST:

Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Scott said, and with that I will come down and present you with a copy. I've got one note that says November 6th and one that says the 14th.

Ms. Mary Chatman said, the 14th.

[NOTE: Chairman Scott and the members of the Board presented the proclamation to Maggie Gill.]

Ms. Maggie Gill said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, thank you. We appreciate it, and thank you for all that you on behalf of -- the awareness and trying to really find a cure and to prevent this disease. Who is the spokesperson?

Ms. Gill said, Mary and I both are going to say a couple of words, if that's all right.

Chairman Scott said, please feel free to.

Ms. Gill said, thank you very much. Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, thank you very much for this proclamation for naming November 16th as Diabetes Awareness Day. We -- it's our pleasure to partner with Savannah-Chatham Public Schools and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to not only shine a light on this disease that affects so many but work towards education, towards curing it, and towards managing in the meantime. And so we appreciate the ability to -- to do so. The health and wellness of this community and the children of our community is our business. And -- so I'd like to introduce Mary Chatman who you've met before who is not only the lead clinician at Memorial but has a special and personal connection to this as her daughter has Type 1 diabetes.

Ms. Mary Chatman said, good morning.

Members of the Board Collectively said, good morning.

Ms. Chatman said, in 2008 my daughter, who is 14 yesterday, you can pray for me later, she was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, and our lives were changed immediately, which meant that our lives became many, many finger sticks, many, many carbohydrate counting, and many, many insulin injections. So I wanted to share with your four numbers this morning that really brings Type 1 diabetes to bear. The numbers in -- have significance to different people in different ways, but I think by the time I get to the last number, you'll understand the significance of that number. The first number is 13,430; the second number is 730; the third number is 260; and the last number is zero. The 13,000 plus number is the total number of times my daughter has stuck her finger since she was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. Seven hundred and thirty is the total number of times my daughter has changed her insulin pump, which is her lifeline. It is the thing that keeps her from going into ketoacidosis or having too high of a blood sugar or going into a coma because she doesn't have enough. Two hundred plus is the total number of times that my daughter has changed her continuous glucose monitor, which is a machine that gives her the opportunity to live a close as a normal life as possible, but is one of those machines that she is blessed enough to have her momma, I think, as a nurse and have resources to be able to get, but there are many, many children in that three million number that you heard this morning that do not have the fortitude or the resources to be able to manage their Type 1 diabetes. These are the kids who show up in hospitals, who lose their legs, who are blind, who die. And finally, the number zero is the number of times I've woken up in the morning and not thought about diabetes. This is important. And thank you so much for supporting it, and it is the beginning of something good for this community to prevent kids from turning into adults with diabetes and complications in all people. I could not -- we could not make this happen without my partner in crime, which you heard from first, 'cause me and Maggie are connected at the hip. But my other partner in crime in this initiative is Dr. Ann Levett and Dr. Lewis and their team, and so I'd like to give them a moment to speak, and thank you again Chairman and the Board.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

Dr. Ann Levett said, good morning.

Commissioner Thomas said, good morning.

Commissioner Holmes said, good morning.

Dr. Levett said, we are delighted to be a partner, an active partner in this effort. Certainly as the major source for educating children and families, we proudly serve more than 38,000, so we would be the natural partners in this effort. Our schools daily serve and connect with parent -- with families of children who have diabetes. It is a matter of course for us which says that it is indeed a problem. So we're delighted to partner with Memorial Health on this. I could not do it without certainly a fine team of people, Dr. Angie Lewis, who is the director -- senior director for the office of college and career readiness. So you can see that connection there, that certainly we're working in every way and partnering with many organizations in the community to ensure that our children are indeed college and career ready, including those who happen to be Type 1 diabetes students. So it's an active effort. This is our year for awareness. We thank you for your support. We thank Memorial for their leadership. It is definitely a personal issue for many of us, and it is -- it is because of that personal mission and that passion that we have made it indeed a primary focus for this year. It certainly helps so we can say that the Commission of the County joins us in that effort. It certainly does draw attention. We recognize that many people come before you. We appreciate very much again your support. Thank you.

Ms. Gill said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, before you leave, I -- I know I have at least one question or comment. Commissioner Holmes from the 2nd.

Commissioner Holmes said, Ms. McGill [sic], Ms. Chatman, thank you. Thank you so much for the work that you all are doing at Memorial, and I must say, I think I met your daughter out at the park. But I heard about this bad disease from my wife. She constantly comes home and talks about this in a way that was alarming to me. Now to hear you all now putting some plans of action together to see if we can stamp out and defeat this disease, and every time I look around, when ladies are involved, and I keep saying this every time I look around when a bunch of ladies and a group of ladies get together, they make things happen. So I have no doubt, Ms. Chatman, that you stand strong. Tell your daughter to stand strong, because you having some people to stand with you to defeat this.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you so much. I did hear the 14th, and I hear the 16th --

Chairman Scott said, 6th.

Commissioner Holmes said, what date is it?

Ms. Chatman said, the national -- nationally recognized is November 14th.

Commissioner Holmes said, the 14th.

Ms. Chatman said, we will have our event in the school system November 16th.

Commissioner Holmes said, 16th. Okay. Thanks.

Ms. Chatman said, so you were right on both dates.

Commissioner Holmes said, all righty.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Commissioner Shabazz of the 5th.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes. Good morning.

Ms. Gill said, good morning.

Commissioner Thomas said, good morning.

Commissioner Shabazz said, I really appreciate your -- your level of service and -- and your name?

Ms. Chatman said, Mary.

Commissioner Shabazz said, Ms. Mary. I felt your presentation. It came straight from the heart. I felt it. And I want to know, you came before the County Board this morning --

Commissioner Farrell said, his mike's not on.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- so did you come just to give us information, you came for further assistance or -- tell us what you -- what can we do?

Ms. Chatman said, well, we came this morning to -- to kick off what we hope to be a long-term effort to stamp out Type 1 diabetes.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

Ms. Chatman said, so today we ask for your support in us kicking off the initiative. But as Commissioner Holmes said, you know, we are not shy people.

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Ms. Chatman said, and so as we begin this journey to make sure that we do this in a way that's strategic and lasts for a very long time and get a lot of people interested and educated about the disease --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

Ms. Chatman said, we may request additional support.

Ms. Gill said, that's why we want to thank the Commission for recognizing the day, the moment and the month in terms of the proclamation because we're trying to shine a light on this disease, and we believe that probably this disease is under diagnosed. So the more we can educate, partner with the school system, help people manage their disease and work towards a cure, that's why we're here today is to raise awareness, and you're helping to do so.

Commissioner Shabazz said, thank you. And, you know, I -- I'd just like to say I thank God for all of you, and may God continue to bless you individually and in your efforts because it's a serious -- very serious -- serious condition. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, our Vice Chair Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are so happy that you're here this morning to share with all of us the importance of what you're doing, and the significant difference that you are making in our community. I can certainly attest to what you are saying and what you are doing because the Summer Bonanza Partnership, Inc. children are a part of this, and the reason why we are a part of it is because of what you just said. There -- there's a growing number of children that are going unnoticed that have the disease, have diabetes. Many families, they -- they don't even realize what's going on.

Ms. Gill said, that's right.

Commissioner Thomas said, I know in my family, my family -- it runs rampant in my family. I lost two relatives to diabetes, so I'm very, very much, you know, concerned about that. I deal with relatives every day making sure, you know, that they're doing what they're supposed to do in terms of their insulin levels and so forth and so on. So the two basic things that you have, you know, shared with us this morning, and if the community that are listening this morning and those of you who are in the audience, if you don't gather anything this morning other than the fact that you need to become educated and to help those who have it to manage. Those are very two important components. To the mother here, be steadfast. All is going to be well with your daughter, and I look forward to our continued support with your group as we work with children in Chatham County.

Ms. Gill said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you so very much.

Chairman Scott said, Commissioner Kicklighter of the 7th.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. First I'll just thank y'all to all of you out there, and yeah, that was -- that was very moving, what you talked about, I mean, for God sakes, that's your child, so that's very moving. But what I want to say is that a way I think we might be able to actually help is if y'all ever do a video, like a public service announcement, remember, we have that government channel, 16, and maybe we can run -- run it on that possibly, and that away it will help just get the word out more. So --

Commissioner Thomas said, that's a great idea.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- but I appreciate everything that y'all are doing. Thank you.

Ms. Gill said, great idea. Thank you. Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, great idea.

Chairman Scott said, again, thank you so much for coming.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Ms. Chatman said, thank you.

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3. VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION.

Chairman Scott said, at this time I'm going to recognize our HR Manager, Ms. Carolyn Smalls, for a Veteran's Day -- what do you want to call it? Program?

Ms. Carolyn Smalls said, program. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, carry on.

Ms. Smalls said, thank you. Good morning Mr. Chairman and Commissioners as has been said, next Wednesday, November 11th is Veteran's Day. County offices will be closed in commemoration of that holiday. We are very pleased in Chatham County to have 265 employees who are veterans of the U.S. Armed Services. All the branches are represented, and some of them have actually served in more than one branch of the armed services. We have other employees who have served in both active duty, as well as members of the Reserves and the National Guard. Nearly every county em -- department is represented, and we're very proud of our veterans, and we want to show our support and appreciation to them. So on this coming Monday, November 9th, at 11:00 o'clock right here in the Commission Chambers, we are having a short program to salute our employees who are veterans and to thank them for their service. Now, I'm inviting all of you to attend that event. I know our veterans would be very appreciative of your support, and to our employees who are veterans who may be watching, you have all be extended an invitation to attend this event. Many of you have already indicated you will be here, so we hope that all of you will come out to this event being held in your honor.

Ms. Smalls said, so during the program we will have the Savannah-Chatham Color Guard to help us kick off the program. The Savannah Arts Academy choir will be here to perform for us, and also the Savannah State University Junior ROTC will be here to perform for us, and then a short reception will follow the program. So we're really excited about this event to salute and honor our veterans, and again, we invite all of you to come out and celebrate our veterans with us. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, we don't have anything under Chairman --

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VII. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, -- or Commissioner Items.

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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 (*)

1. **AT THE BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2015, A PORTION OF ITEM IX-1, BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015, WAS TABLED. THAT PORTION IS SHOWN BELOW IN *ITALICS AND BOLD*. TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015: 2) *IN THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND TRANSFER \$120,000 FROM CONTINGENCIES TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET.***

Chairman Scott said, we have one tabled item that we are not going to take any action on at this time.

AGENDA ITEM: VII-1
AGENDA DATE: November 6, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

Summary report on tabled portion of the omnibus report from the meeting of October 23, 2015.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. At the Board meeting of October 23, 2015, a portion of Item IX-1, budget amendments and transfers for Fiscal Year 2015, was tabled. That portion is shown below in italics and bold.

To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers for Fiscal Year 2015: **2) *in the Special Service District Fund transfer \$120,000 from Contingencies to the Police Department Budget.***

ALTERNATIVES:

Item tabled for Board consideration.

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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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. **CHAIRMAN'S VETO OF ACTION TAKEN BY BOARD AT MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2015.**

That the county end any and all negotiations/discussions with the City of Savannah regarding a merged police department effective immediately and hereby instruct the County Manager to notify in writing the City of Savannah that the County withdrew it's offer and that no more negotiations regarding a merged department will take place. In addition, this motion instructs the County Manager to immediately begin the process of hiring a fully staffed police department, acquire all the needed vehicles, weapons and everything else that's needed, and to have a goal to have all of this in place by the date that the current agreement actually expires.

Chairman Scott said, that moves us to Individual Action Items. The first item deals with the Chairman's veto of the Action that the Board took on October 23, 2015, and this is to afford the members of the Board an opportunity if they so wish to override the Chairman's veto. If there's a motion, I'll entertain it.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman, I don't have a motion, but I have a comment.

Chairman Scott said, let's see if there's a motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, we may -- we may as well put it in a motion form.

Chairman Scott said, if there's a motion --

Commissioner Center said, no.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I -- I -- okay.

Chairman Scott said, is there a motion? Hearing no motion, then the Chairman's veto stands.

Commissioner Center said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, what purpose does the Commissioner ask to be recognized?

Commissioner Center said, I -- I'd like to have the floor to speak on this -- this issue, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, this issue is no longer on the floor. I can recognize you for --

Commissioner Center said, then I would like -- I would like a -- I'd like a point of personal --

Chairman Scott said, -- a point of personal privilege.

Commissioner Center said, a point of personal privilege would be fine. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE -- COMMISSIONER CENTER

Commissioner Center said, I wanted to speak on this because I want the public who's here and watching television to understand where we stand today, and we have conversations in the Green Room, preliminary, which is open to the public, but we don't have cameras in there and access for everybody to be in, so I wanted to bring some of those discussions that we had this morning out here. I want to start out firstly by telling Commissioner Holmes that the County Attorney and I agree 99 percent of the time. When we disagree, we disagree. I -- I have read the statute that concerns when to veto, and it's my opinion that any veto should be brought at the next regular meeting after the Chairman returns his veto. Today you returned the veto. It's my position that at the next meeting we would vote whether or not to overturn that veto.

Commissioner Center said, but given Georgia law, I think it's moot whether or not we return the veto. It's very clear under Georgia law that acceptance of an offer must be unconditional, unequivocal, and without variance of any sort. Any communication that varies even one term of the original offer is a counter offer. A counter offer is a rejection of the original offer and terminates the power to accept that offer. As the Georgia Supreme Court ruled, the initial offer is no longer outstanding and cannot later be accepted unless renewed -- unless it's renewed after rejection by the original offer. A counter offer is as a matter of law a rejection of the original offer, and it immediately nullifies the original offer and any subsequent performance could not unilaterally breathe life into the then non-existing original offer. I have a chronology. Mr. County Manager, could I put this on the screen so people could follow it, please?

County Manager Smith said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, Mr. Center, please be advised now you only have ten minutes.

Commissioner Center said, oh I'll be -- I'll be much quicker than that.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, and -- and you've used three already.

Commissioner Center said, I'll be quick.

Chairman Scott said, okay.

Commissioner Center said, thank you. It's a little bit crooked, but thank you. And this is so people at home can see, and -- and if you'll stay there, 'cause you may have to slide it up for me. This is a chronology of the last occurring events. On August 20, the City Council approved an SCMPD Intergovernmental Agreement with added conditions to what we had sent them. On September 11, the County Commission approved a nearly identical agreement, but we removed the paragraph that's listed there on August 20. On October 23, the County Commission voted to withdraw all offers, end negotiations, staff it's only police force, and that was the veto that

the Chairman just read. On that same day the City Council met in an emergency meeting, and they approved the following motion: to approve the County's September 11th, 2015 merger agreement subject to --- subject to additional conditions. Six days later City Council approved the previous September 11 without any conditions. Per the cases I just read to you in Georgia law, City Council's October 23 subject to vote was a counter offer and as a matter of law rejected and nullified the County's September 11th offer. The City Council's subsequent October 29 action could not unilaterally breathe life into the -- into the then nullified and non-existent September 11 offer.

Commissioner Center said, so, if the veto -- whether or not we're right on the veto being overruled today or next week, it doesn't matter. If the veto stands, where we are now is we have no agreement but we have an offer from the City that has to be approved by this Committee by five votes. This -- the majority directed the County Manager to stand down and build up their own police force. That's been vetoed, so I'll let the County Manager figure out where he stands on that now, but we still have no agreement with the City of Savannah until this Commission approves the October 29 vote, which is now the City's offer. Thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Scott said, okay. Item two on the Action Calendar. We don't have anything on the floor to discuss. Nobody made a motion. There's no second. That means the veto stands, and --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'll hold a press conference as soon as this thing's over then.

Commissioner Farrell said, you -- I'd like to ask for a point -- point of -- point of personal privilege, and I think that's what Commissioner --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Commissioner Center said, Kicklighter.

Commissioner Farrell said, Dean Kicklighter is asking for.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, so --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, it is.

Chairman Scott said, that's correct. If you had made a motion and it would have been on the floor, we could have discussed it, but I'll recognize you for a point of personal privilege. Is -- is that --

Commissioner Farrell said, I would like to be recognized, but I -- I would like to defer to Mr. Kicklighter since he initiated the -- you know, I think he had some --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I would appreciate it.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- comments he'd like to make publicly.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Scott said, yes. You -- you're recognized for a point of personal privilege.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE -- COMMISSIONER KICKLIGHTER

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to make it very clear for the public that go to CBS, Channel 46, July 7th, 2014. It was on there that it would take 18 months for the department -- department to officially separate under the terms of the merger agreement. They said if that happens, there are two options going forward. One, revitalization of the old Chatham County Police; two, sheriff's office could take over patrolling the unincorporated areas of Chatham County. CBS 5, October 1st, 2014, updated October 31st, 2014, Chatham County sent a letter to the city government on Wednesday notifying the city the county government is beginning the 18-month process of with -- withdrawing from the Savannah-Chatham Metro police merger. Since then -- since that date, since the 18-month notice was actually given, other than the Commission approving the request from staff to obtain the services of a search firm to start looking for a new chief, there is nothing after listening to Commissioner Center down there, there is nothing legally in place, except the prior instructions to have a police department ready at the end of that 18-month period. I would suggest and make this recommendation very clear at this point for the sheriff's department, because it's I know your sworn duty to protect the county and that you -- when the Chatham County police department was originally created how many ever years back, you allowed that to happen and gave up patrolling in the area. I would recommend to the sheriff's department, get ready. It's your elected duty to patrol areas that are not patrolled, and in light of

this veto, in which I do not agree with whatsoever, we're on our way to having an area that's not covered unless the Manager follows the prior instructions which are very clear.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I would also encourage the City of Savannah to move -- move forward quickly with your plans to how you are going to patrol these Savannah areas in West Chatham County that sit on the outlying areas. You might want to start talking with Pooler right now about paying them to police that area for you. We are coming to an end on this merger. The veto was pointless. That's why I had no problem not opposing the veto, because instructions have been made very clear, and we will be de -- de-merging in six months or less at this point. So my advice, not instructions that can be misconstrued into a -- something that can be vetoed, my advice is to, Mr. Manager, get ready, and have us ready, 'cause we're -- we're -- we're not merged, and -- and we're not going to be merged, and -- so I hope you're ready, 'cause that's the last approved instructions from this body. Thank you.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE -- COMMISSIONER FARRELL

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 4th.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Much has happened, much has been said in the last two weeks since we met here fourteen days ago. So I wanted to make a few statements. I want to speak directly to the unincorporated residents of Chatham County. There's 85,000 of you. I represent 32,000 roughly, directly. I want to point out that on September of 2014 the nine Commissioners sitting here today, plus -- the -- the eight Commissioners sitting here today plus Lori Brady unanimously voted to end the merger agreement as it existed -- has existed for approximately 12 or 13 years. The County Manager was instructed to prepare to stand up the Chatham County Police Department in September 2014. As I recall in December of 2014 the County Manager was ready to hire a police chief, and they figured that that was the first step in getting this police department started. It is now November of 2015, and I have not seen any movement of any significance towards hiring that police chief.

Commissioner Farrell said, it's my recollection that in addition to unanimously deciding to end the merger, that we instructed the County Manager to keep an open mind if there was a merger deal out there that we would consider it. So, somewhere along the line -- somewhere along the line, the original intent of the unanimous decision has apparently been neglected and all effort was put on negotiations just from sitting on that -- looking at actions only that are tangible. So, I'm not sure but the March 31st, 2016th, deadline for having the complete ending of this department, I'm very concerned about what steps have been taken thus far to provide adequate police services. I feel like doing nothing is not an option. I was assured for months after September of 2014th that we had time, we had time, we can make this happen. The latest I heard was we can make it happen if I start now, but it will probably be July of 2016. So that tells me that we're at least 90 days going to miss our deadline. To me, that is not the kind of news that I want to hear when a staff has been directed by nine Commissioners to have a police department ready on March 31st of 2016, that I need another 90 days. Is 18 months not enough time or is something else going on? I'm not sure. Others will have to answer those questions.

Commissioner Farrell said, I am assured that staff took the appropriate steps to come up with an action plan to do this and budgeted in a way that this can be done, and I feel certain that it can be done without a millage increase to you 85,000 people that may or may not own property and be affected by a millage rate increase. I don't think that there's any call for a millage increase to stand up a new police department. There was an emergency budget workshop that was held last week in which it states that assuming that none of the materials that -- that we have purchased in -- in conjunction with the City of Savannah would be coming back to us, that it may take as much as three extra million dollars to buy the necessary equipment to stand up a first class police department. There is adequate fund balance and budgeting to address that situation. So, I want to make that perfectly clear.

Commissioner Farrell said, now, where we stand going forward here is kind of a conundrum. As Commissioner Kicklighter has pointed out that we have no merger deal, so lacking that, my advice to staff would be to stand up the police department as instructed by nine Commissioners, because that's what's on the table right now, has been for over a year, and negotiating with a hope and a prayer as a business person, who's been in business for himself since he was 18 years old is no way to move the dial. Staff clearly illuminated on day one where the deficiencies were with this police merger. It is my understanding that while we neglected to seriously set up a police department for these last 13 months, that we have basically bargained away every -- nearly everything that we put out there in essence. So we have -- we're -- if we agree with what's been proposed, we're basically -- have just gone in one big circle and have really moved the merger agreement nowhere. We're -- we're -- we've got -- we've still got some hope and some prayer if this thing passed that it might get a little better, but we've got to spend more money on a consultant to do the accounting, which both the City of Savannah and the Chatham County already have a whole group of CPAs that can do this type accounting. So, I feel like that hiring a consultant and hiding behind his results is neglecting to use the resources that we already have budgeted for in the accounting departments of both -- both of these organizations.

Commissioner Shabazz said, seventeen minutes -- seven minute.

Commissioner Farrell said, so, I believe that two weeks ago five Commissioners voted on a motion that simply stated the same thing that nine Commissioners stated 13 months ago, which was stand up this police department and stop the negotiations because they are -- we have spent an extraordinarily amount of time negotiating, and we have no tangible results in our hands, and at some point, this Commission has to get over the fact that -- that we have irreconcilable differences with our partners and that we -- would be in the best interest of the unincorporated area citizens to have their own police department, where the County Manager and his staff would have direct input on who the police chief is, how many police officers there are, what they get paid, what equipment they have, what their hours are, and we could stand up a first class police department. There was no vacancies, save one off -- one ranked official when this police department de-merged -- or merged into the city. So I think that we have enormous potential to set up a first class police department that would serve the citizens of Chatham unincorporated area. It would have no deleterious effect on the City of Savannah. They have a police department. They have a great chief. They have a dedicated police force. It would probably be to their improvement to not have to worry about another 85,000 people and concentrate on the core of their city to -- to get the apparent crimes increase that we've had lately down to a more manageable level, and I thank you for the point of personal privilege to express my views.

Chairman Scott said, oh, you're welcome. Commissioner Stone, what purpose are you?

Commissioner Stone said, same. Personal point of privilege. But not very long.

Chairman Scott said, you could have simplified it if you made a motion, but go ahead.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE -- COMMISSIONER STONE

Commissioner Stone said, okay. Thank you. So I just need a little clarification here. We're operating under the existing framework, is that correct? Is that -- will that be correct?

County Attorney Hart said, no.

County Manager Smith said, no.

County Attorney Hart said, no.

Chairman Scott said, you're -- you're -- a point of personal privilege Ms. -- is a statement from you.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Chairman Scott said, not a question to staff.

Commissioner Stone said, all right. Then that's -- I'll get the question answered later.

Chairman Scott said, yeah.

Commissioner Stone said, I don't want to lose sight of the fact that we may have and will have some new City Council members and what their reaction to this merger might be. So I -- I will ask the questions that I need answers to after the meeting, I guess, and then -- when we adjourn. But I would like to know what steps are going to be put in place to be prepared for whatever comes next. I think that's already been stated, but we need to realize that we're not going to have the same existing City Council. There will be some new members, and they may have some different ideas and some different input. Thank you.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1

AGENDA DATE: November 6, 2015



INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: October 28, 2015

TO: Chatham County Board of commissioners
Lee Smith, County Manager
Janice Bocook, County Clerk

FROM: Albert J. Scott, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

SUBJECT: Veto of Action Taken at October 23rd Meeting

This is to inform you of my decision to veto the action taken by a simple majority of the Commission at our regular scheduled meeting on Friday, October 23rd, that instructed the County Manager to notify in writing the City of Savannah that the County withdrew its offer and that no more negotiations regarding a merged department will take place. In addition, this motion instructs the County Manger to immediately begin the process of hiring a fully staffed police department, acquire all the needed vehicles, weapons and everything else that's needed, and to have a goal to have all of this in place by the date that the current agreement actually expires.

First, if implemented it would completely ignore our Fund Balance Policy, and it would deplete the Fund Balance in the Special Service District and would require a tax increase in taxes in the SSD or we would risk the County's AA Bond Rating. The Fund Balance, or Reserve Fund, is intended for emergencies and should not be used for any other reason.

Secondly, this action would violate the County's Zero Base Budgeting Policy. I know of no augments that could be made that would support such total disregard for a policy that is in its third year of implementation.

Lastly, Chatham County is in the first year of developing a Strategic Blueprint for the community, and if the SSD would like to see a free standing police department this plan will indicate that. Also, this action does not take into consideration what's in the best interest of the total community and the timeline would be impossible to meet.

C: Jonathan Hart, County Attorney
Linda Cramer, Assistant County Manager
Michael Kaigler, Assistant County Manager

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2. TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: 1) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O: a) TRANSFER \$8,500 FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT BUDGET; 2) IN THE SALES TAX V FUND TRANSFER \$150,000 FROM THE RESERVE FOR UNINCORPORATED COUNTY SIDEWALKS PROJECT TO THE MARINE PATROL FACILITY OR EQUIPMENT PROJECT; AND 3) IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$10,000 FOR A DONATION TO THE WELLNESS PROGRAM FROM COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE.

Chairman Scott said, next on the agenda is Item 2 on the Action -- Individual Action. This is to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: in the General Fund M&O: transfer \$8,500 from Contingency to Human Resources Budget; 2) in the Sales Tax V Fund transfer \$150,000 from the Reserve for Unincorporated County Sidewalks Project to the Marine Patrol Facility or Equipment Project; and 3) in the Health Insurance Fund increase revenues and expenditures by \$10,000 for a donation to the Wellness Program from Colonial Life Insurance. Do we have a motion?

Commissioner Thomas said, so moved --

Commissioner Center said, so moved, Mr . --

Commissioner Thomas said, -- Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Center said, I second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion? Any unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Item two is passed.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund M&O: a) transfer \$8,500 from Contingency to the Human Resources Department Budget; 2) in the Sales Tax V Fund transfer \$150,000 from the Reserve for Unincorporated County Sidewalks Project to the Marine Patrol Facility or Equipment Project; and 3) in the Health Insurance Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$10,000 for a donation to the Wellness Program from Colonial Life Insurance. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: November 6, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Amy Davis, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) in the General Fund M&O: a) transfer \$8,500 from Contingency to the Human Resources Department Budget; 2) in the Sales Tax V Fund transfer \$150,000 from the Reserve for Unincorporated County Sidewalks Project to the Marine Patrol Facility or Equipment Project; and 3) in the Health Insurance Fund increase revenues and expenditures \$10,000 for a donation to the Wellness Program from Colonial Life Insurance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Human Resources Director has requested an \$8,500 contingency transfer to cover the cost of an ID card system. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
2. The County Engineer has requested modifications in the Sales Tax V Fund. Correspondence is attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
3. Ed Wilson and Eddie Wilson of Colonial Life Insurance donated \$10,000 to the Chatham County Wellness program at the September 25, 2015 Board meeting. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Health Insurance Fund are attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

FUNDING:

Funds are available in the General Fund M&O and the Sales Tax V Fund. The budget amendment will establish funds in the Health Insurance Fund for the Wellness Program.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

Transfer \$8,500 from contingency to the Human Resources Department budget for an ID card printer system.

SALES TAX V FUND

Transfer funds among projects as outlined in the memorandum attached (to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).

HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

1. Increase revenues \$10,000 for a donation to the Wellness Program.
 2. Increase expenditures \$10,000 in the Wellness Program.
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 approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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3. **BOARD CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM THE NOISE ORDINANCE TO ACCOMMODATE LIVE MUSIC AT COCOA'S DESSERT BAR, 4 WILMINGTON ISLAND ROAD, FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2015. [DISTRICT 4.]**

Chairman Scott said, Item 3, Board consideration of a request --

Commissioner Center said, are we still on Item One or Item Two? We -- did we do Item Two?

Commissioner Farrell said, they've got them renumbered.

Commissioner Center said, oh, you renumbered them. I'm sorry. I missed that. I apologize. My bad.

Chairman Scott said, Item Three, Board consideration of a request for variance from the noise ordinance to accommodate live music at Cocoa Dessert Bar, 4 Wilmington Island Road, for November 14th, 2015. This is in the 4th District, and it was before us last year, and it's the same request this year. Is there a motion?

Commissioner Center said, I -- I move that we -- we grant the request.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Scott said, any unreadiness? Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The variance have been granted.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the request for variance from the noise ordinance to accommodate live music at Cocoa's Dessert Bar, 4 Wilmington island Road, for November 14, 2015. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3
AGENDA DATE: November 6, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Gregori S. Anderson, Director
 Building Safety and Regulatory Services
SUBJECT: Cocoa's Dessert Bar Noise Variance

ISSUE:

Request for variance from the noise ordinance to accommodate an outdoor crowd. Petitioner: **Carol Gwen Schneider, d/b/a Cocoa's Dessert Bar**, located at **4 Wilmington Island Road, Savannah, Georgia 31410 on November 14, 2015.**

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The subject establishment has a valid Tax Certificate for a full service restaurant, live entertainment and an alcoholic beverage license.
2. The Chatham County Noise Ordinance limits sound in business zoning districts to sixty-five (65) decibels at all times of the day or night.
3. The submitted request is to obtain a variance to allow (80) decibels on November 14, 2015 from 5:00 pm. - 10:00 p.m. (See attached to the original staff report in the Clerk of Commission's meeting file).
4. The variance is allowed for temporary duration, for a specific time and date.
5. Applicant advised to be present.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve variance request for November 14, 2015.
2. Disapprove variance request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The ordinance allows the granting of a variance by the Board of Commissioner.

RECOMMENDATION:

Board consideration.

District 4

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4. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AN ESCROW AGREEMENT TO HOLD A DEED CONVEYING ADDITIONAL PROPERTY FROM THE DEVELOPER TO CHATHAM COUNTY (1.64 ACRES) TO BECOME PART OF SLIP ONE MARINA AND ALLOW THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO OBTAIN A SECURITY INTEREST ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY FOR THE CASH AMOUNT OF \$200,000 TO BE PUT UP BY THE DEVELOPER TO SECURE**

ENGINEERING DESIGN COST FOR THE OUTER BULKHEAD ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COUNTY AND NEEDED FOR THE MARINA.

Chairman Scott said, Item Four, to request Board approval for the Chairman to execute an escrow agreement to hold a deed conveying additional property from the Developer to the Chatham County to become part of the Slip One Marina and allow the County Attorney to obtain security interest on behalf of the County for the cash amount of \$200,000 to be put up for the Developer to secure engineering design cost for the outer bulkhead on property owned by the County and needed for the marina.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second. Any discussion?

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, I recognize the Commissioner from the 3rd and the Commissioner from the 5th in that order, please.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I'm going to ask staff, can y'all explain this to me slowly so I can understand it?

County Manager Smith said, sure.

County Attorney Hart said, sure. Be --

Commissioner Center said, and -- and also tell me the names of the parties involved. Thank you.

County Attorney Hart said, okay. It's -- it's Savannah Harbor Associates, LLC, which is a Georgia Limited Liability company that is composed of a number of individual entities, including CSX Realty Development, LLC, and if you face the Westin hotel's front -- well, if you -- looking back to the Westin --

Commissioner Center said, east.

County Attorney Hart said, -- hotel from the river, the Slip One is the area that's to the right, and it's the former -- former remnant of a much larger slip.

Commissioner Center said, it's closer to the ocean. It's the east side, right?

County Attorney Hart said, yes. Yes, sir.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

County Attorney Hart said, and so basically this development group owns -- is -- is going to develop contiguous property further east of the slip into a multi-use situation, and they also intend to develop the marina and -- or the slip, and the county owns the slip in fee. In addition to that, they are going to -- to deed the county 1.64 acres, and if you turn to page four on your staff report, you can see the curved piece that's added on. That's the 1.6 acres that's going to be given to the county. That will be dug out, dredged, whatever you want to call it, and turned into an -- an extended portion of the slip so that the slip can a) accommodate more boats --

Commissioner Center said, Mr. -- Mr. County Attorney, can -- can I ask you a question here? I see that 1.6 is -- is the marina portion or the ocean portion left of that bold line already owned by the county? Do we own water? Or --

County Attorney Hart said, we own the slip and the water --

County Manager Smith said, no.

Commissioner Center said, the slip is basically --

County Attorney Hart said, well, not the water, but we own the bottom, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, it's one of the rare situations where the county outright owns that versus the state.

Commissioner Center said, so we own the bottom, and we're going to extend it according to this further to the right. That's what we're getting?

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

County Attorney Hart said, and they're going to give us that 1.63 [sic] acres that right now, if they didn't give us they could develop.

Commissioner Center said, that's what I wanted -- why are they giving it to us?

County Attorney Hart said, 'cause they want a bigger marina.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Center said, okay. And we have to own it? They can't own a portion of it or what?

County Attorney Hart said, well, we -- we're going to own the bulk -- the -- the -- we're not going to give up title to the slip, okay? And we're going to develop a bulkhead around it to keep the, you know, from -- the land from sloughing off into the slip. So we got to design that, and they recognize that we've got to design that, and at the same time they fully intend to go forward, but maybe they -- what happens if they don't.

Commissioner Center said, that -- that's my question. Why does the county -- I'm -- I'm not opposing it, but I'm trying -- why does the county have to be the one that designs it? If they owned it, why couldn't they just do that?

County Attorney Hart said, because we -- we own the bulkhead.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, and we have -- have to deal with our bulkhead and make sure our bulkhead is -- is secure. In addition to that, we will incur some costs in designing that, and this design to some extent meets their requested specifications. So, what we're going to do with their -- their agreement, and they have been extremely cooperative, they're going to put up the \$200,000 in a security interest saying that if by chance you spend \$200,000, which we think's pretty -- probably got a little fudge factor in there, but that's about what it's going to take to design that bulkhead, that, if by chance, you design it, and then we don't build the project, the county won't be out any money. It will just take the security interest that it has, the \$200,000 cash, pay back itself, and then you'll have a design that maybe somebody uses, maybe somebody doesn't.

Commissioner Center said, what -- what happens and hypothetically, it ends up costing 300,000? What would -- who would -- who would pay that?

County Attorney Hart said, well, there -- there's -- there's risk in everything. I mean the County Engineer is here, but we feel pretty comfortable that we can -- I mean we've done bulkheads, so we -- we feel pretty --

Commissioner Center said, but -- but -- but there's a risk to the county if that happened?

County Attorney Hart said, sure. There's risk in everything --

Commissioner Center said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, -- we do, but, you -- you know, you've marginalized the risk about as close to --

Chairman Scott said, but it would have to be approved by this Commission if it exceeds that.

Commissioner Center said, I -- I understand, but --

County Manager Smith said, sure.

County Attorney Hart said, sure. Yeah. It -- we wouldn't go -- go spend \$300,000 when we know we've only got \$200,000 of money without coming to you and telling you, and then you'd have a decision.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Center said, I understand that, I'm just asking you, we had the Turner Boat Ramp that was a -- a fix, but the -- the engineers paid for it. We never know what's going to happen when you start building something.

County Manager Smith said, correct.

Commissioner Center said, and I just wanted to understand.

County Attorney Hart said, well, it -- it -- you're correct. We wouldn't do this on a build.

Commissioner Center said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, that's why we're doing it on a design.

Commissioner Center said, all right.

County Attorney Hart said, and if -- if construction started, and -- and there was unforeseen conditions with the site, it may run up costs, you'd have to have -- they -- they'd have to adjust their con -- construction contract accordingly, including the cost to redesign, but that wouldn't affect us.

Commissioner Center said, all right. They'd have to come back to us maybe if it --

County Attorney Hart said, well if they changed the -- the lookout of the plans, we would obviously want them to come back and say, hey, we -- we're going to give you more land, less land, or we're going to change it, and here's why. And if they've got a good reason, then, you know, staff's probably going to support the reason. Thus far these people have been absolutely nothing but cooperative with us. So.

Commissioner Center said, and -- and -- and we're very comfortable with 200,000, and that's been a liberal estimate, so to speak.

County Manager Smith said, well, I -- Mr. Chairman, can I ask Leon Davenport, the Engineer, to step up just a moment and just give us a couple more details about it, because this is a big project, you know.

County Engineer Leon Davenport said, yes, Commissioner, I mean, we -- the Board voted to award a contract to Hussey, Gay in order to do the design. Again, this is just for the design. The design is much more solid than -- than anything else. We already have an environmental permit through the Corps of Engineers, which would probably be the more problematic part of any project like this. That's really the unknown when we get into designing anything in this -- in this part of the world. But from a construction standpoint and the design we've got, I'm very comfortable with the cost. I don't see us exceeding. I think our contract right now with Hussey, Gay is 199 and change, and so, we -- we -- we should be okay.

County Attorney Hart said, and -- and we -- we -- the Engineer brings up a -- a very important point, we have the permit, okay?

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

County Attorney Hart said, nobody else is going to get one of these permits, and if we don't develop this thing, we're not going to have the permit, and if we don't get the permit and start this thing, then there will never be anything on Slip One.

County Manager Smith said, too hard to get.

Chairman Scott said, okay. All right. The Commissioner from the 5th District had a question.

Commissioner Shabazz said, yes.

County Manager Smith said, thank you.

Commissioner Center said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Scott said, you're welcome.

Commissioner Shabazz said, this is -- what is the County's interest in this?

County Attorney Hart said, the County's interest in this is a) we own the slip; b) we'd like to see it developed; c) we haven't got to put up the money for the design nor the cost. You've got a third party putting in private funds to develop a public entity, and we would like to have a marina slip downtown to add to the -- the amenities that are available to folks that like to visit Savannah, and there's a market out there apparently, according to the market studies, for people who -- who have the larger vessels to be able to dock their boats there on a permanent basis that have permanent crews --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

County Attorney Hart said, -- that spend permanent money and that pay fees. We're very advantageously located in that we're midway between Miami and -- and New York. So, a lot of the people that have that type of ability would be there. In addition to that, there's plenty of people that own boats in this county that would probably take advantage of it.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Multi-use. You had mentioned something --

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shabazz said, -- concerning multi-use.

County Attorney Hart said, sure.

Commissioner Shabazz said, and --

County Attorney Hart said, this is a mix --

Commissioner Shabazz said, hold -- hold -- hold.

County Attorney Hart said, excuse me.

Commissioner Shabazz said, first of all, do we own the property?

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir, the slip.

Chairman Scott said, just the slip.

County Manager Smith said, the slip itself.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. That's another thing. What is a slip? What is a bulkhead? These -- these are terms that I have no idea what they are.

County Attorney Hart said, okay. If you look at the Westin --

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

County Attorney Hart said, -- standing in front of it, looking back from the river and you look to the right, you will see a large carved out space of Hutchinson Island.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, and those -- back in the 1700, 1800s that was the -- where all the industrial complex in the City of Savannah stood. And that's where all the exports and imports came, and they had these slips where the boats would tie up.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Attorney Hart said, and over the years, as the Georgia Port Authority developed, those became less and less and less in use. And when we developed the Westin, as a matter of fact, we had to fill in one of those slips --

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

County Attorney Hart said, -- or -- or the con -- the convention center, excuse me, that's not the -- not the Westin. And at this point we had the remnants of two additional slips over there that are very valuable resources, a) because we own them; b) because we own the -- the permit to be able to develop those. Getting a marina permit is not an easy thing to do. The problem is you've got to have the resource base in which to develop the thing.

Commissioner Shabazz said, mm-hmm.

County Attorney Hart said, and so what this is -- is a design to take the existing slip, enlarge it, and to make it a truly fine marina project.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay. Is this a public/private partnership type deal?

County Manager Smith said, yes.

County Attorney Hart said, to -- to some extent, yes --

Commissioner Shabazz said, so someone else is going to --

County Attorney Hart said, -- but it's 100 percent private money other than we're going to have a lease with them --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, in which they will give part of the revenue back to us. The lease will probably not be -- it's still yet to be negotiated, and there's some things we've got to work on --

Commissioner Shabazz said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, -- because they've got a continuing obligation for dredge, which is very expensive.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Shabazz said, you -- you -- you mentioned that this is a -- a big project.

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Shabazz said, so in terms of the -- the -- the magnitude of this project, what's the dollar amount on it?

County Attorney Hart said, I -- I don't know exactly. We're only going to be involved in the marina portion, okay? Everything to the right of the marina as -- as you look at this map is going to be the private -- on private property with private developers with private money, and we don't have an interest in that other than to make sure they meet all the building requirements, and they're properly zoned and that type of thing.

Chairman Scott said, yeah, CSX Realty owns --

Commissioner Shabazz said, okay.

County Manager Smith said, yes.

Chairman Scott said, -- owns that property. And --

County Attorney Hart said, the railroad's not going anywhere.

Commissioner Shabazz said, all right.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. We're just dealing with --

Commissioner Shabazz said, so we're going to benefit from it?

County Manager Smith said, oh, yes.

County Attorney Hart said, big time.

Commissioner Center said, we --

County Manager Smith said, particularly if you can site us those larger crafts here, that's good money.

Chairman Scott said, we have a -- we have a motion and a second on the floor. Any further discussion?

Commissioner Center said, we don't have any Commissioners have any interest in that, do we?

County Manager Smith said, no.

County Attorney Hart said, hmm-mm.

County Manager Smith said, hmm-mm. No, sir.

Chairman Scott said, no further discussion or unreadiness. All in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no.

Commissioner Center said, and -- and thank you for the explanation. I did understand it.

County Attorney Hart said, you're welcome.

Chairman Scott said, motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved for approval for the Chairman to execute an escrow agreement to hold a deed conveying additional property from the Developer to Chatham County (1.64 Acres) to become part of Slip One Marina and allow the County Attorney to obtain a security interest on behalf of the County for the cash amount of \$200,000 to be put up by the Developer to secure engineering design cost for the outer bulkhead on property owned by the County and needed for the Marina. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-4**AGENDA DATE: November 6, 2015****TO:** Board of Commissioners**THRU:** Lee Smith, County Manager**FROM:** R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney**ISSUE:**

To request Board approval for the Chairman to execute an escrow agreement to hold a deed conveying additional property from the Developer to Chatham County (1.64 Acres) to become part of Slip One Marina and allow the County Attorney to obtain a security interest on behalf of the County for the cash amount of \$200,000 to be put up by the Developer to secure engineering design cost for the outer bulkhead on property owned by the County and needed for the Marina.

BACKGROUND:

The County is the fee owner of Slip One (if you are on the river side of the Westin facing the Westin, Slip One is to your right.) Savannah Harbor Associates, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company and CSX Realty Development LLC, are the developers that desire to improve Slip One into a marina as an amenity for a mixed use project to be constructed on Hutchinson Island. As part of the development of this marina, the design of which would include an enlarged carved out area of land from the developer's parcel, which would be excavated to enlarge the marina water surface docking area. The developer would deed the 1.6 acre carve out to enlarge the Slip One water area at no cost to the County.

The County as owner of Slip One, would design the perimeter bulkhead surrounding the proposed marina. The cost of engineering design for the bulkhead by the County has been determined to be approximately \$200,000. The developer has a deed of conveyance as to the 1.6 acre carve out to be delivered to the County and held in escrow until such time as financing arrangements, a negotiated County lease for marina, and the terms of a notice to proceed have been agreed upon. Further, the developer will escrow the \$200,000 in cash in a local bank, subject to the County having a security interest in said funds. The security interest ensures that should the County expend design funds and the developer not proceed forward with the development, the county would take possession of said cash under the security interest to reimburse itself out-of-pocket costs.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County is the fee owner of Slip One.
2. Savannah Harbor Associates, LLC, A Georgia limited liability company and CSX Realty Development, LLC, are the developers that desire to improve Slip One into a marina as an amenity for a mixed use project to be constructed on Hutchinson Island.
3. As part of the development of this marina, the developer would deed the 1.6 acre carve out to enlarge the water surface area of Slip One at no cost to the County.
4. The County, as owner of Slip One, would design the perimeter of bulk head surrounding the proposed marina with an estimated cost of \$200,000.
5. The developer has a deed of conveyance as to the 1.6 acre carve out to be delivered to the County and held in escrow, until such time as financing arrangements, negotiated County lease for the marina, and the terms of a notice to proceed have been agreed upon.
6. The developer will escrow the \$200,000 in cash in a local bank, subject to the county having a security interest in said funds.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The governing authority of Chatham County, encourages economic growth which will provide employment opportunities within Chatham County. The development of Slip One presents an opportunity to have a recreational marina for public use in the downtown area. The development cost of the marina to a large extent will be funded by the private sector. The County will benefit by having an operational marina with a lease receiving monthly rental payments and the operator being financially responsible for the continuous dredging process expense that will occur in the operation of the marina.

FUNDING:

No funding is required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Chairman to execute an Escrow Agreement and County taking security interest in \$200,000 to cover cost of design.

2. Do not approve Chairman to execute an Escrow Agreement and County taking security interest in \$200,000 to cover cost of design.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1

RJH/jr

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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 Scott said, next is the Action Calendar. Nobody requested anything to be pulled off. I'll entertain a motion to approve the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Center said, I move we approve the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Scott said, any discussion?

Commissioner Farrell said, discussion.

Chairman Scott said, yes.

Commissioner Farrell said, question. On item (A), I was looking at the funding --

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Farrell said, and it called for -- I'm -- I'm in favor of it. The funding called for SPLOST money, 327,288. When we negotiated SPLOST V, this was one of the projects that -- that -- that I was involved with, and we had budgeted \$500,000 in SPLOST funding for a marine patrol headquarters located on a -- a area with access to the -- to the river system in -- in Chatham County, and I notice it -- it -- it got chopped. Now I know we didn't collect as much, but that was only -- it looked like a 31 percent hit from that 500,000. Is -- is that a -- is that an accurate statement, or what -- what -- what happened to the -- the other?

Mr. Davenport said, actually Commissioner -- Commissioner what happened was, is that that line was for marine patrol and equipment.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Mr. Davenport said, and two or three Commission meetings ago we actually purchased some new hulls and motors for boats for marine patrol, so -- when we originally bid the Turner's Creek project in totality, the bid came in a little over \$500,000 just for the building itself, and we looked at the bid and knew that that was a little bit out of whack. So we -- we put off putting the building up. Enter -- between that, of course, marine patrol needed some equipment, and -- and as always, you know, we didn't know what that building would come back as, so now we're just re -- bringing money back from those sidewalk projects into the marine patrol in order just to build the building, and that -- that's it.

County Manager Smith said, mm-hmm.

Commissioner Farrell said, so some of the building money went to other equipment for the marine patrol?

Mr. Davenport said, well, it was --

County Manager Smith said, it said for equipment also.

Chairman Scott said, it was -- it was two line items.

Mr. Davenport said, -- the -- the line item in the budget was marine patrol and related --

County Manager Smith said, and equipment.

Mr. Davenport said, -- equipment, and we -- we do that with a lot of similar line with police building and -- and equipment, and that kind of thing.

County Manager Smith said, yeah.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay. Just -- just curious.

Mr. Davenport said, yes, sir.

Chairman Scott said, okay. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. The Action Calendar is approved.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve all items on the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 4 and under Item 4 Items A through M. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was 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 OCTOBER 23, 2015, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 23, 2015, as mailed. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

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2. **CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 15, 2015 THROUGH OCTOBER 28, 2015.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period of October 15, 2015 through October 28, 2015, in the amount of \$4,830,121. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

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3. **THE ENGINEER, KERN & CO., LLC, FOR THE DEVELOPER, AUGUSTA TRANSPORT AND LAND CLEARING, INC., REQUESTS THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT FOR RECORDING, ACCEPT THE SUBDIVISION CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT AND CREATE THE NEW STREETLIGHT ASSESSMENT RATE DISTRICT FOR HUNTINGTON COVE PHASE 1-A.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved to approve the final plat for recording, accept the subdivision construction agreement and create the new streetlight assessment rate district for Huntington Cove Phase 1-A. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3

AGENDA DATE: November 6, 2015

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: Lee Smith, County Manager
FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., County Engineer

ISSUE:

Request Board record the subdivision plat for Huntington Cove Phase 1-A, accept the Subdivision Construction Agreement and create a new streetlight assessment rate district.

BACKGROUND:

The engineer, Kern & Co., LLC, for the developer, Augusta Transport and Land Clearing, Inc., requests that the Board approve the final plat for recording, accept the Subdivision Construction Agreement and create a new streetlight assessment rate district for Huntington Cove Phase 1-A.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Huntington Cove is a residential subdivision located on Elk Road just off Ogeechee Road. Phase 1-A of the Huntington Cove consists of 27 lots on 5.132 acres. Paving and street drainage will be maintained by the Huntington Cove Homeowners Association. Water and sanitary sewer systems are owned and maintained by Consolidated Utilities, Inc.
2. The developer withheld 50% of the total available lots (27 out of 54 total lots labeled as "Lot 3-B-B and 3-B-C" on the plat), of Huntington Cove Phase 1-A as per the Chatham County Subdivision Regulations. The developer can subdivide up to 90% of the lots once the subdivision construction improvements have been installed and approved. The remaining 10% of the total lots cannot be further subdivided until the 12-month warranty period expires.
3. Georgia Power installed 19 streetlights for Huntington Cove Phase 1. The initial assessment per lot will be \$296.00 (Street lighting Rate 27). The assessment is collected by Chatham County to maintain the streetlights. At the end of the warranty period, Chatham County will maintain the streetlights.
4. 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. Board record the subdivision plat for Huntington Cove Phase 1-A, accept the Subdivision Construction Agreement and create a new streetlight assessment rate district.
2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

This action is consistent with the subdivision regulations regarding the creation of lots through plat recording.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.
 District 7

Prepared by: Chris Rains

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4. **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).**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Center moved for 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.) Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4 A-M
AGENDA DATE: November 6, 2015

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER
FROM: LINDA CRAMER, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER
SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS

ITEM A

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$346,352 construction contract to Savannah Construction and Preservation for the Turner's Creek Boat Ramp Building and Pavilion.

BACKGROUND: The project includes construction of a concrete block building featuring a Marine Patrol office, separate men's and women's restroom facilities, a picnic pavilion and landscaping.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This project was properly advertised. Three (3) bids were received and opened on October 15, 2015. The bid results are as follows:

Savannah Construction and Preservation Savannah, GA	\$346,352
Pinco Garden City, GA	\$388,150
* Collins Construction Services, Inc. Thunderbolt, GA	\$451,070

* WBE firm

2. Staff reviewed the bids and feel the prices from Savannah Construction and Preservation are fair and reasonable.
3. The contract time for construction is 90 calendar days.

FUNDING: •CIP - Turner's Creek (\$19,064)
(3506100 - 54.14009 - 35030867)
•SPLOST (2008-2014) - Marine Patrol (\$327,288) (Pending Board Approval of Budget Transfer)
(3244981 - 57.30101 - 32460720)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$346,352 construction contract to Savannah Construction and Preservation for the Turner's Creek Boat Ramp Building and Pavilion.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award construction contracts to the low, responsive, responsible bidder.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$63,826 contract to RS&H for professional engineering services related to Phase 3 of the pedestrian improvements for the Bradley Point Sidewalk project.

BACKGROUND: The Bradley Point Sidewalk project consists of the design of approximately one mile of sidewalk along Bradley Point Road from the intersection of Johnny Mercer Boulevard and Bryan Woods Road to the entrance of the Savannah Yacht Club.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Quality Based Selection (QBS) process was utilized to select a professional engineering consultant to design improvements at this location. RS&H scored the highest and was selected to negotiate scope and fee for the project. (See pages 4-6 for score matrix).

2. Phase 1 of the work involved development of three concept alternatives. These alternatives were presented to the residents at a meeting on March 3, 2015. Based on feedback from the residents, the preferred alternative for the project is installation of a 5-ft sidewalk on the north side of Bradley Point Road.
3. Phase 2 provided preliminary engineering and environmental permitting required for the preferred alternative. A signal warrant analysis was completed for the intersection of Bradley Point Road and Johnny Mercer Boulevard. Based on the analysis, a traffic signal is warranted at the intersection. Design of the signal will be included in Phase 3.
4. Phase 3 will provide for development of right of way plans, traffic signal plans, additional environmental permitting and final construction plans, including engineer's estimate and documents for bidding.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Bradley Point Sidewalks
(3244220 - 52.12003 - 32456840)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$63,826 contract to RS&H for professional engineering services related to Phase 3 of the pedestrian improvements for the Bradley Point Sidewalk project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award professional services contracts to the high scoring firm.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____

MARK BUCALO

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$68,820 Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract with McLendon Enterprises, Inc., on the Wahlstrom Road Drainage Improvement project.

BACKGROUND: The section of Wahlstrom Road between the CSX Railroad tracks and the Savannah River is in an area of industrial development. The drainage system which currently serves the roadway and surrounding properties is undersized and is located on private property with no easement.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County issued the Notice to Proceed to the contractor on August 3, 2015.
2. During construction, the contractor encountered very soft material and groundwater which can result in unstable trench conditions and pipe installation. To assist with trench stabilization and control of groundwater, Type 2 backfill material (#57 stone) will be placed beneath and around the bottom of the pipe where such action is directed by the County. This action adds a new pay item to the contract. The additional cost for this item is \$ 41,000.
3. To further assist with the pipe stabilization in the areas of unstable trench conditions and to prevent migration of the stone backfill, a geotextile filter fabric will be wrapped around the entire pipe zone where such action is directed by Chatham County. This action adds a new pay item to the contract. The additional cost for this item is \$ 14,250.
4. During construction, the contractor encountered an existing concrete slab in the area of pipe installation. The slab was covered with dirt and was unknown at the time of the bid. In order to remove the portion of the slab within County right-of-way, the concrete must be sawcut to ensure a smooth edge. This action adds a new pay item to the contract. The additional cost of this item is \$ 1,170.
5. The placement of stone material requires additional excavation of unsuitable material in the trench. This results in an increase in the amount of removal in the contract from 500 to 1000 cubic yards. The additional cost of this item is \$ 4,000.
6. During construction the contractor encountered material in the material removed from the trench which prevented use of the material as backfill. This condition may continue in the remainder of the trench and results in an increase in the amount of foreign borrow in the contract from 700 to 1400 cubic yards. The additional cost of this item is \$ 8,400.
7. Contract History:

Original Contract (3/13/15)	\$ 445,295
Change Order 1 (pending)	<u>68,820</u>

Pending Contract Amount \$ 514,115

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) Roadway, Wahlstrom Road
(3234250 - 52.12003 - 32380627)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$68,820 Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract with McLendon Enterprises, Inc., on the Wahlstrom Road Drainage Improvement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve change orders necessary for the completion of projects.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$758,095 contract to Moffatt & Nichol for professional engineering services related to the S.R. 25 at Pipemakers Canal Bridge Replacement project.

BACKGROUND: The Pipemakers Canal Improvements at S.R. 25 will replace the existing bridge to remove the restriction and increase capacity at the crossing. The bridge will also be lengthened to accommodate a future rail expansion being constructed by the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA). The County and GPA will need to enter into a memorandum of understanding to establish a cost share for the project.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Quality Based Selection (QBS) process was utilized to select a professional engineering consultant to design improvements at this location. A number of consultants submitted proposals for the work. The proposals were reviewed and ranked by staff according to factors ranging from the firm's qualifications and experience to the firm's understanding of the unique issues associated with this project. (See page 10 for score matrix) The consultant with the highest overall score, Moffatt & Nichol, was selected for establishing a final scope of work and negotiation of cost.
2. The negotiated scope of work will provide for concept development, database preparation, environmental studies, preliminary plans, right of way plans, final plans and post design construction services. All design work is required to follow the Georgia Department of Transportation's Plan Development Process.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Pipemakers Canal
(3234220 - 54.14021 - 32380210)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$758,095 contract to Moffatt & Nichol for professional engineering services related to the S.R. 25 at Pipemakers Canal Bridge Replacement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award professional services contracts to the high scoring firm.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$28,340 purchase to replace the main rotor mast on the MD 500E helicopter N102CQ with a new assembly from Heli-Mart, Inc.

BACKGROUND: Mosquito Control staff conduct aerial missions with three (3) helicopters and one (1) airplane.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County owns and operates four (4) aircraft: three (3) MD 500 helicopters are used for mosquito surveillance inspection flights, both immature and adult mosquito control missions, police operations, fire fighting, and several emergency support functions including search and rescue,

- and damage assessment; one (1) Air Tractor airplane is used for immature mosquito control and fire fighting.
2. The MD 500E helicopter N102CQ is twenty eight years old and was purchased "used" by Chatham County in 1999.
 3. The main rotor mast was installed November 1987 when the helicopter was built and has accumulated 10,400 flight hours. The main rotor mast has a life limit of 10,450 flight hours and is inspected and maintained in accordance with FAA and manufacturer requirements.
 4. Mosquito Control is requesting a replacement for the current main rotor mast and not an equipment increase. The assembly can only be purchased from an MD Helicopters authorized service center.
 5. Heli-Mart, Inc., was the only service center to respond with a quote. Other vendors contacted by staff stated main rotor masts were on backorder, did not have estimated time of availability, or pricing once available. Heli-Mart, Inc., has one unit available.
 6. Staff will complete the removal, reinstallation and track/balance of the main rotor mast. The helicopter will remain grounded during the maintenance process.
 7. The aircraft receive FAA required annual inspections, 100 hr. inspections, and time life components are replaced in accordance with the FAA approved manufacturers requirements.
 8. Heli-Mart, Inc., is the international distributor for MD Helicopter parts.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
(1005144 - 54.22004)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$28,340 purchase to replace the main rotor mast on the MD 500E helicopter N102CQ with a new assembly from Heli-Mart, Inc.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to support environmentally sound, cost effective mosquito control operations.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$45,000 construction contract to Pinco to upgrade the sanitary sewer lift station at Lake Mayer Community Park for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: The Lake Mayer Community Park provides a community center, many amenities, and services for citizens to utilize.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The current lift station is original to the park and is in poor condition. This lift station supports all of the restroom facilities at the park.
2. The upgrade of the sanitary lift station at Lake Mayer was part of a list of projects that was funded through CIP.
3. An Invitation to Bid was properly advertised and opened October 15, 2015. Responses are as follows:

Pinco Garden City, GA	\$45,000
* E&D Contracting Services Savannah, GA	\$68,500

*WBE firm

FUNDING: CIP - Parks and Recreation-Lake Mayer Sewer Lift Station Replacement
(3506100 - 52.22001 - 35031047)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$45,000 construction contract to Pinco to upgrade the sanitary sewer lift station at Lake Mayer Community Park for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award construction contracts to the low, responsive, responsible bidder.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$35,078 purchase of two (2) 2015 Ford Fusions from O.C. Welch Ford Lincoln, Inc., for Child Support, and declare two (2) vehicles as surplus and approval to sell at a public auction or to dispose as scrap material.

BACKGROUND: The purchase of these vehicle will replace two (2) that is old and beyond economical repair.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. An Invitation to Bid was publicly advertised and opened on October 20, 2015. Responses are as follows:

O.C. Welch Ford Lincoln, Inc. Hardeeville, S.C.	\$35,078
AutoNation Ford Marietta, GA	\$37,458

2. The purchase of these vehicles will replace vehicles that have high mileage and beyond economical repair. The vehicles to be declared surplus are:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Vin #</u>
521	2005 Ford Crown Victoria	2FAFP71W85X112366
524	2006 Ford Explorer	1FMEU62E06ZA24000

3. Staff believes the quoted price of \$35,078 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Child Support Fund- Vehicle Replacement
(2512220-54.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$35,078 purchase of two (2) 2015 Ford Fusions from O.C. Welch Ford Lincoln, Inc., for Child Support, and declare two (2) vehicles as surplus and approval to sell at a public auction or to dispose as scrap material.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide vehicles for law enforcement activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$31,551 purchase of two (2) used vehicles from Grainger Honda for C.N.T.

BACKGROUND: The Board approved at their May 22, 2015 meeting, the sale of surplus vehicles on GovDeals.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The vehicles sold on GovDeals were confiscated by C.N.T. The total proceeds from the sale was \$32,013.

2. A standing request for "good" used vehicles is in place with local dealers, and they are encouraged to let us know when they have a vehicle they feel we should consider.
3. Staff checked with local car dealers that normally respond to bids and came back with this proposal. This proposal provides C.N.T. with maximum flexibility.
4. The Fleet Manager and a representative from C.N.T. selected the following vehicles based on utility and value.
5. The vehicles selected are:

One vehicle	\$19,472
One vehicle	<u>\$12,079</u>
	\$31,551
6. Staff believes the total purchase price of \$31,551 to be fair and reasonable

FUNDING: C.N.T. - Confiscated Funds
(2103222 - 54.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$31,551 purchase of two (2) used vehicles from Grainger Honda for C.N.T.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of vehicles for law enforcement activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval to *cancel* the \$10,161 purchase to Mason's Inc., for the purchase of furniture for the J. Tom Coleman Courthouse renovation project, for the fifth floor filling and storage area.

BACKGROUND: This was part of the initial purchase for the J. Tom Coleman Courthouse renovation project. This furniture is being procured incrementally due to time phasing of the project. This increment was for the fifth floor Superior Clerk filling and storage space.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This section of the furniture procurement was originally awarded on October 9, 2015, to Mason's, Inc. It was then determined that Mason's had made an error and has withdrawn their bid. National Office Systems, being the second low bidder, was contacted and agreed to supply the furniture for this section at their bid price (separate agenda item).

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Construction
(3244980 - 54.13001 - 32460427)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to *cancel* the \$10,161 purchase to Mason's Inc., for the purchase of furniture for the J. Tom Coleman Courthouse renovation project, for the fifth floor filling and storage area.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to cancel purchase orders when it is in the best interest of the County.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$12,588 furniture purchase for the J. Tom Coleman Courthouse renovation project from National Office Systems, for the fifth floor filling and storage area.

BACKGROUND: This is the initial purchase for the J. Tom Coleman Courthouse renovation project. This furniture is being procured incrementally due to time phasing of the project. This increment is for the Fifth Floor Superior Clerk filling and storage space.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This project is for the procurement of furniture needed for the fifth floor Superior Clerk space of the J. Tom Coleman Courthouse, specifically, the filling and storage area.
2. This section of the furniture procurement was originally awarded on October 9, 2015, to Mason's, Inc. It was then determined that Mason's had made an error and has withdrawn their bid. National Office Systems, being the second low bidder, was contacted and agreed to supply the furniture for this section at their bid price.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Construction
(3244980 - 54.13001 - 32460427)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$12,588 furniture purchase for the J. Tom Coleman Courthouse renovation project from National Office Systems, for the fifth floor filling and storage area.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award contracts to the low responsive, responsible bidders.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval to declare 590 mobile radios surplus and approve the sale or transfer of the surplus to public safety related organizations.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County has recently purchased 590 replacement radios for various departments throughout the organization. The old radios are at the end of their useful life, but could still be of use to extended public safety related personnel and volunteers.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County will have approximately 104 units of the XTS 5000 model and 486 units of the XTS 2500 model radios in surplus.
2. Staff estimates a used XTS 5000 model is currently worth around \$700 each and a used XTS 2500 model is worth around \$200. The combined value of all radios is estimated at \$170,000. The value will be nearly zero in four to five years.
3. The public safety of Chatham County will be strengthened by transferring some portion of this surplus to associated public safety agencies. We currently have several requests from various agencies throughout Chatham County.
4. Some radios will be sold and others transferred to public safety related organizations within Chatham County. Eligible agencies would show active participation in the public safety of Chatham County citizens.
5. Any agency receiving radios will sign an agreement stating the agency will be 1) putting the radios in service immediately and 2) will not sell or trade-in the radios and 3) any disposal will be done through Chatham County.

FUNDING: No funding required

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to declare 590 mobile radios surplus and approve the sale or transfer of the surplus to public safety related organizations.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy approve as surplus and to sell or transfer surplus equipment to cooperative agencies in support of better public safety.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
NICK BATEY

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board confirmation of a \$15,490 emergency procurement for drainage repairs to the Truman Parkway, Phase 5, with Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc.

BACKGROUND: Truman Parkway is a north-south connector that provides a limited access roadway from downtown Savannah to Savannah's south side. Construction of Truman Parkway, Phase V is complete. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) issued full maintenance acceptance for the improvements on April 2, 2015. After acceptance a large stormwater washout was found at the top of a fill slope of the recently constructed improvements. The washout must be fixed prior to turning this portion of the Truman Parkway, Phase V improvements over to the City of Savannah.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Staff held an on-site pre-bid meeting and requested three quotes for the proposed work. Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc., proposed to repair the washout for \$15,490. Griffin Contracting and TIC were not responsive to the request. Staff believes the estimate from Sandhill is fair and reasonable for the proposed work.
2. The proposed improvements include removal and installation of a new curb inlet structure, repair of the shoulder, removal and reinstallation of the existing guardrail and stabilization of the washout area. Sandhill will have 20 days from the issuance of Notice to Proceed to complete the work. Staff requested emergency approval from the Chairman. He concurred (see attached page 19) and directed staff to seek Board confirmation at their next scheduled meeting.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998-2003) – Truman Parkway, Phase 5
(3224220 - 54.14001 - 32250477)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board confirmation of a \$15,490 emergency procurement for drainage repairs to the Truman Parkway, Phase 5, with Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to confirm approved emergency procurements.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an \$139,500 purchase of one (1) John Deere tractor with boom and added Alamo quick hitch option from Flint Equipment Company, Savannah, Georgia, for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: On June 26, 2015, the Board adopted the 2015-2016 budget which included the purchase of additional equipment for Public Works Road Maintenance section as part of new initiatives to maintain newly acquired medians on Whitefield Avenue.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A Invitation to Bid were publicly advertised and opened on October 27, 2015. Responses are as follows:

Flint Equipment Co. Savannah, GA	\$139,500
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2. The one (1) new John Deere tractor with boom will be utilized by the Road Maintenance section to maintain medians on Whitefield Avenue.

3. In addition to the base price of the tractors, the tractor will be equipped with an Alamo quick hitch. This item is to be added to the original bid because it is advantageous to purchase the attachment at the same time as the tractor.
4. Staff believes the total cost of \$139,500 to purchase the one (1) tractor with attachment to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SSD - Public Works
(2704100 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of an \$139,500 purchase of one (1) John Deere tractor with boom and added Alamo quick hitch option from Flint Equipment Company, Savannah, Georgia, for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award contracts to the low responsive, responsible bidder.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
MARK BUCALO

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING DIRECTOR

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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.

None.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

1. **THE PETITIONER HAROLD B. YELLIN, AGENT FOR JOHNNY MERCER PROPERTIES, IS REQUESTING TO REZONE THE PROPERTY AT 444 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD FROM A PIP/TC (PLANNED INSTITUTIONAL PROFESSIONAL/TOWN CENTER OVERLAY) ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO A P-B-N/TC (PLANNED NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS/TOWN CENTER OVERLY) CLASSIFICATION. THE MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. FILE NO. Z-150902-000074-1 [DISTRICT 4.]**

Chairman Scott said, and everything else is -- no we have --

Commissioner Center said, Second Reading.

Chairman Scott said, -- Second Reader. No First Readers. Second Reader. The Petitioner is here, and this is the Petitioner Harold B. Yellin, agent for Johnny Mercer Properties, is requesting rezoning the property at 444 Johnny Mercer Boulevard, and at this time I'll hear from staff.

Mr. Marcus Lotson said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Pardon me. The item before you at this time is a rezoning request for property at 444 Johnny Mercer Boulevard. The property is currently zoned planned institutional professional and the Petitioner is requesting the rezoning to the neighborhood business based zoning classification. That property along Johnny Mercer is approximately 350 feet south of Penn Waller Road. It's immediately across from the Kroger Shopping Center that you all are probably familiar with. That property is going under renovation -- is undergoing renovation I should say. The subject property is a retail shopping center, and I should add that the Petitioner is not intending on redeveloping the shopping center, but the intent of the zoning request is to allow certain retail uses that are not allowed under the current zoning classification, as they seek to add to their tenant mix on the property. The buildings were originally constructed in phases

starting in the 1990s. In 2001 the property gained the current zoning classification, and along Johnny Mercer in this location the overriding development pattern is commercial. In terms of the land uses there are some multi-family and townhome uses in that area as well, and under the current zoning it's really more of an office district. A number of the uses that the Petitioner would like to seek are not allowed under that zoning classification, things like pharmacies, dry cleaners, drug stores, bakeries, home furnishings, etcetera, and both staff and the Planning Commission found that the requested neighborhood business zoning classification, which exists on adjacent properties is a more appropriate zoning classification for this property. Based on those findings, the Planning Commission is recommending approval of the zoning change, and because the properties' future land use designation is commercial suburban, it would not be necessary to amend the Future Land Use Map. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Commissioner Farrell said, you need to read it in the record before we make a motion.

Chairman Scott said, yeah. Does -- does the Petitioner have anything to add?

Mr. Harold Yellin said, no, sir. We're simply here to answer any questions that you may have.

Chairman Scott said, if there's no further questions, I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Farrell said, I'll make a motion that we pass the Second Reading as printed in our agenda.

Commissioner Shabazz said, second.

Commissioner Center said, second.

Chairman Scott said, properly moved and second that we approve. Any further unreadiness? Discussion? Hearing none --

Commissioner Farrell said, raise the screens.

Chairman Scott said, -- all in favor of the motion indicate by voting yes, opposed no. Motion carries.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the request of the Petitioner Harold B. Yellin, Agent for Johnny Mercer Properties, to rezone the property located at 444 Johnny Mercer Boulevard from a PIP/TC (Planned Institutional Professional/Town Center Overlay) zoning classification to a P-B-N/TC (Planned Neighborhood Business/Town Center Overlay) Classification. Commissioner Shabazz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Brady was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: XI-1

AGENDA DATE: October 23, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: XII-1

AGENDA DATE: November 6, 2015



CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

110 EAST STATE STREET PO BOX 8246 SAVANNAH GEORGIA 31412-8246 PHONE 912-651-1440 FACSIMILE 912-651-1480

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: LEE SMITH, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: THOMAS L. THOMSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

The petitioner, Attorney Harold B. Yellin, agent for Johnny Mercer Properties, is requesting to rezone the property at 444 Johnny Mercer Boulevard from a PIP/TC (Planned Institutional Professional/Town Center Overlay) zoning classification to a P-B-N/TC (Planned Neighborhood Business/Town Center Overlay) classification. The MPC recommends approval. File No. Z-150902-00074-1.

ISSUE:

The rezoning of properties identified as 444 Johnny Mercer Boulevard (PINs 1-0079-02-001 through -016) from a P-I-P/TC (Planned Institutional Professional/Town Center Overlay) zoning classification to

a P-B-N/TC (Planned Neighborhood Business/Town Center Overlay) classification.

BACKGROUND:

The subject property is located on the west side of Johnny Mercer Boulevard approximately 350 feet south of Penn Waller Road. It is developed with a retail shopping center which was built in phases starting in the mid 1990s. The current zoning classification was established as a result of the Islands Area Community Plan which was adopted by the County Commission in June of 2001. The zoning request has been submitted in order to accommodate retail uses on the property not allowed under the current zoning.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

1. **Existing Development Pattern:** Johnny Mercer Boulevard, between Turners Creek and Penn Waller Road is a primary commercial corridor on Wilmington Island. The predominant land uses within the vicinity of the subject property includes neighborhood serving commercial and retail as well as single family townhomes and multifamily residential:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Zoning</u>
North	Multifamily Residential	PUD-M-10/TC[1]
South	Vacant Commercial Building	P-BN-1/TC
East	Retail Shopping Center	P-BN/TC
West	Multifamily Residential	PUD-M-10/TC

[1] Planned Unit Development - Multifamily - 10 Units Per Acre

2. **Transportation Network:** The property is accessed by an existing frontage road which is parallel to Johnny Mercer Boulevard. No changes to ingress/egress are being proposed.
3. **Public Transportation:** The subject site is served by Chatham Area Transit (CAT) route 24 Savannah State/Wilmington Island. The nearest bus stop is at Johnny Mercer and Penn Waller.
4. **Public Services and Facilities:** The property is served by the Metropolitan Police Department, City fire protection, and City water and sewer services.
5. **Land Use Element:** The Tri-Centennial Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map designates the subject property as Commercial Suburban. The proposed P-B-N zoning classification and the existing shopping center development are consistent with the definition of this land use category. Therefore, no amendment to the Future Land Use Map will be required if the proposed rezoning is adopted.
6. **Existing I-H Zoning District:**
 - a. **Intent of the P-I-P District:** The purpose of this district shall be to create an area in which residential, institutional, and professional uses can be intermixed and at the same time achieve a healthful living environment with functional open space. The maximum density of 24 dwelling units per acre to net residential land area shall be permitted in this district.
 - b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the P-I-P district are attached.
 - c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the P-I-P district appear in the attached table (Table 1).
7. **Proposed P-B-N Zoning District:**
 - a. **Intent of the P-B-N District:** The purpose of this district shall be to provide convenient shopping facilities consisting of convenience goods and personal services in neighborhood market areas of 3,000 to 5,000 people.
 - b. **Allowed Uses:** The uses allowed within the P-B-N district are attached.
 - c. **Development Standards:** The development standards for the P-B-N district appear in the attached table. (Table 1).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

1. Will the proposed zoning districts 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 districts 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 _____ No X

3. Will the proposed zoning districts permit uses that would generate a type of 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 (V/C) ratio for the streets that provide vehicular access to the proposed zoning district and adjacent and nearby properties?

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 _____ No X

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the petitioner's request to rezone 444 Johnny Mercer Boulevard from a P-I-P/TC (Planned Institutional Professional/Town Center Overlay) zoning classification to a P-B-N/TC (Planned Neighborhood Business/Town Center Overlay) classification.
2. Approve an alternate zoning classification or density.
3. Deny of the petitioner's request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The requested rezoning will allow the petitioner to extend lease opportunities to a greater array of retailers than that which is allowed under the current Planned Institutional Professional zoning classification. The proposed rezoning to a P-B-N classification is consistent with the Tri-centennial Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and relates to nearby commercial properties with the same or similar zoning. The proposed zoning allows uses which already exist in the vicinity at other commercial properties and those that are more typical in a commercial setting such as this. The current zoning prohibits typical retail uses such as food and drug stores, bakeries, home furnishings and hardware. The Neighborhood Business zoning is more appropriate for the existing development.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission recommends Approval of the request to rezone the subject property from a P-I-P/TC (Planned Institutional Professional/Town Center Overlay) zoning classification to a P-B-N/TC (Planned Neighborhood Business/Town Center Overlay) classification.

PREPARED BY: Marcus Lotson, Senior Planner
Development Services

September 22, 2015

Gregori Anderson, Director
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES

Table 1: Comparison of Development Standards for the Existing I-P and Proposed B-N Zoning Districts

	I-P District	B-N District
Minimum Lot Area	N/A	N/A
Minimum Lot Width	N/A	N/A
Front Yard Setback	85 ft from C.L. of an arterial 67.5 ft from C.L. of a collector 55 ft from C.L. of a minor	85 ft from P.L. along an arterial 67.5 ft from P.L. along a collector 55 ft from P.L. along a minor
Minimum Side Yard Setback	15 feet	None - 10 ft if abutting an "R" district
Minimum Rear Yard Setback	20 feet	None - 30 ft if abutting an "R" district
Maximum Height	N/A	N/A
Maximum Building Coverage	N/A	N/A
Maximum Density	N/A	N/A



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

"Planning the Future – Respecting the Past"

----- MEMORANDUM -----

DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2015
TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FROM: METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
SUBJECT: MPC ZONING RECOMMENDATION

PETITION REFERENCED:
Johnny Mercer Properties, LLC
Owner: Johnny Mercer Properties, LLC
Agent: Attorney Harold Yellin
444 Johnny Mercer Boulevard
File No: Z-150902-00074-1

MPC ACTION: Approval of the rezoning request to rezone 444 Johnny Mercer Blvd from P-I-P (Planned Institutional Professional) classification to P-B-N (Planned Neighborhood Business).

MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the rezoning request to rezone 444 Johnny Mercer Blvd from P-I-P (Planned Institutional Professional) classification to P-B-N (Planned Neighborhood Business).

MEMBERS PRESENT: 9 + Chairman

Shedrick Coleman, Chairman
Lee Smith
Tanya Milton

Lacy Manigault
Ellis Cook
James Overton

Adam Ragsdale
Joseph Welsh

Linder Suthers
George Woods

**VOTING FOR
MOTION**

**VOTING AGAINST
MOTION**

***ABSENT OR
FAILING TO VOTE

Shedrick Coleman, Chairman
Lacy Manigault
Lee Smith
Ellis Cook
Tanya Milton
James Overton
Adam Ragsdale
Linder Suthers
Joseph Welsh
George Woods

*James Blackburn, Jr.
*Stephanie Cutter
*Timothy Mackey
*Tom Woiwode

FOR APPROVAL: 10

FOR DENIAL: 0

ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson
Executive Director

The Planning Commissioner recommends that the subject property at 444 Johnny Mercer Boulevard be rezoned from the existing PIP/TC Zoning classification to the proposed PBN/TC classification.

Boundary Description

Commencing from a point [X: 1024956.32272 Y: 736008.303876], located at the approximate intersection of the centerlines of Johnny Mercer Boulevard & Penn Waller Road,

Thence proceeding in a SW direction along the approximate centerline of Johnny Mercer Boulevard for approximately 266.381 ft. to a point [X: 102476.854961 Y: 735824.14414], said point being located on the approximate intersection of the centerlines of Broad Reach Court and Johnny Mercer Boulevard, said point also being, THE POINT OF BEGINNING,

thence continuing in a SW direction along the approximate centerline of Johnny Mercer Boulevard for approximately 344.314 ft. to a point,

Thence proceeding in a NW direction [N 46-42-24 W] along a line for approximately 327.162 ft. to a point, said point being located on the approximate centerline of West Liberty Lane,

Thence proceeding in a NE direction [N 43-44-45 E] along a line for approximately 98.896 ft. to a point,

Thence proceeding in a NW direction [N 41-11-9 W] along a line for approximately 21.26 ft. to a point,

Thence proceeding in a NE direction [N 43-32-23 E] along a line for approximately 241.553 ft. to a point, said point also being located along the approximated centerline of Broad Reach Court,

Thence proceeding in a SE direction [S 43-32-23 E] along the approximate centerline of Broad Reach Court for approximately 350.159 ft. to a point [X: 1024763.854961 Y: 735824.14414], said point being located on the approximate intersection of the centerlines of Broad Reach Court and Johnny Mercer Boulevard, said point also being, THE POINT OF BEGINNING,

The subject property is further identified by the property identification number

P.I.N.: 1-0079-02-001 THROUGH -016

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Scott said, we're not going to have an Executive Session today. Everything else is for information.

- 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 as information.

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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 as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2

AGENDA DATE: November 6, 2015

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Youth soccer officials for October 03-11	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Soccer Association, Inc.	\$3,667	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
ID printing machine and supplies	Human Resources	Idville	\$3,819	General Fund/M&O - Human Resources
Special inspection services during construction of 8 th bay, 2 nd building	Public Works and Park Services	ECS Southeast, LLC	\$5,000	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Building
360 tons of recycled concrete	Public Works and Park Services	ABC Crushing	\$9,000	SSD - Solid Waste
60 inch quick cut lawn mower for Public Works and Park Services	Fleet Operations	Andy's Lawn Machinery, Inc.	\$8,900	SSD - Public Works
Purchase and installation of computer cabling	I.C.S.	Netplanner Systems, Inc.	\$3,778	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Renovations
Non-contract passenger vehicle tires	Fleet Operations	S O S Radial Tires Service	\$2,606	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Annual software and warranty renewal for the EMC SAN in the datacenter	I.C.S.	CDW Government, Inc.	\$9,895	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Three (3) Defibtech AED machines and accessories	Detention Center	CPR Savers & First Aid Supply, LLC	\$3,379	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
October 2015 tax sale advertisements	Tax Commissioner	Shivers Trading / Operating Company	\$5,260	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Moveable wall system	State Court Clerk	Trendway Corporation	\$3,789	CIP - State Court Clerk
Youth Fall football officials for August 29-September 26	Public Works and Park Services	Coastal Football Association	\$9,355	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Repair of windshield and A/C to unit #82 - Public Works excavator	Fleet Operations	ASC Construction Equipment USA, Inc.	\$6,482	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Repair of low hydraulic power to unit #85 - Public Works excavator	Fleet Operations	ASC Construction Equipment USA, Inc.	\$9,999	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Repair of radiator to unit #81 - Public Works excavator	Fleet Operations	ASC Construction Equipment USA, Inc.	\$3,321	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Water and sewer from July 10 - September 11	Aquatic Center	City of Savannah	\$4,206	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
20 mesh back chairs	Detention Center	Georgia Correctional Industries	\$4,200	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
No-touch cleaning spray to remove soils and bacteria	Detention Center	Paper Chemical Supply Company	\$3,390	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Monthly rental of blasting equipment for the Phase 2 construction project at the Detention Center	Detention Center	ESCA Industries, Ltd.	\$4,980	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
60 inch quick cut lawn mower for Public Works and Park Services	Fleet Operations	Andy's Lawn Machinery, Inc.	\$8,900	SSD - Public Works

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COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Scott said, but before you go, let me just clarify a couple of things. You still have the framework agreement that's in place that we are currently funding at the framework level, which is the 14.158 million -- \$14,158,000. The -- the -- the other thing, there is a host of opinion as to whether or not what the City did is -- was legal or not legal or cancel of a contract. I have not seen the signed agreement. That's the reason that we were not -- did not have any action on the agenda, and if -- if at the appropriate time we feel as if that there need to be further consideration of this Commission, we will certainly bring it to you and vote as you so desire on -- on the agreement that the Manager has indicated to me that has come back from the City that reflects our 9/11 Commission adopted agreement. And with that I want to ask that -- that the Commissioner from the 3rd wanted to make some comments about an adventure.

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COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONER CENTER

Commissioner Center said, yes, Mr. Chairman, my wife April and I had a chance last week to visit Panic in the Pen that Pete Nichols and the Sheriff's Department presented us last time, and I have to tell you it was -- I wanted to congratulate Pete and all those involved, and -- it was an incredibly exciting and wonderful journey of zombies in the old jail, and Pete told me today that the Sheriff's Youth Explorer's portion, they raised \$65,000, just their portion. It was split three ways. I wanted to congratulate him and everybody that worked on it. It was a wonderful event.

Chairman Scott said, thank you.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Scott said, and before I raise the gavel, Mr. Manager, you have anything in terms of information you wish to depart?

County Manager Smith said, no, sir.

Chairman Scott said, meeting's adjourned.

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015.

ALBERT J. SCOTT, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY,
GEORGIA

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION