



**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

April 22, 2014

Minutes

7:30 pm

Mayor JB Burke called the regular Council Meeting of the Morrow City Council to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting took place in the Morrow Municipal Complex at 1500 Morrow Road, Morrow, Georgia 30260.

Mayor JB Burke asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

1. ROLL CALL:

Mayor JB Burke asked City Clerk to call the roll.

City Clerk called the roll and those present were: Mayor JB Burke, Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran, Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges, Councilman Larry Ferguson, and Councilman Christopher Mills. The City Clerk stated, there was a quorum present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor JB Burke asked City Clerk to read the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk read the following Consent Agenda items:

1. Approval of April 8, 2014 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of April 8, 2014 Executive Session Minutes.

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to approve the April 22, 2014 Consent Agenda.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Larry Ferguson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Councilman Christopher Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting agenda with amendments.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Larry Ferguson made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the amendment of adding the Approval of the Proposal from Republic Services. Councilman Christopher Mills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Sign Variance Requested by Southlake Property Associates, LTD.

Public Hearing for a Sign Variance Request. The applicant, Geoff Anderson of Southlake Property Associates, LTD., requests a Sign variance from Section 8-5-10(g) to install a stanchion sign closer to the right-of-way than the Sign Code allows. The property is located within a sign easement/lot at the northern corner of Southlake Plaza Drive and Jonesboro Road (HWY. 54), in Morrow, GA 30260. The subject property is zoned Mixed Use (MU).

Presented by: Brecca Johnson, Senior Planner.

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to approve the sign variance request.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges made the motion to approve the variance request. Councilman Christopher Mills seconded the motion. Council members Jeanell Bridges and Christopher Mills voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Larry Ferguson voted in opposition of the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran abstained. The abstention counted as a yes vote and the motion passed.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of An Ordinance to Amend Title 8. Planning and Development; Chapter 2 Building Regulation and Code Enforcement; Article A. Construction Standards; Section 8-2-1 State Minimum Standard Codes of the 1986 Code of Ordinances of the City of Morrow, Georgia. This ordinance is provided for Codification, to repeal conflicting provisions of Title 8, to provide an effective date, and for other purposes. *2nd Reading.*

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to approve the building code ordinance amendment.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Larry Ferguson made the motion to approve the building code ordinance amendment. Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of An Ordinance to Amend Title 4. Public Safety; Chapter 2 Fire Protection; Article B. Fire Prevention Code; Section 4-2-21, Paragraphs 1-4 of the 1986 Code of Ordinances of the City of Morrow, Georgia. This ordinance is provided for Codification, to repeal conflicting provisions of Title 4, to provide an effective date, and for other purposes. *2nd Reading.*

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to approve the fire code ordinance amendment.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Larry Ferguson made the motion to approve the fire code ordinance amendment. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval to table the Organizational Chart of the City of Morrow for 60 days.

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to approve to table the approval of the Organizational Chart for 60 days.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran made a motion to table the approval of the Organizational Chart for 60 days. Councilman Larry Ferguson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the Proposal from Republic Services.

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to authorize him to execute contracts for the City of Morrow to enter into three consecutive 1 year contract extensions with Republic Services.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Larry Ferguson made the motion to authorize Mayor Burke to execute contracts with Republic Services for three consecutive 1 year contract extensions. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. **REWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

Interim Police Chief James Callaway presented Lt. Hal White with a pin for 30 years of service.

7. **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor JB Burke asked Citizen and Council for comments:

Citizen comments:

**Warren Gregory
Dorothy Dean**

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

1. **Mayor JB Burke** called for a motion to convene into Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Bridges made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session began at 8:51 pm.

2. **Mayor JB Burke** called for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Larry Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Mayor JB Burke** called for a motion to resume the regular Council Meeting.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges made a motion to resume the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Regular Council Meeting resume at 10:14 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting.

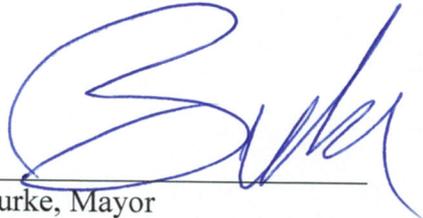
MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting. Councilman Larry Ferguson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Regular Council Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Attest:



Viet Tran, City Clerk
(Seal)



JB Burke, Mayor