



CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor JB Burke
Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran
Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges
Councilman Larry Ferguson
Councilman Christopher Mills

Regular Meeting

August 12, 2014

Minutes

7:30 pm

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

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

1. ROLL CALL:

Mayor JB Burke asked **City Clerk Viet Tran** to call the roll.

City Clerk Viet Tran 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. He stated, there was a quorum present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

The **City Clerk** read the following Consent Agenda items:

1. Approval of July 17, 2014 Executive Session Minutes
2. Approval of July 22, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to approve the August 12, 2014 Consent Agenda.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran made a motion, seconded by Councilman Christopher Mills. The motion passed unanimously.

3. MEETING AGENDA:

Mayor JB Burke asked the **City Clerk** to read the Meeting Agenda item.

The **City Clerk** read the following Meeting Agenda item:

1. Approval of August 12, 2014 Meeting Agenda.

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to approve August 12, 2014 Meeting Agenda.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Christopher Mills made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran. The motion passed unanimously.

4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor JB Burke asked the **City Clerk** to read the item on the Reports and Presentations

The **City Clerk** read the following item:

1. Community Walks Event.

Presented by: Sylvia Redic, Eco. Development and Grants Director.

Sylvia Redic, Eco. Development and Grants Director, made a public announcement about the Community Walks Event. The event will be held on August 15, 2014 at 7:30 am; August 27, 2014 at 11:00 am; and September 11, 2014 at 6:00 pm. She invited city employees and residents to participate in the event.

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor JB Burke asked the **City Clerk** to read the item on the Reports and Presentations

The **City Clerk** read the following item:

1. Sign Variance Request by Glenwood Development Co, LLC.

This is a public hearing for a Variance Request. The applicant, Leo Wiener of Glenwood Development Co. LLC, requests a Sign Variance from Section 8-5-10 to install four (4) directional signs within Southlake Festival Shopping Center. The property is located at 1510 Southlake Parkway, Morrow, GA 30260. The subject property is zoned General Business (GB).

Presented by: Yasmin Julio, Senior Planner.

Senior Planner Yasmin Julio opened the Public Hearing for the sign variance request.

Mayor JB Burke asked City Council Members and Citizens for comments.

There was no comment.

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to approve the sign variance request by Glenwood development co. LLC.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges moved a motion, seconded by Councilman Christopher Mills. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mayor JB Burke asked Citizens for comments on new business items. He stated that Public Comments on Agenda Items are limited to only the discussion of new business items on tonight's Agenda.

There was no comment from Citizens.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor JB Burke asked the **City Clerk** to read the next item on New Business section.

The **City Clerk** read the following item:

1. An Ordinance to Amend two (2) sections of the Morrow Code:

Section 1: Appendix A – Zoning Ordinance; Article VIII. Exceptions, Modifications and Encroachments; Section 703 Fences and Hedges, General Rule; and

Section 2: Title 8 – Planning and Development; Chapter 6. Subdivision Regulations, Section 8-6-19 Construction and Placement of Fences In Residentially Zoned Areas of the City.
2nd reading. Presented by: Yasmin Julio, Senior Planner.

Senior Planner Yasmin Julio presented Ordinance 2014-07 - Fence Ordinance and asked Mayor and City Council Members for approval.

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-07.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Christopher Mills made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges. Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran, Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges and Councilman Christopher Mills voted in favor of the motion; Councilman Larry Ferguson voted in opposition. The motion passed.

Mayor JB Burke asked the **City Clerk** to read the next item on New Business section.

The **City Clerk** read the following item:

2. Approval of the authorization for Morrow Police Department to sell surplus vehicles.
Presented by: James Callaway, Interim Police Chief.

Interim Police Chief James Callaway asked the Mayor and City Council Members to authorize the Morrow Police Department to sell surplus vehicles.

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to authorize Morrow Police Department to sell surplus vehicles.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Larry Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor JB Burke asked the **City Clerk** to read the next item on New Business section.

The **City Clerk** read the following item:

3. Approval of the authorization for Morrow Fire Department to sell surplus vehicles.
Presented by: Mark Herendeen, Fire Chief.

Fire Chief Mark Herendeen asked Mayor and City Council Members to authorize the Morrow Fire Department to sell surplus vehicles.

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to authorize Morrow Fire Department to sell surplus vehicles.

Mayor JB Burke asked the **City Council Members** for comments.

The **City Council Members** made comments and asked questions.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Christopher Mills made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Convening of the Executive Session

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to convene into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Christopher Mills made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance

The executive session was convened at 7:51 pm.

DISCUSSION: Confirmation on the nomination of New Morrow Police Chief.

Adjournment the Executive Session and Resumption of the Regular Council Meeting

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and to resume the Regular Council Meeting.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session was adjourned and Regular Meeting was resumed at 9:12 pm

9. **MORROW POLICE CHIEF NOMINATION CONFIRMATION:**

Mayor JB Burke asked the **City Clerk** to read the item.

The **City Clerk** read the following item:

1. Confirmation on the nomination of Morrow Police Chief.
Presented by: Ron Few, City Manager.

City Manager Ron Few asked Mayor and City Council Members to confirm his nomination for Mr. Melvin Douglas as the Morrow Police Chief.

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to confirm the nomination of Mr. Melvin Douglas as the Morrow Police Chief.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Christopher Mills made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran. Councilman Christopher Mills and Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran voted

in favor of the motion; Councilman Larry Ferguson and Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges voted in opposition. Mayor JB Burke broke the tie in favor of the motion, the motion passed.

10. GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor JB Burke asked Citizens and City Council Members for comments.

Citizens' Comments:

Mrs. Dorothy Dean

City Council Members and City Manager's Comments:

City Manager Ron Few
Councilman Larry Ferguson

Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran
Councilman Larry Ferguson
Councilman Christopher Mills

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor JB Burke called for a motion to adjourn the August 12, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran. The motion passed unanimously.

The Regular Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 pm.

Approved this 26 day of August, 2014



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Attest

Viet Tran, City Clerk

JB Burke, Mayor

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