

City Council Synopsis, November 9, 2023

Mayor Sessions called the meeting to order at 6:30PM, November 9, 2023. Those in attendance were, Bill Garbett, Monty Parks, Nancy DeVetter, Barry Brown, Jay Burke and Spec Hosti. Also attending were Michelle Owens, Acting City Manager; Bubba Hughes, City Attorney; Tracy O'Connell, City Attorney, and Jan LeViner, Clerk of Council.

Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order

Swearing in – Two Year Candidate

Jan LeViner, Clerk of Council swore in William Garbett, successful candidate for the two-year seat vacated by Brian West.

Opening Ceremonies (continued)

Invocation: Jan LeViner, Clerk of Council

Pledge of Allegiance

Consideration of Items for Consent Agenda

- Minutes, City Council Meeting, October 26, 2023
- Bernie's On Tybee, Inc. dba Bernie's Oyster House(New Owner), Alcohol License Request: Liquor/Beer/Wine-Sunday Sales, Entertainment License Request
- Agenda Request: Frozen Daiquiri LLC dba The Daiquiri Bar-Sunday Sales Request, DPH Food Service Permit, Health Report and Menu attached.
- Resolution: Local Technology Fee - Municipal Court

Monty Parks made a motion to approve the consent agenda. **Nancy DeVetter** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Public Hearings

Variance: 104 17th Street, stairway in the Setback. Zoning C1/SE. Applicant: Walt Freeman. Spec Hosti made a motion to approve. Motion died for lack of second. **Nancy DeVetter** made a motion to deny. **Bill Garbett** seconded. Voting in favor to deny was Bill Garbett, Monty Parks, Nancy DeVetter, Barry Brown and Jay Burke. Voting against was Spec Hosti. Motion to deny passed, 5-1.

Variance: 18 Pulaski Street, enlarge porches into the front setback. Petitioner: Jenny Rutherford. WITHDRAWN BY PETITIONER.

Consideration of Bids, Contracts, Agreements and Expenditures

ITB 2023-774 Asphalt Paving. Monty Parks made a motion to table until December meeting. **Spec Hosti** seconded. Motion to table approved, 6-0.

Award of ITB 2023-775: Jaycee Park and Field Improvements. Monty Parks made a motion to move forward with the bid received and authorize the Mayor to sign the appropriate contract once prepared. **Nancy DeVetter** seconded. Voting in favor were Bill Garbett, Nancy DeVetter and Monty Parks. Voting against were Barry Brown, Jay Burke and Spec Hosti. Mayor Sessions voted in the affirmative. Motion to approve, 5-2.

Water/Sewer Utility Strategy - Next Steps. Monty Parks made a motion to have Staff move forward with a Resolution for the loan of \$3M. **Nancy DeVetter** seconded. Voting in favor were Bill Garbett, Monty Parks, Nancy DeVetter, and Spec Hosti. Voting against was Barry Brown and Jay Burke. Motion to approve, 4-2. **Nancy DeVetter** made a motion to approve a 7% increase on water/sewer rates. **Spec Hosti** seconded. Voting in favor were Bill Garbett,

Monty Parks, Nancy DeVetter, and Spec Hosti. Voting against were Barry Brown and Jay Burke. Motion to approve, 4-2.

Spec Hosti made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss real estate, personnel and litigation. **Monty Parks** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Monty Parks made a motion to return to regular session. **Spec Hosti** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve 6-0.

Monty Parks made a motion to adjourn. **Barry Brown** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

Janet LeViner, MMC
Clerk of Council