

City Council Minutes, April 13, 2023

Mayor Sessions called the Special City Council Hearing to order at 6:05PM, April 13, 2023. Those in attendance were Brian West, Monty Parks, Barry Brown, Jay Burke and Spec Hosti. Also attending were Dr. Shawn Gillen, City Manager; Michelle Owens, Assistant City Manager; Bubba Hughes, City Attorney; Tracy O'Connell, City Attorney; George Shaw, Planning and Zoning and Jan LeViner, Clerk of Council. Nancy DeVetter was excused.

2023-05 Resolution: To consider the Authorization to Exercise the Power of Eminent Domain on property consisting of 25 Lots on 4.05 acres (3.50 upland) in the area of Solomon and Estill Avenues and Polk Street, in the City of Tybee Island. Mr. Hughes stated this is part of the procedure to institute Eminent Domain as the City wishes to gain property. He summarized the Resolution as part of that procedure required by State Law to initiate Eminent Domain proceedings pursuant to the property. The City has followed procedures as outlined in Georgia Law as scheduling a hearing, signs posted on the property, and publication has been made in our local organ, Savannah Morning News. He continued, Mayor and Council need to consider the Resolution in a public hearing. The next step, consistent of filing a petition to acquire the property by Eminent Domain with a Special Master as ordered by the court or petitions filed to basically rule on the matter. **Barry Brown** made a motion to approve. **Monty Parks** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 5-0.

Public Comment

- **Barry McIntosh** approached. Mr. McIntosh expressed his concerns with the use of the property and costs thereof.
- **Steve Austin** approached. Mr. Austin asked the cost of the property. Mr. Hughes stated this cannot be disclosed at this time as the City is in negotiations.
- **Thompson Marsh** approached. Mr. Marsh shared his environmental concerns
- **Malcolm McDowell** approached. Mr. McDowell shared his environmental concerns.
- **Delina Malinoff** approached. Ms. Malinoff shared her environmental concerns
- **Allie Hayser** approached. Ms. Hayser shared her concerns with protecting the wildlife and wetlands.
- **Eric Fountain** approached. Mr. Fountain shared his concerns with protecting the wildlife.
- **Angela McIntire** approached. Ms. McIntire shared she concerns with protecting the wildlife.

Monty Parks made a motion to adjourn. **Barry Brown** seconded. Vote was unanimous to adjourn, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:25PM.

Janet LeViner, MMC
Clerk of Council