Erossroads of the Great South

City Council Meeting

March 22, 2010

The special called meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday 22, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

Members Present: Parker, Edenfield, Stafford, Faulkner

Members Absent: Stroud, Collins

Prayer of Invocation:

Agenda Items

1. Administrator Lawson presented a recommendation from the committee who had considered and evaluated the applications for a grant writer for the 2010 Community Development Block Grant. He stated that the city had sent out requests for proposals and among those received, the committee suggest ALGA Inc. from Alma. Motion was made to accept the recommendation of the committee and hire ALGA for the 2010 Grant Administrator for the 2010 CDBG.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner Passed 4-0

2. Administrator Lawson presented a recommendation from the committee who had considered and evaluated the applications for an engineering firm for the 2010 Community Development Block Grant. He stated that the city had sent out request for proposal and among those received, the committee suggest G. Ben Turnipseed from Augusta. Motion was made to accept the recommendation of the committee and hire G. Ben Turnipseed for the Engineer for the 2010 CDBG.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stafford Passed 3-0 Edenfield - Abstained

- 3. Mayor Schwabe stated to council that Administrator Lawson's father owns property in the proposed project area so he will not be associated or participating in the administration of the 2010 CDBG if the city receives it.
- 4. DDA Director Anthony Faris addressed council and stated that the Downtown Development Personnel Committee had met and interviewed 10 candidates for the DDA Director position. He stated that they were some very good candidates and the committee recommended Mrs. Lynn Brinson for the position. Mrs. Brinson has an MBA and a BS in Public Relations from Georgia Southern University. Motion was to accept the recommendation of the committee and hire Mrs. Lynne Brinson for the position of Downtown Development Director.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Parker Passed 4-0

5. Council discussed the participation of economic development in the city and agreed to support the efforts of the Joint Development Authority in its efforts to promote commercial business expansion within the city. Council also agreed to give the Joint Development Authority an \$8,000 grant to help in these efforts. Motion was made to expend this grant.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Parker Passed 4-0

Mayor Schwabe requested an executive session to discuss a personnel matter and to enter into Executive Session.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Faulkner Roll Call all voted yea

AFFIDAVIT

after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Swainsboro City Council held on the 22nd day of March, 2010. That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A \$50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 22nd day of March, 2010, which was closed for the purpose of personnel discussion requested by Mayor Charles Schwabe as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. S50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

Council re-entered regular session, no action was taken. Council Adjourned

Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Administrator