

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2006

Mayor Pro Tem and City Council met in a regular session on Thursday, December 7, 2006, at 7:30 P.M. at the courthouse with Mayor Pro Tem, Temple Ogundu presiding..

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem, Temple Ogundu; Councils Rose Adams, Terry Benjamin and Wayne Bullard; City Manager, Jonathan Sumner; PWD, Donnie Warren; Police Chief, Terry Davis; Fire Chief, Dwight Bennett; City Attorney, Rob Plumb; Recorder, Marilyn Brady.

Mayor Pro Tem, Ogundu, called the meeting to order and said there was a quorum present.

Mayor Pro Tem, Ogundu, called on Council Benjamin to lead the assembly in the Pledge to our flag, followed with the invocation given by Mr. Wilmon Stanley.

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

- A. October 30, 2006 Work Session
- B. November 2, 2006 Council Meeting
- C. November 9, 2006 Special Called Meeting
- D. November 13, 2006 Special Called Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem, Ogundu, asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Council Benjamin made a motion to approve the October 30, 2006 Work Session, November 2, 2006 Council Meeting, November 9, 2006 Special Called Meeting, November 13, 2006 Special Called Meeting, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.**

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES

Mayor Pro Tem, Ogundu, asked for a motion from Council to approve the bills. **Council Bullard made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.**

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Benjamin made a motion to add to the agenda to give the City Manager the authority to make certain expenditures beyond the existing limits because of lack of quorum to be in effect the end of December, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Council Adams asked to add to the agenda the Cell Phone Policy. After discussion, **Council Adams made a motion to put the Cell Phone Policy back**

on the agenda, to discuss this and hopefully to decide to involve the City Manager to go forward with this so that they can be ready in March when they negotiate with the cell phone companies, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Wilmon Stanley, 308 Washington Street, commended Police Chief, Terry Davis and Fire Chief, Dwight Bennett, in their response to a fire at his sister-in-law's house.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. HA-2006-07 Rezone and Special Exception to establish a duplex from R-15 (Single Family residential-Minimum 15,000 square foot lots) to R-10 (Single Family Residential-Minimum 10,000 square foot lots) (Jana Anderson)

City Manager, Jonathan Sumner, reported that the applicant is requesting to rezone 0.53 acres from Single-Family Residential (R-15) to Single-Family Residential (R-10) and a Special Exception to establish a duplex (two-family residential). The property is located on North Church Street, north of Whippoorwill Drive. The property is currently undeveloped and the applicant intends to establish a duplex.

Ms. Anderson of the Planning Commission stated that the staff recommended parking be located behind or on the other side of the property. The staff recommended approval based on the applicant's submitted elevation and with the condition that no parking be located in the front of the property. The Planning Commission recommended denial.

Mayor Pro Tem, Ogundu, asked for those who are in favor of the request to speak. Mr. Trent Coggins, Attorney, representing Mr. Tony Barker, who is the applicant for the rezoning. He said that the plans were for a nicer duplex from 1250 to 1300 sq. ft. and to make the appearance of the duplex conform to the surrounding environment.

Mayor Pro Tem, Ogundu, asked for those against the request to speak. Mr. Scott Purvis, 410 N. Church Street, said that he lived several houses down from the location and he did not see a sign for rezoning. Second thing was that it looked like spot zoning and that would open Pandora's box if spot zoning is allowed. Third thing is Special Exception. Usually when a Special Exception is granted it is for a hardship case. He did not see it as a hardship case. He also did not see it as consistent with the development. He asked Council to vote no to this.

Mr. Scott Sumner, 512 N. Church Street, said that he felt the same as Scott Purvis and he asked Council to vote no.

Council Bullard made a motion to disapprove the request, seconded by Council Adams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

B. Budget Approval (Mayor Pro Tem)

Mayor Pro Tem, Ogundu, stated that citizens who are interested can go to City Hall and review the budget summary. The budget provides for the continuation of existing services at the current level as well as providing for the city's growing population. The General Fund budget shows a 1% decrease overall, compared to the 2006 budget. It also took into account the anticipated growth. The Council will be adopting the budget on the 15th. He asked if there were any questions? There were none.

C. Application to sell Beer and Wine (City Manager)

City Manager, Jonathan Sumner, said that the applicant, Shawn M. Sarwar, is requesting a license to sell beer and wine. Mr. Sarwar represents Mickey's Food Store.

Mayor Pro Tem, Ogundu, asked if there was anyone in favor of the request?

Mr. Sarwar, of Mickey's Food Store, spoke in favor of the license.

Mayor Pro Tem, Ogundu, asked if there was anyone opposed to the request? There were none.

Mayor Pro Tem, Ogundu, called for a motion. **Council Bullard made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Benjamin. Councils Bullard and Benjamin voted yes. Council Adams voted no. Motion passed.**

DISCUSSIONS

A. Cost Estimate for Additional Wastewater to Nursery and Nutter-Huff White Paper (Ronny Dudley)

Mr. Ronny Dudley, City Engineer, briefed Council on the cost estimate for additional wastewater to the nursery and Nutter-Huff White Paper. (Discussion on tape) After discussion, **Council Bullard made a motion to let E.P.D. do the study, seconded by Council Adams. Vote was unanimous.**

B. Discussion of Model Storm Water Ordinance (Rob Plumb-Ronny Dudley)

City Attorney, Rob Plumb, stated that with the current growth in Hahira, the city needed to have a storm water ordinance in place. City Engineer, Ronny Dudley recommended the city adopt a Storm Water Ordinance. After discussion, **Council Benjamin made a motion to allow the City Manager, City Engineer and City Attorney, or RDC, to draft a Storm Water Ordinance, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.**

C. Cell Phone Policy

Council Adams asked City Manager, Jonathan Sumner, to help in developing a Cell Phone Policy. There are about 20 cell phones in use. She said that she would like for the City Manager to work on this and have something ready by March when the city renegotiates with the phone companies. **Council Adams made a motion to establish a Cell Phone Policy, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.**

D. Adoption of Agenda

Council Benjamin stated that it had come to their attention that they needed to give the City Manager authorization to spend beyond the limit that was set in case of emergency, during the period that they will not have a quorum. **Council Benjamin made a motion to allow the City Manager to make certain expenditures beyond his limit, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.**

Department Requests

A. Christmas Bonuses and Excess Sick Leave (City Manager)

City Manager, Jonathan Sumner, stated that at the Work Session the Council received copies of the bonuses. He also had reports from other cities on their policies with Christmas bonuses for Council to review. **Council Bullard made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Benjamin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.**

B. Winter Training Conference – February (Chief Davis)

Police Chief, Terry Davis, asked Council for approval for the Winter Training Conference. This is required to keep up his certification. **Council Bullard made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.**

C. Training Conference – March (Chief Bennett)

Fire Chief, Dwight Bennett, asked for approval for a training conference in March. **Council Bullard made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Adams. Vote was unanimous.**

D. Mayor's Day Motorcade (Chief Davis)

Police Chief, Terry Davis, reminded Council that the Mayor's Day Motorcade was on the 13th. He invited everyone to go. **Council Benjamin made a motion to approve the Mayor's Day Motorcade, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.**

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Hahira Honeybee Committee Time Capsule Location on Courthouse Property
- B. Nomination of D. K. Hollis to replace Vacancy on Citizen's Advisory Committee of Metropolitan Planning Organization
- C. Hahira Christmas Parade – Closure of Lawson and Lowndes Streets
- D. Contract Renewal for Helen Pettijean, Hahira Special Events
- E. Contract Renewal for John Franklin, Hahira Public Works
- F. Contract Renewal for Shealy Computer Services
- G. Triple Crown Hometown 2007 Investor Agreement
- H. Proposed 2007 Work Session, Council Meeting & Holiday Schedule

Council Adams made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with adding on to Triple Crown Hometown 2007 Investor Agreement, the Amethist Crown Partnership, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

PROCLAMATIONS

A. Arbor Day (Mayor Pro Tem)

Mayor Pro Tem, Ogundu, read the Proclamation declaring December 8, 2006 as Arbor Day in Hahira.

B. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Mayor Pro Tem)

Mayor Pro Tem, Ogundu, read the Proclamation declaring January 15, 2007 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

COMMENDATION FOR CHIEF BENNETT (MAYOR PRO TEM)

Mayor Pro Tem, Ogundu, commended Fire Chief, Dwight Bennett, for getting a grant for almost \$1,700.00 for the city to buy computer equipment.

REPORTS

A. COUNCIL

Council Adams thanked Ouida McKinney for repairing the chairs at the courthouse. She also thanked the City Employees for their work. She mentioned the Christmas parade and bazaar downtown this Saturday.

Council Benjamin also thanked the City employees and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Council Bullard thanked the employees for a clean town and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

B. City Manager

City Manager, Jonathan Sumner, thanked the Council and the City employees and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

C. Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem, Ogundu, stated that the city was clean and he appreciated the city employees for their work. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Bullard made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

After a few minutes **Council Bullard made a motion to enter into regular session, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.**

Council Bullard made a motion to renew the contract with Marilyn Brady, seconded by Council Adams. Vote was unanimous.

Council Adams made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Temple Ogundu
Mayor Pro Tem

Jonathan Sumner
City Manager

Marilyn Brady
Recorder