

AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 6, 2015

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD VIA REQUEST BY MAYOR PRO TEM CLENDENIN

Barbara Stratton of 6233 Justin V Cain Street, Hahira stated was here to address with Council the DDA. She stated that she was surprised to read in the Hahira Goldleaf today that the DDA was a done deal and that everybody is celebrating it. I am confused as to what is going on with it. I know we have come before the Council, Mayor and City Manager and sat with the City Manager for 2-3 hours one day telling him that there are people in town that wanted a town hall meeting because they do not understand what is going on. The meeting that was held in December, the facilitated meeting, I am a veteran of those meetings and they are designed to guide you to a set agenda. They are not an open dialogue meeting. We were allowed to talk but it was designed to be consensus on the agreed upon DDA. It was brought by a person that sold out to a DDA, she thinks highly of Mara and she is a good friend, but here opinion is her opinion about the DDA and it is not mine. I bit off doing this because I do not like to make politics personal but that particular meeting that was being brought up that was all that was needed, I had to send out an email to find out when and where it was and I was at the Council meeting that month and still did not know when and where it was. We have a video of one of your Councilmembers Mason Barfield, speaking up for the \$1800.00 to get Mara to come here and Ralph was questioning the Money and he said well I do not know anything about DDA's and I personally would like for her to come because I need to learn about DDA's. I would like to read the City of Morrow Georgia Council, regular meeting action meeting minutes from October 25, 2011. Under new business as approval of the resolution of the City of Morrow Georgia, to transfer real estate to the Downtown Development Authority for the City of Morrow for the purpose of downtown development. The motion and vote was Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented and Councilman Bob Huey seconded the motion. Mason was real aware of DDA's and we have lots of other minutes that it was going on. Also in that time period they had the old town Morrow going on, it was a DDA, even Ralph told me that it was a public private partnership, it had some public private partnerships in the contract but it was DDA. There is also a power point presentation from December 2010 shows that millions of taxpayers' dollars was spent to build old town Morrow. But it also shows that revenues totaled less than \$10,000 over a 13 month 13 month period of operation. The actual loss that they showed was 12.48 million dollars. There are a lot of articles showing the residents realized what was going on. She stated she had a lot more information for you to see.

Mayor Bruce Cain

City Clerk Lisa Mashburn