

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA
JUNE 13, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Camilla was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2022 by Mayor Owens.

Roll call indicated the following present: Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, Councilman Pollard, and Councilman Palmer.

City Attorney Coleman, City Manager Stroud, and City Clerk Ford were also present.

OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE

City Manager Stroud gave the invocation and the Mayor and Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

Sign-in Sheet Attached.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Owens stated he will ask for a motion to amend the agenda to add four items from last week's Work Session and also a potential camera purchase and authorize the city manager to purchase cameras for the Splash Park, Toombs Park, and truck parking lot. The four items he will ask to be added are the assignment of additional duties for the city clerk as assistant city manager, the resolution authorizing City Manager Stroud and Councilman Palmer to vote as delegates at the MEAG Annual Meeting, the resolution to approve how they conduct the procedures for governing hearings as it relates to planning and zoning, and approval of the Jetter in the amount of \$68,955 and authorization for the city manager to make the purchase. A motion was made by Councilman Pollard and seconded by Councilman Burley to add the items as stated. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Owens asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2022 meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Pollard, seconded by Councilman Burley, and passed by a unanimous vote.

SPEAKER APPEARANCES

Mayor Owens recognized Melanie Kemp. Ms. Kemp asked the Mayor and City Council members would they not agree that elected officials swear to an oath to support and defend the city's charter and laws of the State of Georgia. Should we not expect our city's elected officials to be honest and law abiding. The intent of the Code of Ethics that are part of the Camilla city charter is to instill trust in our elected officials. Recently an arrest was made of one of our city council members who repeatedly has violated the law and brought into question his ability to be trusted to make the best decisions for our city. She is sure many of them at times in their lives have let their driver's license expire or forget to buy a new tag. When it happens they take care

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of it. They do that for two reasons: it is the law and the right thing to do. The problem with this councilmember is the police report and the newspaper article states: Councilmember Morgan had previously been warned by law enforcement multiple times not to drive without proper insurance, proper registration, and a valid driver's license. The report also states Mr. Morgan has a history of failure to appear and driving without a license. How can it be okay for an elected official to blatantly break the law over and over and yet he is voting on spending millions of tax payer dollars in this city. Furthermore, Councilman Morgan admitted to the arresting officer he had marijuana in his vehicle that weekend. Would you not agree that these actions show a total lack of respect for abiding by the law. Clearly Mr. Morgan shows a propensity to not obey the law. What does the Mayor and Council plan to do regarding Councilmember Morgan's arrest? Taking no official action clearly indicates to the public the Mayor and City Council condones this behavior. Mayor Owens thanked Ms. Kemp.

STATE OF GEORGIA LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION PRESENTATION

Mr. John Whittaker introduced himself and stated he has been in law enforcement since 1981, worked a couple years in local law enforcement, and 32 years for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. He is now in his 8th year of working with the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. They have several different duties there to insure law enforcement is as professional as it possibly can be in the state of Georgia. Georgia is the only state that had the foresight to codify in Georgia law that police chiefs have to come through their agency to receive executive level training. They must receive a 60-hour initial class and training that can only be approved through GACP after that. Another part of the professionalism of law enforcement is the state certification program started several decades ago in Georgia. It had a small group of law enforcement agencies in the beginning, only about a dozen, and they are at the point now there are over 100 law enforcement agencies in the state of Georgia that have achieved state certification. This is the initial state certification for this police department and something that is a very long and hard process to do. Once the initial contract is signed, the agency has up to three years to start gathering all the files and documentation they will need to put in place to achieve state certification. There are over 100 standards they have to meet and a group of state certification specialists come out and review each file at the department. In addition to reviewing the files and making sure they are correct, the certification process has to go through two separate committees. The first committee looks at the reports and make sure they agree with the group that came out to inspect the police department and are ready for state certification. It is moved forward to the second committee who votes if the department should be granted state certification. The Camilla Police Department has gone through this process. They average about 18% of the departments in the state of Georgia, sometimes up to 20%, achieving and maintaining state certification. It is tough on a department and they have to dedicate themselves to making sure they achieve all the goals and state standards. They have to have good initial policies and procedures in place and all are reviewed to make sure they are in compliance with state certification standards. Then they have training to make sure all members of the department have been trained on the standards, understands them, and follows them. They have to provide the documentation and what the State Certification Manager at the department does. Documents are

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reviewed every three years after the initial certification is achieved. The State Certification Manager continues to move forward, document, and keep files on everything on the over 100 standards and the department can show at the next inspection three years later they are still meeting every one of the standards. This minimizes the possibility of lawsuits at the department when you can show the department has met all of the professional standards. It also reduces state insurance rates for the department by showing they are professional and meet all the standards. It is a huge accomplishment for a department. Out of over 600 departments in Georgia a little over 100 are maintaining their state certification. The department has to choose to do this and it is not required. The department had to choose to do this and dedicate themselves in making sure they had everything correct. You have to have a good State Certification Manager to run the program, the chief and command staff support, and the support of the Mayor and Council for the department to achieve some of the things. Some may require Mayor and Council approval for certain items for the department to meet the standards. He brought coins that will commemorate this and be presented to the Mayor and Council. There are separate things for the Chief and State Certification Manager. On the back of the coin it mentions the six most important aspects of state certification: professionalism of the department, operational guidance through good policies, engendering positive community support, transparency, ethical conduct, and liability protections that shows the department has all this in place and is following. He distributed pamphlets containing information about the state certification program. He presented a State Certification Program Certificate of Appreciation to Brittany Marshall of the Camilla Police Department as an expression of gratitude to her dedication as the certification manager. He then presented to Chief Hendricks the State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification plaque. Mr. Whittaker presented a specialized coin to State Certification Manager Brittany Marshall and Chief Hendricks. He passed out additional coins to the Mayor and members of Council and the presentation concluded with the Mayor and members of Council congratulating the department on their accomplishment.

Mayor Owens stated the Mayor Pro Tem has the narrative for tonight but not for the four items added and the camera system for the Splash Park, Toombs, and truck parking lot. Once those are done he [Mayor Pro Tem] can go to the agenda action items.

Councilman Palmer made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss the new information brought in by Ms. Kemp on Mr. Morgan and possible censure of the councilmember for behavior unbecoming of a councilmember. Mayor Owens stated the one thing he will bring up is the time to amend the agenda would have been earlier; however, considering he is asking, unless there is objection from the city attorney, he will allow the motion to stay on the floor. Councilman Palmer stated the motion is to discuss a possible censure of Councilman Morgan for behavior unbecoming of a councilmember. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tucker. Voting in favor of the motion: Councilman Collins, Councilman Palmer, and Councilmember Tucker. Voting in opposition: Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, and Councilman Pollard. Councilmember Tucker commented she was not sure Councilman Morgan could vote. City

Attorney Coleman stated he could. Mayor Owens broke the tie by voting no and the motion failed.

MEAG POWER VOTING DELEGATE

Mayor Owens asked for a motion to approve the assignment of the MEAG Power voting delegates for the annual meeting naming City Manager Stroud as the primary and Councilman Palmer as the alternate. A motion was made by Councilmember Tucker and seconded by Councilman Collins. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06-13-3 – PUBLIC HEARINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ZONING PROCEDURES ACT

Mayor Owens asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-06-13-3 adopting policies and procedures governing hearings, repealing all resolutions in conflict therewith, and for other purposes. The primary purpose of the amendment is dealing with the public zoning hearing procedures. A motion was made by Councilmember Tucker and seconded by Councilman Burley. The motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-06-13-3 passed by a unanimous vote.

JETTER PURCHASE

Mayor Owens asked for a motion to approve the purchase of a new Jetter system for the Public Works Sewer Department. The cost of the unit is \$68,955 and the current unit is about 12 years old and will take approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000 to fix it. The recommendation of staff is to purchase a new one at \$68,955. A motion was made by Councilman Burley and seconded by Councilman Morgan to authorize the city manager to purchase the Jetter in the amount of \$68,955. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

ADDITIONAL DUTIES – CITY CLERK/ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

Mayor Owens asked for a motion to assign additional duties as assistant city manager to the city clerk being held at this time by Cheryl Ford with an annual salary of \$65,000. A motion was made by Councilman Pollard and seconded by Councilman Burley. Councilmember Tucker commented she is glad several of the items came back tonight and it appears on the work session agenda there were a number of items they took action on that should have been discussion items. She had a number of citizens calling her concerned they did not have the amount of time we usually afford them, a week. They normally discuss an item and place on the agenda for the next meeting and thankful they are correcting that error tonight. With respect to the section the Mayor mentioned last week and again tonight he is referring to the Charter, Section 3.13, City Clerk. It says the city manager shall appoint the city clerk who shall be the custodian of the seal and maintain the records required by the Charter and perform such other duties that may be required by the Council. She contends that a change in job status is more than other duties. Other duties would be that you would get an assignment you need to report somewhere, because that is an other duty. Or your assistance is needed with the Juneteenth festival and to serve on that and be responsible. To her that is an example of other duties. According to the Charter 2.31 the powers and duties of the city manager is that the city manager appoints all city employees and would include the assistant city manager. It is under City Manager Stroud's authority and if he makes

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that decision she is comfortable with him making the decision. She feels like they put this in the work session and there were five items on the work session with no documentation explaining the background information. She hopes in the future they will have all information to them and in a more timely fashion. At the work session she received her package at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Owens stated the motion was to assign the duty. Councilmember Tucker stated in Charter Section 3.14 it talks about the city manager is responsible for preparing the position classification, the pay plan, and submit to Council for approval. For the week that Mr. Stroud has been on the job he has determined the necessity he needs an assistant, he can prepare the position classification, the pay plan and submit to Council for approval. Saying they have the authority to assign other duties, she does not believe a job classification such as an ACM really is other duties. That is a position we do not currently have in our budget and pay classification plan and this Council has not been given a job description to review the duties of an assistant city manager. She does not have a problem if the city manager deems it appropriate and he is in need of an assistant. She mentioned last week she would be comfortable giving him 30 to 60 days to determine if he needs an assistant city manager because the duties are such he needs that. She will be more than glad to support the city manager's request for that. She believes if the City Council deems an assistant city manager is other duties they are now falling into being guilty of interference with administration, which is Section 2.32 where they are not to give directive to any employees. She would like to allow 30 to 60 days in which to make the recommendation back to the City Council. Mayor Owens stated the councilwoman's point is a good one. As it relates to the voting this evening, after hearing some of the concerns related to some of the items, of which there were about 21, there were four items and after talking to the city attorney, out of an abundance of legislative caution, it costs the Council absolutely nothing to vote again on the items and the reason why it is back on the agenda this evening. Going forward as they talk about consent agendas, they will figure out a better way to incorporate that into helping expedite how they do their city business. That is something the Council has never done before and he is excited as they look at the agenda tonight, they got a lot of work done last week and was extremely encouraging. Going forward they will continue to do these types of things and he is excited about that. Because we are a transparent City Council, we are a Camilla for transparency, that is what they are here to do and why they want to make sure everything they do is in the daylight. Coming back today, six to seven days later, and voting on something this Council has already voted on costs the Council absolutely nothing to do that. To the original point, this information, as he almost always does, is check in with the city attorney for issues that may be of question. As it relates to the Council's ability to do this for our city clerk, after confirming with the city attorney, he says this is something they can do as a Council. The city attorney is present and can correct him if he is wrong. City Attorney Coleman stated they can and not uncommon for a city clerk to also be a city manager. It is more prominent in counties and he will have to do a little wordsmithing to make it fit and will not do that until they decide. Mayor Owens asked for a roll call vote. Voting in favor of the motion to approve the additional duty of assistant city manager for Cheryl Ford and the city clerk position: Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Pollard. Voting in opposition of the motion: Councilmember Tucker and Councilman Palmer. The motion carried by a 4-2 vote.

CAMERA SYSTEM – SPLASH PAD, TRUCK PARKING LOT, and TOOMBS PARK

Mayor Owens stated the city manager recently received quotes for a camera system. City Manager Stroud commented we received camera system quotes for the splash pad, the truck parking lot, and Toombs Park, which are all vital projects. He will be meeting with the financial consultant tomorrow to look at the finances to make a good determination of where to fund the cameras. Mayor Owens stated the motion will be to approve the city manager to expend up to \$27,000 to purchase the cameras. There are two pots of money he will be drawing from: ARPA or SPLOST and will be left to his determination. One of the things he expressed to the city manager was checking in with the city attorney when choosing one of those buckets that he has the authority to spend that way. City Attorney Coleman replied he does. Councilman Morgan asked as they were seeking and looking at cameras for these spaces, and not in this phase, but to begin thinking and looking at our other parks around the city and securing those with cameras. It is important for everyone to feel safe at each park throughout the city. It would not be in this phase of spending for the cameras but to begin identifying the other parks as well. Councilmember Tucker stated they are familiar with Toombs Park and the Splash Park and the other parks mentioned by Councilman Morgan and asked for an explanation about the truck stop cameras. City Clerk Ford stated this is the new one installed on Burson Road that will be opened up for truckers who are parking their trucks in residential neighborhoods and are in violation of the code. They are putting the additional security there to help prevent vandalism and other things from going on. Councilman Palmer asked for the procedure and who is managing how trucks are parked and for a rundown on how that works. He wants to know if anyone can go out there and park a truck, if you have to sign up, and who is liable. City Attorney Coleman stated it is just a public parking lot and the intent is you would have trucks there and he does not see any reason legally why anyone who wanted to park could not. The City has sovereign immunity and we would not be any more liable than anyone parking on a street downtown. Councilman Palmer stated we needed signs posted and City Clerk Ford replied they are. Mayor Owens stated we mentioned ARPA and SPLOST for Toombs Park and the Splash Park but for the truck stop it will be funded from economic development. We have an ordinance that says you cannot park a semi-truck in your front yard. We don't want our truckers to leave Camilla and want to provide them a way to park their vehicle or truck safely and what we are doing as an added bonus is to add cameras so they will feel a bit more comfortable parking their semis there and is the economic development piece. City Manager Stroud stated the truck parking lot bid came in at \$5,926.75. Councilman Palmer asked the grace period for the truckers to abide by the law. Mayor Owens commented that was a great question and the grace period is any time. What they are finding and the foundation for them doing this is because they had a complaint from one neighbor about a truck. What they are hoping to do is market the truck lot so folks currently not following the law will go ahead and start taking their truck out there. We want them to know they have an option. Right now a lot of truckers are not aware they have an option. Councilman Palmer stated they need to have a warning period and after that be cited because they are violating the law. Mayor Owens stated the clerk worked closely with planning and zoning to do that and they are in a no punitive stage and the impetus of getting this done. This lot, even though the Council said a year ago to get this done, the clerk in short order, when this came back up, went out there and got it done, to include the signs. The Council will remember this did not

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come to them and strictly her initiative to get this done for the truckers that live in the city of Camilla. He asked to have the motion amended to authorize the city manager to purchase cameras for the Splash Park and Toombs not to exceed \$21,000 and the money will be paid from ARPA or SPLOST funds and to give the city manager the authority to purchase a camera system for the truck lot not to exceed \$6,000 and will come from economic development funds. A motion was made by Councilman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Pollard. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06-13-1 – BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY 2021/2022

The Mayor and Council discussed the need to amend the budget for fiscal year FY 2021/2022. The Water and Sewer Department Repairs and Maintenance Infrastructure line item requires a \$72,000 amendment due to the unexpected purchase of chemicals used in the sewer treatment process at the sprayfields. The Council recommends approving Resolution No. 2022-06-13-1 to amend the Water and Sewer departmental budget in the amount of \$72,000 for a total of \$10,869,640.

A motion was made by Councilman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Pollard. Councilman Palmer stated in departmental budgets there are monies for recapture of capital items that depreciate over time or unexpected repairs and if money was already in the budget for this item. City Manager Stroud stated he has not looked at that budget that close and will get back with them. Councilman Palmer stated he knew they had been putting chemicals out there. Mayor Owens stated that piece of information he can provide. The budget was already set at \$58,000. At the sprayfield, which they have been talking about over the past couple weeks, there was an imbalance in the hay that grows there in for the pH level and sulfur needed to be purchased. Dealing with inflation, the sulfur was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$60,000 and took us over that particular budget for that. It is not a transfer of money but raising of the ceiling for that particular line item. The funding will come from the unrestricted capital assets in the budget for water and sewer. The reason they are asking for \$72,000 is to leave room in case something else has to be done. At the end of the year when it is time for the money to be transferred it will be funded from the unrestricted assets currently in the water and sewer budget. Councilman Palmer stated he thinks it should be up to that amount less what is already assigned and dedicated to that, not just adding another \$72,000. Mayor Owens commented our consultant's position is we still have 4 months left in the fiscal year and conceivable we will need to buy something else. To leave that money there so we don't have to do another budget amendment is practical and her recommendation. Voting in favor of the motion: Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Pollard. Voting in opposition: Councilman Palmer. The motion passed by a 5-1 vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-06-13-1 – CENTENNIAL STADIUM NAME CHANGE

The Mayor and Council discussed renaming Centennial Stadium at their June 6th Work Session. The discussion centered around the marketing of the stadium and additional fields as a venue for

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entertainment and sports activities. The Council recommends renaming Centennial Stadium and the adjoining fields to the “The Centennial Fields of Camilla, Georgia” by the adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-06-13-1, to waive the second reading, and authorization for the Mayor to sign.

A motion was made by Councilman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Pollard. Councilman Palmer commented it was a football field specifically for that purpose plus baseball/softball fields. We have two schools in the county that play football out there and typically have contracts, he would think. The county recreation department uses the baseball and softball fields. There has been no mention, since this appears to be a change of use somewhat, what is going to happen to these people using this and have been using it and how it will fit in. Mayor Owens stated the answer is straightforward. There is no intent to displace during the football season or any scheduled athletics planned in the stadium or the fields. None of that will change. The only thing that will change, and as the councilman mentioned before this has typically been used for football and these types of things and we can appreciate, the reality is the world is changing. The city of Camilla is going to have to change with it. One of the things we are going to have to do is start making our own magic. We cannot depend on the federal government, and they have been generous with ARPA and COVID money, but that is slowly but surely going away. We are going to have to figure out how to make our own revenue and toot our own horn. Instead of having a stadium empty eight months out of the year, a full-grown stadium empty for eight months out of the year, when there are concerts happening 30 miles up the road bringing in a tremendous revenue for those cities. A stadium that is ready and ours and what some of those on the Council are suggesting is for those eight months when those kids are not playing football that we are telling the Georgia film industry if they are shooting a movie about a high school football team or a movie about an NFL team, or if you are an artist coming to southwest Georgia to do a concert, you can come to Camilla. We have got the space for you and come on down and while you are here, go downtown and buy something. This is a new world and we can either change with it or fall behind. As long as he sits in the seat he is going to be advocating they change with it. Councilman Morgan stated since they began the discussions and adding the stadium to the entertainment district he has received some calls from neighboring communities from people ready to reserve the space and utilize in the months when the stadium is not being used. He fully supports the name change and additional duties and assignments and looks forward to where they will go. Councilmember Tucker commented she knows the name is different than what was proposed last week and assumes everyone got as many phone calls as she did and is a much better choice of names. It brings her to a question that a year ago the Council developed a resolution or ordinance that dealt with the renaming of streets and was specific about that. She wonders would it serve them well they also develop something that would address any city property (parks, football fields, etc.). Should they look at some type of ordinance because they have it with respect to the renaming of streets. It is just for thought for the city manager to make a recommendation to them at some point. In hearing the change of purposes for the facility, in addition to recreation, she also asks the city manager to present to them some type of policy for use which will need to be regulated as well. Councilman Palmer commented it has been approv-

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ed as an entertainment zone which means alcohol could be served and you can walk around with it and would it be allowed while football and baseball games are going on. Mayor Owens replied it was a great question and the rules as they stand now as it relates to the entertainment zones and how alcohol can be used in the entertainment zone, at some point there is typically a non-profit that will be involved. If that organization or school decides they want to partner with someone to do that, it is entirely up to that school. Ideally the primary purpose of adding it to the entertainment zone was with those other eight months in mind. He agrees with Councilwoman Tucker that once the motion passes to immediately get into what the policy will look like as it relates to the entertainment industry and other folks that may be using it and an awesome point. Councilman Palmer stated the point he was making is that it has been passed as an entertainment zone and that is 24 hours a day, 7 days a week provided you meet the requirements. That means alcohol could be out there at the Friday night football games with our children out there. Mayor Owens stated he mentioned when football games are happening, that is reserved for the kids and their schools and is their time. The kids are not going to be sharing the parking lot with a film crew. The way it has always been is we are not going to disrupt what the kids are doing. If they are scheduled to play in the stadium, they will play in the stadium and no one else is going to be able to come in there. This is to the point the councilwoman is speaking and if approved this evening, they will develop the policy to go along with it, just like they did with the splash park and other parks in the city. If someone is out there serving alcohol during a football high school game, he suspects they are doing it illegally and it will be dealt with fairly quickly. Councilman Morgan asked if there was an application process that activated the entertainment area. Mayor Owens replied indeed. Councilman Morgan stated none of that activity could happen unless it is happening illegally. Mayor Owens stated if a high school football team is there, and alcohol is there, they are either doing it illegally or someone in the school asked to do that. They will not interfere as a city with what has already been planned out there. Councilman Pollard commented if there is a contract then legally no other party can be out there if the school has a contract with the City for their football schedule. If the school wants to take it upon themselves then it is on the school. No one as an individual or private citizen can be out there doing such and does not think the school will be serving while having a high school game. He thinks it is against school policy. A roll vote was taken and voting in favor of the motion and waiving the second reading: Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Pollard. Councilman Palmer voted in opposition. City Attorney Coleman stated Councilman Palmer did not vote in favor of dispensing with the second reading and the ordinance will require two readings. He commented we have it as an ordinance and he did not do it. They can do a resolution to name something but it is an ordinance and Councilman Palmer did not agree to dispense the second reading. Mayor Owens commented we will leave as an ordinance and vote at the July council meeting.

TYSON FOODS – EFFLUENT PUMP PURCHASE

Tyson Foods has two effluent pumps at their treatment plant. The pumps provide discharge from the wastewater plant at Tyson to our sprayfields. One of the pumps went down approximately 30 days ago and the Council recommends approving the repairs to the pump at a cost of \$28,333

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and using economic development as the funding source. A motion was made by Councilman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Burley to approve the repairs. Councilman Palmer stated this money should be in the water and sewer department's budget for repairs and we do not need to be taking it out of economic development money. Mayor Owens stated part of this process involved some GEFA funding. We sponsored it and Tyson is responsible for maintaining the pumps out there. This is different than the one we had earlier. There are two pumps that pump discharge out to our sprayfield. One of those pumps is down and if the second pump goes down there is no way to pump the discharge from Tyson out to the sprayfield. That is not good for our largest employer in the county. With this emergency happening, getting this done quickly and using funding we have available seems practical. City Manager Stroud stated after looking at the project and doing research, this has to be done. If they will allow him to look at both ARPA and SPLOST they can determine the right revenue source for the project. It clearly has to be done. Councilmember Tucker asked if it should be reworded, since two other sources were mentioned with economic development, that using the funds as the city manager deems suitable. City Manager Stroud commented all resources are suitable and a matter where we have the most bucks and where the funds are. All the money is suitable. Mayor Owens commented it is Councilman Morgan's motion and he amending the motion to add ARPA or to the discretion of the city manager is practical. It is clear to make sure Tyson is running is the economic development side of the house. He stated we have about \$1.2 million in economic development and will continue as is. If the city manager wants the authority to pick which one they can do that. City Manager Stroud replied economic development works for him and they all work and it is a great option. Voting in favor of the motion: Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, Councilman Collins, and Councilman Pollard. Voting in opposition of the motion: Councilman Palmer. The motion passed by a 5-1 vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Stroud stated after the last meeting they asked him to look at the sprayfields RFP. He read the report and there is a lot of technical jargon but it clearly talks about what repairs have to be made. He reached out to Chad Griffin from Still Waters Engineering because of the technical jargon to get started on the RFP process. The report talks about a bentonite slurry mix which basically will fill those boring holes out there. The slurry mix is mixed with bentonite and water and specially designed to plug the bore holes out there. He is looking for Chad to give him the technical jargon to put in the RFP.

For the computer devices talked about last week he is leaning toward the iPads because they are versatile and when he gets prices will bring back to them. It depends on the speed they need and what they are looking for and can give him direction of what they are looking for. Both the laptops and iPads have speed and resolution and depends on their preference. He has asked Assistant Chief Casterline pull together some specs.

They also asked him to look at fans and tables for the splash pad. He thanked Mike Atkinson for working diligently doing research for us. They found two industrial fans for about \$900 and

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found some a little less and were not as durable and they make more noise. The velocity is greater with the industrial fans and the tradeoff is about \$150. They can get the two tables of about \$2,500 leaving them a balance of \$1,500 to purchase the umbrellas and have the fans installed.

He will be meeting with the financial consultant on Tuesday to determine exactly where we are because we are fast approaching, if not, in the middle of budget season. He asked HR to call the candidates that applied to us previously to be our chief financial officer and wants to gauge their interest. If they have some who are still interested he will probably come back to them and talk about moving forward so they can get that position filled. If not, he has to advertise again and it is a critical vacancy. Public Works also has five critical vacancies that he and Kent are working hard to fill, particularly looking for CDL folks.

He was also asked to look at the Boys and Girls Club roof. His understanding from the leadership team is the roof leak patched a few days ago has no other roof leaks noted. He has been told they can repair it but it could pop up again from additional rain. He is waiting on an invoice from Helen's.

The additional roads were looked at last week. He knows typically they contact the engineer to help with an RFP and can do this in-house. We have the talent and skills able to do that and save the expense. In about one week he can get with the team and see if they can do that without having that expense.

He is meeting with Clay Banks from Tyson next week to begin the process of building that relationship. He is also meeting with the Regional Commission to talk about the comprehensive plan.

The Toombs Park fencing is being worked by staff and hopefully to get the bid out next week.

Councilman Pollard asked if he said \$2,500 for the two picnic tables at the splash park. City Manager Stroud replied yes and those tables are steel and coated in hard plastic. We can find some less expensive but the problem is durability. When you look at the climate we are living in now what cost us \$1,200 a year ago has doubled. The tables are round with three benches. After additional discussion about the splash park, Councilman Burley thanked the city manager for bringing all the information back to the Council.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mayor Owens commented every year he signs letters for the Housing Authority. One of the circumstances in the City of Camilla is the Housing Authority is something pretty much in the direction of the Mayor's office to a certain degree as it relates to assigning the Board. Part of his responsibility as it relates to the Housing Authority is some documents he has to sign. It does not require Council approval and Dr. Thomas will be sending in letters to get his annual capital im-

HOUSING AUTHORITY (cont.)

provement money for renovations at the Housing Authority. He gets the money every year and the Mayor has to sign a letter saying certain things that will not happen at the Housing Authority, such as density of the units will not change more than 20% and those types of things. He just wants to let them know he is signing this and does not require Council action. As usual he likes for them knowing this in case they get a call.

Next month he will be coming to them, and they have a program in place and knows Councilmen Palmer and Pollard know about it, that helps businesses expand and we have grants for that. The way the policy is written you have to do about \$500,000 if you want to apply for some type of grant from the City to help you expand or have a certain amount of employees to get the grant. What he will be asking the Council is to amend that so we can help smaller businesses here trying to expand. He can think of one or two right now that are trying desperately to expand and thinks if they did it will be a benefit to the city, their business and overall is a help to the city. He will be working on that and helpfully in July will be coming back with some numbers. He asked the city manager to provide a copy to the Council in the next couple weeks so they can look at it and get an idea what the current policy looks like.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Owens stated earlier in the year he told the public and Council the operational tempo in the city of Camilla was going to increase. We are now six months in the new year and wants to share some of the things they have accomplished leading up to today. They have created three new entertainment zones which will weigh in heavily as it relates to our future economic development. They partnered with Mitchell County Schools to provide internships for the College and Career Academy. This will be a force multiplier for our city because we are going to be training young folks in the city who are going to be graduating high school and with any luck become city employees, or at the very least have skills learned here at the city. They started the process of developing a youth advisory board for the upcoming school year. We are committed to creating future councilmembers in the city and hopes before the year is out they will look around this room and see four to eight young folks as youth councilmembers observing what is going on around the table. Camilla opened its' first splash park a few weeks ago. For the first time a City sponsored Juneteenth celebration will happen this weekend starting on Saturday the 18th at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. This is the first time in the city's history. We allocated \$1.5 million to repair our sprayfield that has been, for at least a year, sitting idle. Serious city infrastructure that needed to be repaired. This year we allocated the money to get it done and it came from MEAG trust funds. We allocated \$1.5 million for a new Camilla Resource Center that will house the new Boys and Girls Club with new technology for our kids in our city. Again a force multiplier for us in the city. They recently completed nearly \$750,000 of sewer enhancements. What does all this mean? In six months we have made serious strides to move and propel our city into the future. As the city manager mentioned they are going to be heading to budget season fairly soon. He is asking them [the public] to please come to the meetings to tell them what is on their minds. Decisions will be made to help prepare Camilla for the future and their input is going to be extremely important. Even before they have the budget hearings having

MAYOR'S COMMENTS (cont.)

them in the room, and those watching at home, are appreciated. He encouraged everyone to come and let the Council know what is happening with them. Just a couple months ago if you wanted to talk to this Council you had to go to the city clerk three business days before to tell what you wanted to talk about. That was before this Council said they are done with that. It used to be if you were at a work session, you had to be quiet. A couple months ago this City Council changed that. You can come to work sessions, just like a regular council meeting, and speak about anything you want to and don't have to give a preview. Whatever is on their mind they can tell them and to please take advantage of that.

Councilmember Tucker thanked the citizens who have been faithful to attend the meetings and appreciates so much when members in the audience are bold and speak out and demand they [Council] are held to be accountable to the standard their position requires and deserves. She appreciates all of them taking time to be here. Many come month after month and are faithfully here. Many of them reach out via phone, text and Facebook and appreciates they do expect to hold them all accountable, as they should.

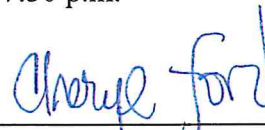
Councilman Pollard thanked the interim city manager that held it down before the city manager got here and who is now our assistant city manager her for her hard work with staff. There were no complaints and everything went well. He knows it had to be in her heart for the city of Camilla that brought her to the point she stepped in and made sure the business continued to move forward and appreciates all she did.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilman Pollard, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



KELVIN OWENS, MAYOR



CHERYL FORD, CITY CLERK

CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA ~ SIGN-IN SHEET

DATE: JUNE 13 2022 TIME: 6:00 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

MEETING: ☒ COUNCIL ☐ WORK SESSION ☐ OTHER: _____

	NAME	ADDRESS	SPEAKER		TOPIC OF DISCUSSION
			NO	YES	
1	Harrison Edwards	117 Fuller Street	✓		
2	Gamie 1905		✓		
3	Berni Heed		✓		
4	Bruce Heed		✓		
5	James W. Cooper		✓		
6	Carl Smith	Camilla	✓		
7	Melanie Kemp			✓	
8	Marie Lenoir		✓		
9	Susan Racy		✓		
10	Cherinda Spicer		✓		
11	Michael Byatt	US Rep. S.D. Bishop, Jr.	✓		
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**CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06-13-3**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING HEARINGS; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-66-5(a) provides that all local governments shall adopt Policies and procedures which govern the calling and conducting of hearings required by the Zoning Procedures Act; and

WHEREAS, this code section further provides that such policy and procedure shall be available for distribution for the general public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camilla has adopted a Zoning Ordinance to provide for the orderly growth of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Ordinance protects the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Camilla; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the City to provide adequate public notice and provide policies and procedures for the conduct of hearings within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Camilla as follows:

Section 1. The City of Camilla Procedures for Public Zoning Hearings attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is adopted.

Section 2. The Clerk will distribute these procedures to the general public prior to any zoning hearing conducted by the City.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed.

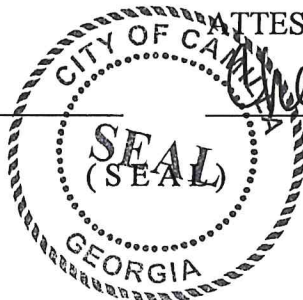
SO RESOLVED, this 13th day of JUNE, 2022

CITY OF CAMILLA

By: _____

Mayor, Kelvin Owens

ATTEST:



Clerk, Cheryl Ford

First Reading: June 13, 2022
Second Reading: Waived

EXHIBIT "A"

City of Camilla Procedures for Public Zoning Hearings

- The Mayor or, in his absence, the mayor pro tem, shall open the hearing at the designated time and shall announce the rules for the hearing.
 - The Presiding Officer shall first call upon the city manager, or her designee, to present the report of the planning commission.
 - The Presiding Officer will then call for a show of hands of those present wishing to speak in support of the proposed amendment. The Presiding Officer shall recognize each such person in turn and ask him/her to rise, state his name and address, and present his/her statement.
 - The Presiding Officer shall then call for a show of hands of those present wishing to speak in opposition to the proposed amendment. The Presiding Officer shall recognize each such person in turn and ask him/her to rise, state his/her name and address, and present his/her statement.
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- All persons wishing to speak in favor of the proposed zoning amendment and those persons wishing to speak in opposition to the proposed zoning amendment shall be allowed ten minutes to present such data, evidence and opinion as such respective side deems appropriate; provided, however, that if either or both sides do not desire to use the full minimum time period, then such minimum time period may be waived.
 - The Presiding Officer shall be further authorized to grant each side such additional amount of time beyond the minimum time period set out herein; however, both sides shall be given the same amount of time to present their side at the hearing.
 - After all persons have been given an opportunity to speak for or against the proposed amendment, the city council shall have the right to discuss the proposed amendment and, upon completion thereof, the hearing shall be closed.
 - Upon the conclusions of the public hearing, the proposed amendment shall be placed on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council. The proposed amendment may be considered at a meeting immediately following the hearing.
 - In considering a change of zoning classification for a parcel of land, the City council shall balance the interest of the community in promoting the public health, safety, morality and general welfare against the right of property owners in the use of their property.
 - The Council's decision making shall be guided by the following standards, as relevant:
 1. Existing uses and zoning of nearby property;
 2. The extent to which property values are diminished by the present zoning restrictions;
 3. The extent to which the destruction of property values, resulting from existing zoning of specific parcels promotes the health, safety, morals or general welfare of the public;
 4. The relative gain to the public, as compared to the hardship imposed upon the individual property owner by the proposed zoning classification;
 5. The suitability of the subject property for the zoning purposes as proposed;
 6. The length of time the property has been vacant under the present zoning classification, considered in the context of land development in the area in the vicinity of the property;
 7. Conformity with or divergence from the city's comprehensive plan.

CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA
Resolution No. 2022-06-13-1

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET
FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed its revenues and expenditures for the Water and Sewer Department departmental budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022 and determined amendments are needed as follows:

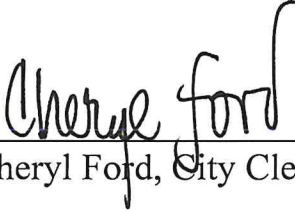
Expenditures - Net Increase	\$ 72,000
Repairs & Maintenance Infrastructure/Sewer	\$ 72,000

WHEREAS, the City of Camilla hereby resolves to amend its Water and Sewer Expenditures budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 for a total budget amount of \$10,869,640.

SO RESOLVED this 13th day of June, 2022.

CITY OF CAMILLA

By: 
Kelvin M. Owens, Mayor

Attest: 
Cheryl Ford, City Clerk



Sewer			
Account Number	Account Name	Budget	Available
505-4331-52-2201	Repairs Maint Machine	\$25,000.00	\$11,894.40
2202	Repairs Maint Veh	\$7,000.00	\$3,864.70
2203	Repairs Maint Comp	\$10,580.00	\$9,781.36
2204	Repairs Maint Bldg	\$7,000.00	\$5,069.42
2206	Repairs Maint Lift	\$50,000.00	\$25,797.12
2205	Repairs Maint Infas	\$58,000.00	\$49,538.67
	Net		\$6,868.33
	Net Less Infas		\$56,407.00
Water			
2201	Repairs Maint Machine	\$50,000.00	\$42,406.71
2202	Repairs Maint Veh	\$7,000.00	\$5,505.54
2204	Repairs Maint Bldg	\$25,000.00	\$22,612.61
2205	Repairs Maint Infas	\$30,000.00	\$4,786.29
2203	Repairs Maint Comp	\$7,880.00	\$3,861.70
	Net		\$71,449.45
	Net less Comp		\$75,311.15

CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-06-13-1

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RENAMING OF CENTENNIAL STADIUM TO “THE CENTENNIAL FIELDS OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA”; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camilla desires to officially rename Centennial Stadium to *The Centennial Fields of Camilla, Georgia*; and

WHEREAS, after discussion the City Council hereby offers the renaming of Centennial Stadium to *The Centennial Fields of Camilla, Georgia* for consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Camilla, Georgia as follows:

- Section 1. *The Centennial Fields of Camilla, Georgia* is the official name of the former Centennial Stadium and adjoining fields located at 50 Industrial Drive.
- Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO ORDAINED this 13th day of June, 2022.

CITY OF CAMILLA

BY: _____
Kelvin M. Owens, Mayor

[CITY SEAL]

Attest: _____
Cheryl Ford, Clerk

First Reading: June 13, 2022

Second Reading: ~~Waived~~