

TIFTON CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MAY 11, 2020
5:30 PM
TIFTON CITY HALL

Attendees

Mayor Julie Smith
Council Member Wes Ehlers
Council Member Jack Folk
Council Member Johnny Terrell
Council Member M. Jay Hall

Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager
Rob Wilmot, City Attorney
Jessica White, City Clerk

Call to Order

Mayor Julie Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Old Business

Resolution Opposing House Bill 302, Preemption of Local Building Design Standards

The resolution presented formally opposes the current state bill which would no longer allow local communities to adopt building design standards in their community. City Council considers that the local elected officials should be able to make decisions about the look and feel of their communities and feel it is necessary to formally show opposition of the current bill.

New Business

Resolution Providing for a New Alcohol Beverage License for Nita's Food Store located at 1520 S. Central Avenue

Ms. Jessica White reviewed the application and mentioned the location was currently operating and is changing ownership. She stated staff has reviewed the new alcohol application and is recommending approval of the alcohol license.

Resolution Supporting the DDA's DDRLP Application to Assist Magnolia Properties, LLC with Development of 1010 S. Tift Avenue

Ms. Abbey McLaren, DDA Director, mentioned the resolution is required to move forward with the downtown development revolving loan for Magnolia Properties. McLaren mentioned the development will consist of 19 luxury apartments, an indoor parking area, and catering event space.

Resolution Supporting the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Application being Submitted by Integrity Development Partners, LLC for the South Tifton Development

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the resolution is needed to officially support IDP's LIHTC Application being submitted to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for developing affordable housing units at the previous Captain's Point location on Old Omega Road.

Review Draft of Board Appointment Policy

Ms. Jessica White reviewed the new board appointment policy and proposed process changes

that were included in the policy. Council reviewed the policy and briefly discussed.

Other Business

Board Report

Council reviewed the board report, but no appointments were made.

City Manager Report

Mr. Pyrzenski mentioned the City has received requests from restaurants to allow for outside dining. Mr. Wilmot confirmed that the City's alcohol ordinance currently has provisions for allowing this type of dining. Mr. Pyrzenski briefly reviewed the City's plan for re-opening city buildings to the public. Lastly he reminded Council of the budget work session planned for May 21, 2020.

Mayor & Council Comments

Council Member Terrell stated it was good to see everyone again since the COVID-19 closure.

Council Member Hall thanked the community for quickly adjusting and dealing with the recent COVID-19 changes.

Council Member Folk mentioned he has spoken to many local medical officials and they applauded the city for closing the city early to help get the virus under control.

Vice Mayor Ehlers spoke highly of the hospital keeping the community informed and thanked Pete for his leadership during this difficult time.

Mayor Smith agreed with all the Council's comments and did not add any further comments.

Executive Session

Vice Mayor Ehlers made the first motion to go into executive session to discuss legal and real estate matters. Motion seconded by Hall and unanimously approved. Meeting closed to executive session.


Vice Mayor Ehlers motioned to come out of executive session, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

Resolution Providing for Executive Session

Vice Mayor Ehlers motioned for approval of the resolution, seconded by Terrell, and unanimously approved.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,



Julie Smith, Mayor



Jessica White, City Clerk

**AT A MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFTON
HELD ON May 11, 2020
A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council member Wes Ehlers makes the following motion:

1. That City Council now enters into executive session as allowed by O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4 and pursuant to advice by the City Attorney, for the purpose of discussing the following:

(check all that apply)

- Legal Matters.
 Personnel Matters.
 Real Estate Matters.

That each member of this body, in open session, at the conclusion of such executive session, and consistent with the provisions of City of Tifton Resolution No. 99-66, either:

1. Execute the Affidavit, the form of which having been previously approved; or
2. Vote upon the Resolution, the form of which having been previously approved, to be followed by the execution of the above-referenced Affidavit by so many members of this Council that so desire,

all of which is in compliance with O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4; thereby this body, by appropriate form of either Affidavit or Resolution/Affidavit, ratifying the actions of the Council taken in executive session and confirming that the subject matters of the closed session were within exceptions permitted by the Open Meetings law.

Council member M. Jay Hall seconds the motion.

Motion Approved

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure:

Council Members: All

Those voting against the motion for closure:

Council Members: None

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths in the State of Georgia:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
<u>✓</u>	_____	Julie B. Smith
<u>✓</u>	_____	Wes Ehlers
<u>✓</u>	_____	Jack Folk (via phone)
<u>✓</u>	_____	Johnny Terrell
<u>✓</u>	_____	M. Jay Hall

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

1. I am a member of the Tifton City Council and I was present at a meeting of the City Council held on the 11 day of May, 2020.

2. That it was my understanding that O.C.G.A. Section 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.

3. The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 11 day of May, 2020, which was closed for the purpose(s) of :

- Legal Matters
- Personnel Matters
- Real Estate Matters

As allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

4. This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.
5. This affidavit is likewise executed by the following members of the City Council present at such executive session in support of open and honest government and in compliance with City of Tifton Resolution 99-66.

This 11 day of may, 2020.

Julie Smith
 Julie Smith
 Mayor, City of Tifton

Wes Ehlers
 Wes Ehlers
 Councilman, District 1

via phone.
 Jack Folk
 Councilman, District 2

Jonny Terrell
 Jonny Terrell
 Councilman, District 3

M. Jay Hall
 M. Jay Hall
 Councilman, District 4

Sworn to and subscribed before me
 By all City Council members
 on this 11th day of
may, 2020.

Jessica White
 Notary Public

