

MINUTES
CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, July 7, 2009, 7:00PM

Officials Present

Mayor:	Lee Swaney
Council:	Pat Davis-Morris, Karen Feltz, Wayne Foster, Warren Hadlock, Rosemarie Nelson, Emanuel Ransom
City Clerk:	Tracy Ashby
City Attorney:	Stephen Quinn

Mayor Swaney called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Joan Swaney gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the June 2, 2009, Council meeting were before of Council for approval. Ms. Davis-Morris moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Feltz seconded the motion. Mayor Swaney opened the floor for discussion. No discussion followed. **A vote was called and the motion carried.** (6/0)

SPECIAL GUEST

India Pullan distributed materials to Council. She gave an overview of her non-profit organization, Step Up In Georgia, which has recently relocated to Clarkston at 4122 E. Ponce de Leon, Suite 10. Her organization offers service projects for citizens of Clarkston. Currently the organization is conducting a summer program for youth 12-19 years old. She stated that the organization is already working with Chief Scipio on some projects and she wanted to introduce herself to Council members she hasn't met. She is excited to be located in Clarkston and looks forward to a good working relationship with the City. The organization will have after-school programs and programs for seniors in the fall. She announced that the organization will host an end of the summer program on July 25th at Milam Park from 11:00am till 3:00pm and invited everyone to attend. There will be a raffle held at that time. Ms. Pullan stated that she is working with the Boys Home, has distributed flyers in apartment complexes and has spoken with managers of the apartment complexes to get the word out about the organization's programs and would appreciate any help from Council in that area.

Mr. Ransom stated that as a point of order the minutes from June 11th public hearings were not approved. He moved to approve the minutes from the June 11th 11:00am and 7:00pm public hearings. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion. Mayor Swaney opened the floor for discussion. No discussion followed. **A vote was called and the motion carried.** (6/0)

Zoning & Review Commission Report

Joan Swaney made a report on behalf of Tim Berkesch who was unable to attend. The Committee met on June 15th with one piece of business to consider, which was a request for a building permit for a deck at 3535 Bacon Street. The request was approved by the Commission. The next Commission meeting will be July 20th at 7:00pm.

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Graham Thomas (Market Street) stated that he's noticed tractor trailers behind some mechanic shops and asked if there is a different license required to repair tractor trailers or if it was permissible at all. Mayor Swaney responded that the situation has already been brought to Council's attention. It will be discussed at the next work session and be addressed as soon as possible.

Clint Ard (Rogers Street) stated he has lived in Clarkston 21 years. He stated he has used the tennis courts quite a bit and requested that they be resurfaced and outfitted with new nets. He stated that the courts are almost unusable because of cracks in the surface, grass growing up between the cracks and holes in the net. He stated that tennis courts should be resurfaced about every five years and although he recognizes it is an expense, he requested that it be done as soon as possible. He also requested that the courts be brought up to the new TSA standards, which includes a blue surface. He feels that the tennis courts are the centerpiece of Milam Park and he would like to see them renovated. Mayor Swaney stated that the Chairman of Parks and Recreation Committee and Director of Public Works will look into the request and thanked Mr. Ard for bringing his concern to Council's attention.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alcohol Permit for Retail Package Sales for Rommel Enterprises d/b/a Clarkston Food Market at 927 N. Indian Creek Drive, Sayed Hossein

Ms. Ashby explained that the business ownership has changed since April 15, 2009, with no change in business type or operation. The previous owner held an approved beer, wine, malt beverage retail package sale license with the City of Clarkston. All fees for the application have been paid and the applicant has passed the background check. A business license has been issued and the business operation has been reviewed by Code Enforcement and no issues were found. Mr. Ransom stated that the windows must not be blocked from view from outside the establishment. Mr. Hossein responded that he has changed a lot of things, including removing unnecessary posters and the window are now unobstructed from the outside. He has repainted the parking lot and building and it looks much better. Mr. Ransom informed Mr. Hossein that parking lot stripes have to be green and Mr. Hossein said he would be happy to repaint the stripes. He asked what color green should be used and Mayor Swaney directed him to speak with Director Shipman for that information. Mayor Swaney and Mr. Ransom asked why the business application did not go to the Zoning and Review Commission so that Mr. Hossein would have known what color to paint the parking lot stripes. Ms. Ashby stated that the application was submitted before the change in procedure was enacted. Ms. Nelson moved to approve the application before Council. Mr. Ransom seconded the motion. Mayor Swaney opened the floor for discussion. No further discussion followed. **A vote was called and the motion carried. (6/0)**

Alcohol Permit for Beer, Wine and Malt Beverage Sales by the Drink for Lambadina Café at 3652 Market Street

Ms. Ashby explained that this application was being made because of a change in ownership from sole proprietor to a partnership. The original alcohol permit was approved for the sole proprietor at the March 6, 2007, Council meeting. All fees have been paid and all three partners have passed the background check. The business license will be issued pending the approval of the alcohol permit before Council. The business location has been reviewed by Code Enforcement and no issues were found. Mayor Swaney requested that the owners keep the sidewalk in front of the Café free of litter and debris. Mr. Ransom reiterated his concern that the view through the windows is obstructed in the second building. The owner responded that he would make those changes to the establishment. Mr. Ransom moved to approve the application before Council. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion. Mayor Swaney opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Hadlock questioned if the outdoor area had been approved

for service of alcohol. Mr. Ransom stated that the Zoning and Review Commission approved service of alcohol outside as long as the beverage is served in an unmarked container and the businesses on either side have no objection to tables being on the sidewalk. **A vote was called and the motion carried.** (6/0)

Qualifying Period for November 3, 2009 Elections

Ms. Ashby explained that Council is charged with setting qualifying dates under O.C.G.A. 21-2-132. The first day that qualifying can begin is Monday, August 31st. There must be a minimum of three days, which would run through Wednesday, September 2nd, and a maximum of five days, which would run through Friday, September 4th. Office hours for qualifying must begin at 9:00am and end at 4:30pm on each day. Mr. Ransom moved to set qualifying days from August 31st through September 2nd. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Mayor Swaney opened the floor for discussion. No further discussion followed. **A vote was called and the motion carried.** (6/0)

OLD BUSINESS:

Second Reading of the Telephone/Telegraph Franchise Ordinance

Ms. Ashby explained that a copy of the proposed ordinance was distributed to Council. Mr. Quinn read the ordinance for the record. Mr. Foster moved to approve the ordinance. Ms. Davis-Morris seconded the motion. Mayor Swaney opened the floor for discussion. Ms. Nelson asked for clarification that the ordinance is required by the Georgia Assembly. Mr. Quinn explained that the State legislature passed a law that limits fees that can be charged by municipalities and this ordinance is necessary to bring the City Code into compliance with that law. No further discussion followed. **A vote was called and the motion carried.** (6/0)

First Reading of Proposed Sign Ordinance

Mr. Quinn stated that the ordinance is too voluminous to read aloud and stated that the full ordinance is on file with the City Clerk for public review. He summarized the changes to be made to the existing ordinance which are meant to impose the design guidelines of the Town Center district City-wide. Mr. Ransom requested that a copy of the proposed ordinance be sent to the Zoning and Review Commission for its review before the second reading. Ms. Feltz stated that this ordinance is the same that was completed out of the LCI and adopted into the design guidelines which were determined by public comment during the LCI development. Ms. Nelson stated that she wants electronic signage to be allowed, which is currently not allowed in the proposed ordinance. She would like to use an electronic sign at City Hall and at Clarkston Plaza to better communicate with citizens. Ms. Feltz stated that she doesn't want electronic sign throughout the City. Mayor Swaney stated that he would like for City Hall to have an electronic sign. Ms. Feltz stated that electronic signs cannot be allowed without re-hearing public comment about it. Mr. Quinn stated that the municipality is generally not subject to its own zoning restrictions. Mayor Swaney suggested that the ordinance be sent back to a work session for further discussion. Mr. Hadlock stated that the ordinance was approved for a first read last the Council meeting. Ms. Nelson reminded Council that she stated her objection at the last Council meeting. Mr. Hadlock stated that Ms. Nelson was the only Council person opposed to the ordinance and Ms. Feltz reminded Council that Ms. Nelson did not attend the work session during which the sign ordinance was discussed. Mr. Quinn reiterated that the vote at last Council meeting was to send the ordinance to the City Attorney for review, which took place. The next step was for the City Attorney to give Council comments as to form before the last work session, during which any changes by Council would be made and the ordinance would have a first read at the July Council meeting. Council members concurred with that understanding. Ms. Davis-Morris stated that there are businesses that will not come into the City if they cannot get a sign because of the moratorium in effect. She urged Council to move forward with the

process of adopting the new sign ordinance. Mr. Quinn explained that procedurally there is no action to be taken at this meeting. Rather, by having the first read, it is now possible to have the second read of the new ordinance at the next Council meeting, assuming that procedures for amending zoning ordinance are followed. Ms. Feltz stressed that she wants the moratorium on sign applications lifted as soon as possible. Ms. Nelson asked if a public hearing was required to amend the ordinance. Mr. Quinn responded that a public hearing will be required which can be held immediately before the vote, if Council wishes. Mr. Ransom stated that he also wants to move forward so that the moratorium on signage can be lifted.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Scipio reviewed crime statistics that were distributed to those present. Ms. Nelson asked Chief Scipio to define aggravated. Chief Scipio responded that it is an assault with a weapon. Chief Scipio recognized Lt. Hudson for doing an outstanding job since she's been with the Clarkston Police Department. Ms. Nelson asked why Lt. Hudson had not issued any citations. Chief Scipio responded that Lt. Hudson is an administrative officer and while she is on the street she does not issue citations. Chief Scipio stated he hoped some of the Council attended the Public Safety seminar at the GMA Conference in Savannah to better understand what the Police Department does. He challenged Council members to ride with officers to better understand how the Police Department operates. He stated that he has full confidence in Lt. Hudson to help him get the Clarkston Police Department caught up to modern standards.

Mr. Ransom asked if there is a record of Ofc. Dyer's service that could be used as documentation for in-kind service. Lt. Hudson responded that his service was completely volunteer on his part and she would make a record of his service. Mayor Swaney cautioned Chief Scipio to look into the legal ramifications of treating Ofc. Dyer's service as in-kind service. Chief Scipio stated that volunteer hours can be documented as in-kind service.

Lt. Hudson announced that the Police Department will be conducting road checks once a month throughout the City with the help of reserve officers and DeKalb Star Team. Also the Police Department has submitted two grants that are expected to be awarded. One will be for computers in the patrol cars and the other for cameras in each car. It will benefit officers and citizens. Training has been made a priority and post-certified instructors will be coming to provide training on various subjects each month.

Mr. Hadlock told Chief Scipio that he does his best to understand how the Police Department operates and to understand what's happening in the City and tries to understand what the Department's needs are. He stated that Council members don't necessarily have to ride-along to understand what's going on. Chief Scipio expressed appreciation for support from Council and citizens alike. Some discussion followed regarding proper procedure for Council members to address concerns regarding the Police Department. Mayor Swaney stated there would be an Executive Session meeting held to further discuss the subject.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Foster stated that he attended a conference on municipal finance at the GMA convention in Savannah and it was very helpful.

Parks Committee Report

Mr. Hadlock stated that using the \$25,000 in CDBG grant funds for Friendship Forest was discussed at the work session and therefore presented a resolution to use those funds for trail improvements in Friendship Forest. He would then like to take the resolution to Chris Morris at DeKalb County to move forward with the project. Mr. Hadlock read the resolution for the record, which authorizes the removal of hard surfaces (basketball pads, tennis court and parking lot asphalt) from Friendship Forest. Mr. Hadlock moved for the resolution to be approved. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Mayor Swaney opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Nelson asked what \$25,000 would buy as far as improvement in Friendship Forest. Ms. Nelson stated that she didn't attend the work session so she asked if the project would be bid out and subject to the CDBG requirements. Mr. Hadlock repeated that the funds would be used to remove hard surfaces and assured Ms. Nelson that all grant requirements would be met. No further discussion followed. **A vote was called and the motion carried.** (6/0)

Mr. Hadlock announced that free movies are still being shown at Milam Park every Friday night at 9:00pm, sponsored by the Fugees' Family. The City sells popcorn and drinks at the event. Mr. Hadlock urged citizens to check the website for events happening in Milam Park over the summer. Ms. Davis-Morris stated that the City is working closely with the YMCA in Decatur to offer youth programs since the Milam Park pool is closed this summer.

Properties and Community Affairs Report

Ms. Feltz reported that she attended a seminar at the GMA Convention in Savannah conducted by the Chairman of the State Senate Finance Committee titled "Fiscal First Aid." She recommended the seminar, which can be viewed on the GMA website, to anyone who is interested in learning about ways for municipalities to weather economic downturns.

Ms. Feltz reported that she has worked with Director Shipman to do routine maintenance to the building and grounds at City Hall such as landscaping and painting which have improved the appearance of the building and grounds of City Hall.

Ms. Feltz reported on a meeting held at the Women's Club with mayors from around DeKalb County municipalities and representatives from MARTA to discuss ways that MARTA can work in conjunction with municipalities in designing and implementing streetscapes. Ms. Feltz stated that one of the major hurdles to implementing the City's streetscape projects is that the grant money can't be spend on any property that the City does not hold right-of-way rights to and the 20% matching funds must come from the City's regular budget. At the GMA Conference in Savannah last month, Ms. Feltz had many productive discussions with representatives from other municipalities and agencies to find ways to work better with CSX to obtain right-of-way rights without spending large sums on legal fees. MARTA has agreed to be a partner is moving forward with obtaining right-of-ways and coming up with matching funds to implement the City's streetscape plans.

Ms. Feltz stated that the City was awarded \$60,000 that is being used as matching funds for streetscape projects which are moving through DeKalb County's process. The City's consultant, Harry Housen, is working diligently on that project.

Police Committee Report

Ms. Davis-Morris stated that Lt. Hudson is working hard at administrative duties, training, reviewing reports and developing officers' skills. She is also working on writing grants to get funding for police equipment. Lt. Hudson is working extra hours and on-call most of the time and is in constant communication with Ms. Davis-Morris. This explains why she is not on the street issuing citations. Ms. Davis-Morris has done ride-alongs with Lt. Hudson.

Ms. Davis-Morris announced that the road checks mentioned by Lt. Hudson will begin July 23rd.

The City, through the Police Department, is entering into an agreement with ITI, Information Technology Incorporated, to upgrade court recording and other technological systems. The first phase of implementation is training of administrators, which will take place in St. Louis, MO, and then there will be training of end-users. All of this will be funded by federal seizure funds. The second phase of the upgrade will be installation of hardware and software, including the car cameras. This will be funded by grant monies. The current system is outdated and needs to be replaced. Court revenues will fund ongoing expense of the use of the software.

Streets Committee Report

Ms. Nelson announced that the EPD performed the City's first inspection and audit. The City passed the inspection. There are three or four model ordinances that need to be approved to be in compliance with state law. Director Shipman is working with Mike Walker at DeKalb County on preparing the ordinances. These ordinances will be discussed at the next work session.

The Public Works Department has changed normal work hours for its employment from 7:30am to 3:30pm for summer hours.

Ms. Nelson announced that the Streets Budget is under budget due to low expenses for maintenance and repairs. Utility expense is down for streets, which will probably go up later in the year as daylight hours decrease. Uniform rental, gas, oil and diesel fuel expense is also under budget.

Ms. Nelson reported that the Bike Rodeo held on June 6th was well received with about 21 children participating. Ms. Nelson thanked the Council and Police Department for their support. A bike rack was dedicated on City Hall property by the picnic table.

Ms. Nelson reported that an event was held at the Women's Club titled "A Dialog for Women" which was a forum for discussion on how to present the City of Clarkston in a positive light moving forward. Ms. Nelson is using asset-based community building techniques to foster involvement and develop and implement projects. The group of 20 participants, made up of men and women, determined that the City of Clarkston is a self-sufficient community with all necessary services and products close at hand. The group determined that the multi-cultural population of Clarkston is a great asset, that the population is well-educated because of two higher-education schools located in the City or close by. The group praised the fact that Clarkston is a walking community and has many houses of worship. The group praised the Community Center and its programs. The group appreciates the transportation advantages Clarkston has because of public transportation and easy access to interstate highways. They appreciate the national and state attention Clarkston receives. The group suggested having ongoing activities such as international festivals to encourage the large volume of traffic that passes through Clarkston to stop and spend time in the City. Ms. Nelson hopes to hold more forums like this throughout the summer.

Ms. Nelson announced that Georgia Perimeter College has closed its continuing education programs but DeKalb Technical College is continuing its programs. Ms. Nelson announced that DeKalb Technical

College offers “Georgia Work Ready Program” which is a portable credential that is valued by employers and recipients. The certificate shows that the recipient has the fundamental skills for employment in Georgia. The center is located at 1095 Montreal Road near DeKalb Technical College. Classes are held on Saturdays. To register or for more information call 770-784-3111.

DeKalb Habitat for Humanity has homes ready for occupancy with interest-free mortgages. For more information go to www.dekalbhabitat.org or call 404-534-1611.

Ms. Nelson reported that she attended a municipal finance seminar at the GMA Conference in Savannah last month. The seminar focused on new revenue sources, purchasing properties and financing capital projects. Ms. Nelson urged Council to consider offering a bond to secure funding to implement planned projects. Ms. Nelson stated that the City has nothing to offer developers to attract them to the City. The City needs to have funds to be able to partner with developers to move the City forward. Ms. Nelson stated that would like funds from the City’s General Fund set aside to be used for capital improvements as matching funds or to be used in partnership with developers.

Ms. Nelson attended a Municipal Government Overview Committee meeting which discussed the Service Strategy Agreement. Nine cities in DeKalb County are in negotiations with the County over the allocation of services the County will provide to municipalities. As a result of hearing discussions about other counties, she realized that Clarkston has a good relationship with DeKalb County and she thanked Council for their efforts to foster that relationship.

Ms. Nelson attended a class called “Tweets” which focused on becoming at ease with social networking technology. These technologies can be useful in communicating with the public but officials of government must be careful how it is used as it can be used against representatives of government.

Ms. Nelson reported that the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has completed its Job Classification and Salary Survey and a meeting is planned this week to discuss the findings. Ms. Nelson will make a full report at the next Council meeting.

Ms. Nelson attended a seminar held by DeKalb Convention and Visitors Bureau about motivation and marketing. She recommended the class to the rest of Council and employees as a motivational tool in providing services to citizens.

Ms. Nelson attended the DeKalb County Board of Health Center’s United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. She learned that many refugees in Clarkston have gone through trauma and torture. She urged those in attendance to understand that one never knows what a person has gone through by the time they settle here in Clarkston.

Ms. Nelson announced that MARTA is hosting a technology fair for IT professionals located at MARTA Headquarters at 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, 30324, on Saturday, July 11th from 10:00am till 2:00pm. Please go to www.itsmarta.com for more information.

Ms. Nelson announced that the a DeKalb County Neighborhood Summit meeting will be held on July 23rd at the Manual Maloof Building at 1300 Commerce Drive in Decatur from 6:00pm till 9:30pm. Admission is free and all are invited to attend. This meeting will focus on funding community projects, training, website development and more. For more information call the DeKalb Neighborhood Leadership Alumni Association at 404-343-1452.

Sanitation Report

Mr. Ransom thanked the constituents for making it possible for him to attend the GMA Conference in Savannah last month. He attended several classes including part of the Public Safety class. He reported that the City needs to implement a lot of the information presented in the classes.

Waste Management picked up 56 tons of trash and 3.51 tons of recycling which is about a 25% increase in tonnage. Mr. Ransom reported that the landfill cost is at \$7,000 at this point. \$50,000 was spent in landfill fees last year. Communications is under budget: approximately \$600 of a \$3000 budget has been spent to date. Travel expense is below budget. Gas, oil and diesel expenditures are only at \$1,300 out of a \$10,000 budget. Uniform rental is under budget, also. Mr. Ransom stated that he is confident that outsourcing sanitation to Waste Management was a good move and thanked the Council for its support of that agreement. Mr. Ransom stated that he is certain that over a two year period there will be a tremendous savings to the City, and eventually Public Works will not do any sanitation services, but rather concentrate on keeping the City clean and maintenance of the stormwater utility.

Mr. Ransom reported that DeKalb County donated a tractor to the City and that he has approached the County for donation of a commercial riding mower and a bobcat. The bobcat will be used for stormwater management.

City Attorney Report

Mr. Quinn reported on the procedure and impact of council members becoming candidates for mayor in the November election. The Georgia Constitution is the authoritative legal instrument rather than City ordinance. The Georgia Constitution reads that "the office of any municipal elected official shall be declared vacant upon such an elected official qualifying for another municipal elective office, if the term of the office for which the official is qualifying for begins more than 30 days prior to the expiration of the official's present term." What this means is that if any Council member has a term that extends beyond 2009, and that Council member qualified for the mayoral race, then that Council seat would be vacated at the time of qualification. If the Council seat term expires before the mayoral term begins, then the Council term can be carried out. However, a candidate cannot run for one office and continue to hold another if the two terms would run contemporaneously.

Ms. Feltz asked how business is conducted if that situation arises. Mr. Quinn responded that the short answer is that it would be conducted as usual. If a quorum were not able to come together then Mr. Quinn would need to do further research to determine how business would be conducted. Mr. Quinn stated that there is a special provision in State Elections law for filling vacant offices by special election which can be very expensive for the municipality to hold. Ms. Feltz asked that if a council person qualifies for the mayoral race and their council seat were then vacated, would they serve as a council person till the end of the term or is the seat immediately vacant. Mr. Quinn repeated that if the council term is set to end at the same time the mayoral position would begin, then the council person would finish his term on the Council. If the Council term was supposed to extend beyond when the mayoral term would begin, then that Council seat is deemed vacant at qualification.

Mr. Hadlock asked that if a Council person with an extended term qualified for the mayoral race, thereby vacating that seat on the council, could the vacated seat be filled in the general election rather than holding a special election. Mr. Quinn responded that the vacated Council seat could be filled in the general election. However, Mr. Quinn stated he was unclear if council seats were filled by most votes or by district. Council members responded that seats are filled by the top vote getters. Mr. Ransom stated that if there is a year of the term to finish out, then the Mayor and Council can appoint someone to finish the term vacated by a council member running for another office. Mr. Quinn stated

that if two years were left in the term, replacement by appointment would not be possible. In that case, there would just be more seats open at the general election.

Ms. Nelson asked who would serve a two-year term and who would serve a four-year term if more seats were filled at the general election. She stated that she has a different interpretation of the Constitution provision and read the following paragraph from the Constitution: “this provision shall not apply to any elected official seeking or holding more than one elective office when the holding of such offices simultaneously is specifically authorized by law.” She cited the City Code as authorizing law. She stated that she has spoken to the state elections office about this matter. Mr. Quinn stated that he is not aware of a Clarkston law that allows one person to hold more than one office at the same time. Mr. Ransom clarified that City Code states that a Council person does not have to step down at qualification for another office. Mr. Foster stated his opinion is that the State Constitution supersedes City Code.

Mr. Nelson insisted that City Code allows a council person to qualify for a mayoral race without having to vacate his Council seat. She stated that since the winners of Council elections are determined by number of votes rather than by district, it would be impossible to determine which newly elected Council members would serve four-year terms and which would serve two-year terms. Mr. Quinn stated that she is interpreting the last provision of applicable Constitutional law differently than he is. Ms. Nelson suggested he conduct further legal research to determine the correct interpretation. Mayor Swaney instructed Mr. Quinn to do so.

Mr. Ransom asked if State law supersedes City ordinance. Mr. Quinn responded yes. He explained that City ordinance is not law. The City Charter is law. He stated that if there is a provision in the City’s Charter that specifically allows one person to hold more than one elective office simultaneously, then his legal opinion would be changed. Until then, his legal opinion is that the State Constitution is the controlling authority.

Ms. Feltz added that MARTA has requested greater public participation. MARTA will be sending to the City information on Citizen Advisory Committee opportunities to get input from users of MARTA.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Swaney reiterated the proper procedure for reporting code violations. Code complaints should be written in person or reported by phone to the receptionist who would make a written complaint. Written complaints are to be delivered to the Code Enforcement officer to be addressed. He urged all in attendance to adhere to this procedure.

Mayor Swaney admonished anyone who interferes with the Police Department not to do so. He reiterated that any issues with the Police Department should first be addressed to the Chair of the Police Committee, Pat Davis-Morris. He urged all in attendance to adhere to this procedure.

Mayor Swaney reported that he has been involved in the Service Delivery Strategy negotiations since they started. He reported that at this point, the municipalities are waiting to see what the County brings back to the negotiations table.

Mayor Swaney admonished Council that Council meetings and work sessions are two to three hours long. He stated there is something wrong with the process to make meetings run so long.

Mayor Swaney asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for a personnel matter. Mr. Ransom moved to go into Executive Session. Mr. Hadlock seconded the motion. No discussion followed. **A vote was called and the motion carried.** (6/0)

COUNCIL IN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR A PERSONNEL MATTER

Mr. Ransom moved to close Executive Session and return to public meeting. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion. No discussion followed. **A vote was called and the motion carried.** (6/0)

Mr. Ransom moved to pay Council bills and adjourn the meeting. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion. No discussion followed. **A vote was called and the motion carried.** (6/0)

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.