

MINUTES
TOCCOA CITY COMMISSION
November 22, 2010

The City Commission of the City of Toccoa met in Regular Session at City Hall on Monday, November 22, 2010 at five o'clock P.M. with Mayor Bob Troup presiding.

The invocation was given by Pastor Paul Garrison followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

On roll call the following were present:

- Mayor Bob Troup
- Vice Mayor Janice English
- Commissioner David Austin
- Commissioner Ron Seib
- Commissioner AJ Pavliscsak
- Interim City Manager Don Dye
- City Attorney John Dickerson
- City Clerk Fredda Wheeler

Motion by Commissioner Pavliscsak, seconded by Commissioner Seib and unanimously carried to approve the Agenda as submitted, a copy of this Agenda being attached as Exhibit "A."

Under Reports the following comments were heard:

Vice Mayor English reported that over \$18,000 was pledged during the recent event held at North Georgia Technical School to benefit the Stephens County Humane Society.

Commissioner Seib requested that a Work Session be scheduled to discuss the proposed savings on insurance premiums. He also reported that 32 applicants for the position of City Manager had been received and the process of filling this position should be complete by mid-January.

Mayor Troup reiterated the city's position on cleaning up litter and blight in Toccoa. He stressed that the citizens' cooperation and participation is vital in getting and keeping the City of Toccoa beautified.

Interim City Manager Dye Reported:

- Water Treatment Plant Operator Rhonda Bishop had recently received certification as a Class II Operator from the State of Georgia.
- City Hall will be closed on November 25th and 26th in observance of Thanksgiving and outlined the holiday schedule for solid waste and leaf pickup.
- Requested that a Work Session be scheduled the week of December 6th. The Work Session will be held on December 7th at 4:00 P.M. to discuss the Geographic Information System (GIS) Mapping of the Natural Gas System with Southern Cathodic Protection, Inc. the City's consulting engineer.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Vice Mayor English and unanimously carried to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2010 City Commission Meeting

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

- B. Consideration of Amendment of Code of Ordinances Concerning Outdoor Landscape Watering
Motion by Commissioner Seib, seconded by Vice Mayor English and unanimously carried to adopt the Outdoor Landscape Watering Ordinance with the suggested changes being made as recommended by staff. Motion by Commissioner Pavliscsak, seconded by Commissioner Austin and unanimously carried to waive the second reading.

- C. Consideration of First Payment to the Toccoa-Stephens County Humane Shelter, Inc.
Motion by Commissioner Seib, seconded by Vice Mayor English and unanimously carried to authorize payment of \$25,000 to the Toccoa – Stephens County Humane Shelter. This payment is the

first installment of a \$50,000.00 commitment to the Shelter.
Payment will be taken from the Emergency Reserve fund.

- D. Consideration of Resolution Supporting Re-Certification as a City of Ethics.
Motion by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Seib and unanimously carried to adopt the Resolution supporting the re-certification of Toccoa as a City of Ethics.
- E. Consideration of Renewing Appointments to Ethics Board and Consideration of Staggering Expiration Dates
Motion by Commissioner Seib, seconded by Commissioner Pavliscsak and unanimously carried to re-appoint the eight proposed citizens to the Ethics Board, and to approve the staggered expiration dates for those members. The listing of those eight citizens and their staggered terms are enclosed as Exhibit "B."
- F. Consideration of the Adoption of the Habersham Countywide Safety Plan for Toccoa Natural Gas
Motion by Commissioner Seib, seconded by Vice Mayor English and unanimously carried to approve the Habersham County County-Wide Safety Plan as submitted, but with the provision that current local points of contact information be updated.
- G. Consideration of Re-Appointment of Northeast Georgia Housing Authority Commission
Motion by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Vice Mayor English and unanimously carried to approve the reappointment of Robert Thompson to the Northeast Georgia Housing Commission. The term will expire on December 31, 2015.
- H. Consideration of Re-Appointment of Alcohol Beverage Control Board
Motion by Commissioner Pavliscsak, seconded by Commissioner Seib and unanimously carried to approve the appointments of Fred Watson and Lillian Mitchell as members of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board. The terms will expire June 30, 2013.

I. Consideration of Submission of a Georgia Department of Transportation / Transportation Enhancement.
Motion by Commissioner Seib, seconded by Commissioner Pavliscsak and unanimously carried to authorize city staff to pursue the grant application process, contingent upon the final approval at the December 13, 2010 regular scheduled meeting of the Toccoa City Commission.

J. Recognition of Visitors Wishing to Speak on General Items
The following visitor was present and expressed the following: James Kennedy was present and wanted to know what was going on with the golf course. City Attorney Dickerson reported that the tenants had vacated the building and that the City of Toccoa could take possession of the Pro Shop. By Consensus the Commission agreed that signs should be posted notifying the public that no play will be permitted until further notice.

K. Consideration to Enter Into Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter
Motion by Commissioner Pavliscsak, seconded by Commissioner Seib and unanimously carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting in order for the Commission to go into Executive Session to discuss the following: Personnel Matter. An affidavit was signed by Mayor Troup and all Commissioners present stating that the above-matter discussed was not subject to the Open Meetings Act. See Exhibit "C" attached.

Motion by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Pavliscsak and unanimously carried to adjourn the Executive Session.

Motion by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Pavliscsak and unanimously carried to reconvene the Regular Session.

IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Motion by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Pavliscsak and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor

Fredda Wheeler, City Clerk