

The Mayor and Council met for their regular meeting.

Those Present:	John Howard	Mayor
	Wayne Adcock	Vice-Mayor
	Lee Malcom	Council Member
	Myoshia Crawford	Council Member
	Ross Bradley	Council Member
	Larry Bradley	Council Member
	Norman Garrett	Council Member
	Nathan Little	Council Member
	David Dickinson	Council Member
	Logan Propes	City Administrator
	Debbie Kirk	City Clerk
	Russell Preston	City Attorney
	Paul Rosenthal	City Attorney
	Jesse Couch	City Attorney

Staff Present: Danny Smith, Jeremiah Still, R.V. Watts, Bill Owens, Beth Thompson, Rodney Middlebrooks, Brian Thompson, Patrick Kelley, Sadie Krawczyk, Chris Bailey, Beverly Harrison

Visitors: Andrew Kenneson, Les Russell, Ron Smith, Hugo Bryan-Porter, Nick Lalani, Jim Wilson, Jim Faris, Joe Gargas

I. CALL TO ORDER – JOHN HOWARD

1. Invocation

Pastor Hugo Bryan-Porter of Lighthouse World Outreach Center gave the invocation.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Howard noted that all Council Members were present. There was a quorum.

3. Approval of Agenda

To approve the agenda as presented.

*Motion by R. Bradley, seconded by Crawford.
Passed Unanimously*

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. September 3, 2019 Council Minutes
- b. September 10, 2019 Council Minutes
- c. September 17, 2019 Utility Committee Minutes
- d. September 17, 2019 Planning Commission Minutes
- e. September 24, 2019 Historic Preservation Commission Minutes
- f. August 8, 2019 Downtown Development Authority Minutes
- g. August 8, 2019 Conventions and Visitors Bureau Minutes
- h. Surplus Vehicles / Equipment – Approval to surplus on GovDeals. (Recommended for Council approval by Public Works Committee October 1, 2019)
- i. Materials for Spring Street Circuit Relocation – Approval to purchase from Gresco & Anixter for \$37,648.40. (Recommended for Council approval by Utilities Committee October 1, 2019)
- j. Labor for Spring Street Circuit Relocation – Approval for Service Electric Corp. for \$288,000.00. (Recommended for Council approval by Utilities Committee October 1, 2019)

To approve the consent agenda as presented.

*Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Little.
Passed Unanimously*

II. PUBLIC PRESENTATION**1. Monroe – Walton Center for the Arts**

Mr. Joe Gargasz, President of the Board of Directors for Monroe-Walton Center for the Arts, gave a presentation. He reviewed their goals and finances for the year. They have 65 classes and events each month, 50 different artists represented in the gift shop, and an estimated 10,000 visitors annually. He discussed the breakdown of their budget and stated their revenue is up by about \$10,000. They have a non-profit organization that serves the community. He discussed new initiatives for 2019 such as partnering with Athens Technical College, Saturday Soiree, and partnering with the Women's Club for the Tour of Homes. Mr. Gargasz stated they have given out over 1,200 Art MD Kits. He discussed a creative future for our community and how to move the Arts forward. He introduced the idea of a Percent for the Arts Ordinance, which would allocate 1% of selected capital project budgets for beautification and community involvement with the Arts. Mr. Gargasz discussed creating a viable arts district, connective corridors, and showed examples of possibilities.

No Action.

III. PUBLIC FORUM**1. Public Comments**

No one signed up for public comments.

2. Public Hearing**a. Variance – 906 Alcovy Street**

Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Kelley presented the request for a zoning variance. He explained the applicant Alcovy Surveying & Engineering is requesting a variance of Section 700.1 Table 11 of the Zoning Ordinance for lot frontage. The owner wishes to subdivide the previously derelict property into four lots. They have 384.7 feet of road frontage and would like to have a variance for one of the lots to have 84.7 feet of frontage; the remainder of the lots would be conforming. The lot with the varied frontage will have square footage greater than the requisite 14,000 for R1 Zoning.

The Mayor declared the meeting open for the purpose of public input.

Mr. Ron Smith with Alcovy Surveying & Engineering spoke representing the property owner. He explained the house has already been demolished. They need to know whether they will be able to have three or four lots.

Council Member Lee Malcom questioned whether the applicant would be willing to do a shared driveway and facilitate only three cuts.

Mr. Smith answered that he does not think so at this time. They just basically need to know if there will be three or four houses before they can move forward.

Mr. James Wilson, of 902 Stonecreek Court, spoke in favor of the project. He is the Secretary of the Home Owners' Association at Oaks at Mill Creek. They are delighted to see the dilapidated house removed and believe that future development of the property will enhance the attractiveness of the community. He stated their concerns about the driveway for Lot #3, which they feel should not be located directly across from Stonecreek Drive. They requested for the City to have the Lot #3 driveway located on the left side or far right side of the lot, which would reduce potential accidents.

There were no other public comments; Mayor Howard declared that portion of the meeting closed.

No Action.

b. Rezone – 123 Plaza Trace

Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Kelley presented the application of Monroe Family, LTD for rezone of this property from Professional to R2 Multifamily Residential. The property is an apartment complex, which is currently an existing non-conforming use in Professional Zoning.

The applicant wishes to have the property rezoned to match its use pursuant to funding for renovations and upgrades or refinancing.

The Mayor declared the meeting open for the purpose of public input.

Mr. Randy Crosby, the applicant, spoke in favor of the rezone. He is applying for funds from the Department of Community Affairs. They must provide a letter documenting that the property is properly zoned, as part of their application. He explained the apartments have been there for 29 years, but the zoning has remained Professional.

There were no other public comments; Mayor Howard declared that portion of the meeting closed.

No Action.

c. Rezone – 143 Plaza Trace

Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Kelley explained this is the exact same request for the adjacent parcel, which is part of the same development.

The Mayor declared the meeting open for the purpose of public input.

There were no public comments; Mayor Howard declared that portion of the meeting closed.

No Action.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Variance – 906 Alcovy Street

Council Member Lee Malcom questioned whether the builder would be willing to locate the driveway to the far right or far left of Lot #3 as the Mill Creek homeowners requested.

Mr. Ron Smith answered yes that he would.

To approve the variance, pending the driveway is positioned appropriately as far away from the intersection as possible.

*Motion by R. Bradley, seconded by Dickinson.
Passed Unanimously.*

2. Rezone – 123 Plaza Trace

To approve the rezone.

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by L. Bradley.
Passed Unanimously.*

3. Rezone – 143 Plaza Trace

To approve the rezone.

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by Little.
Passed Unanimously.*

4. Application – Beer & Wine Package Sales – Chestnut Cupboard

To approve the application.

*Motion by R. Bradley, seconded by Adcock.
Passed Unanimously.*

5. Preliminary Plat Review – 1415 East Church Street

Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Kelley stated the Development Regulations require approval of the Preliminary Plat. Approval would be contingent upon the applicant securing a sewer easement from the adjacent property owner for sewer connection. He explained they have been working to secure the easement, but have been unsuccessful. The adjoining property is currently in a conservation easement and has a complicated ownership, which has presented difficulties

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getting approval from all of the entities involved. Mr. Kelley stated the Preliminary Plat conforms with the Development Regulations, and a Development Permit will not be issued until the easement has been secured. He explained that the secondary access and interconnectivity to the neighborhood are not required since the project is under 100 units. The Code Department recommends approval.

City Attorney Paul Rosenthal clarified the condition with the sewer easement; he recommends that the sewer easement must be noted on the Plat.

To approve the Preliminary Plat Design, with the requirement that the sewer easement must be noted on the Plat.

*Motion by Dickinson, seconded by L. Bradley.
Passed Unanimously.*

6. Appointment – Housing Authority

To reappoint Meketa Swords to a five (5) year term to expire October 6, 2024.

*Motion by Adcock, seconded by Dickinson.
Passed Unanimously.*

7. Resolution – Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Grant

To adopt the resolution as presented.

*Motion by Dickinson, seconded by R. Bradley.
Passed Unanimously.*

8. Approval – Out of State Travel

Police Chief R.V. Watts requested approval for two couples to attend the 2019 National Law Enforcement Retreat at The Cove in Ashville, North Carolina from October 21 – 23, 2019 for a total cost of \$790.00.

To approve out-of-state travel for two couples to attend the National Law Enforcement Retreat at The Cove in Ashville, North Carolina, October 21 – 23, 2019, for a total cost of \$790.00.

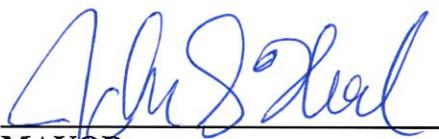
*Motion by L. Bradley, seconded by Malcom.
Passed Unanimously.*

V. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Motion by R. Bradley, seconded by Adcock.
Passed Unanimously.*

VI. ADJOURN

*Motion by Little, seconded by R. Bradley.
Passed Unanimously.*



MAYOR



CITY CLERK

The Mayor and Council met for an Executive Session.

Those Present:

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| John Howard | Mayor |
| Wayne Adcock | Vice-Mayor |
| Lee Malcom | Council Member |
| Myoshia Crawford | Council Member |
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I. Call to Order – John Howard

1. Roll Call

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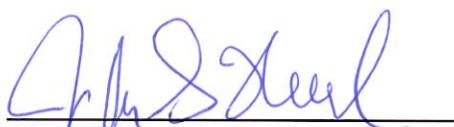
II. Legal Issue (s)

1. Legal Matter

Legal matters were discussed, including attorney-client discussions.

III. Adjourn to Regular Session

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by R. Bradley.
Passed Unanimously.*



MAYOR



CITY CLERK