

## REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – APRIL 12, 2021

The April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street by Mayor Howard Thrower, III. Present were Jerry Cox, Sr., Demario Byrden, James H. Douglas, Robert L. Gwaltney and Lannis Thornton. Staff Members present were City Manager Chris Addeleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, City Clerk Dana Barfield, and Marketing Director Alyssa Blakely. Also in attendance was Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by Councilman Thornton.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved by all Council Members present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 22, 2021 - Regular Meeting:** Motion to approve minutes was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved by all Council Members present.

### DELEGATIONS:

**Nick Valenti of Valenti, Rackley and Associates, LLC – FY2020 Financial Audit.** – Nick Valenti presented the FY2020 Financial Audit for the City. Mr. Valenti expressed his appreciation to the staff for working with his firm throughout the process of the audit. He went on to say that his firm gave the City of Cairo a clean opinion on the FY2020 financial audit. Mr. Valenti went on to say that he had met with the Finance Committee to go over the Audit in detail and it was then submitted timely to the State of Georgia. In the audit findings, this year there was only one finding and every small government has it and it was segregation of duties among accounting staff. There were no violations of laws or grants or contracts.

**Cynthia Long of Punky's – Introduction to Community.** Mrs. Long introduced herself, husband Robert, and daughter Robyn to the Mayor and Council. Mrs. Long went on to say what an honor and privilege it was to be a part of the community and they were very excited to be able to bring a place that kids and families could come together to have fun and enjoy themselves.

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

**Consider Special Event Permit – Tent Revival at 514 8<sup>th</sup> Street SW on Friday, April 30, 2021 - Sunday, May 9, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Jim Reese - Applicant.** Motion to approve the Special Event Permit, subject to receiving a signed COVID release, was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved by all Council Members.

**Consider Special Event Permit –Annual Women in the Workforce Luncheon at Davis Park on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, First National Bank/Lorenda S. Smith - Applicant.** Motion to approve the Special Event Permit was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved by all Council Members.

**Consider Special Event Permit for Parades, Marches, Walks, and Demonstrations – Jackie Robinson Boys & Girls Club 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 8:00 am to 9:30 am, Jackie Robinson Boys & Girls Club/Amy Hagan - Applicant.** Motion to approve the Special Event Permit was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved by all Council Members.

### OLD BUSINESS:

### NEW BUSINESS:

**PUBLIC HEARING – Rezoning Request from I-1 (Light Industrial District) and R3 (Multiple-Family Residential District) to C-2 (Highway Commercial District) for the Properties Identified on County Tax Map C27, Parcel 105 and Parcel 105.1 at the Location of 302 4<sup>th</sup> Street SE, 260 4<sup>th</sup> Street SE, and the Vacant Lot Adjacent to 260 4<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Owner: South Georgia Outdoors, LLC.** Noah Craven explained to the Mayor and Council that South Georgia Outdoors, LLC. was wanting to rezone this building because they were using a lot of their storage building for storage for the store rather than renting them out for profit as they should be. He also stated that by being able to use this building they would be able to keep semi-trucks out of the road when delivering.

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**South Georgia Outdoors, LLC.** Motion to approve the Rezoning Request was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved by all Council Members.

**Consider City of Cairo Public Artwork/Mural Application from Grady County Historical Society.** Main Street Director Blakely stated that the Grady County Historical Society submitted their application to the Cairo DDA program under the design committee. The committee convened last month and approved the application based on guidelines set within the ordinance. It was recommended to move forward with the project and submit it to the Council for final approval. Motion to approve the Artwork/Mural Application was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved by all Council Members.

**Consider 2021 Alcoholic Beverage Renewal Applications.** Motion to approve the Alcoholic Beverage Renewal Applications was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved by all Council Members.

**Consider Application for New Alcoholic Beverage License – New Application – Sweet Vidalia’s LLC, Beer and Wine – Retail Consumption on Premises and Liquor – Retail Pouring, 1701 Highway 84 W, Deborah Hanchey & Karlana Melton – Applicants.** Motion to approve the New Alcoholic Beverage Applications was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved by all Council Members.

**Consider Application for New Alcoholic Beverage License – New Application – Punky’s, Beer and Wine – Retail Consumption on Premises and Liquor – Retail Pouring, 141 S. Broad Street, Cynthia Long – Applicant.** Motion to approve the New Alcoholic Beverage Applications was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved by all Council Members.

**REPORTS:**

**1. Consider Departmental Reports for the Month of March 2021:**

- Councilman Douglas wanted to know if the Council could start receiving a 911 report from the Fire Department the same as they did each month from the Police Department.
- Councilman Douglas also commented on the water pumping and loss report. He stated that we pumped five thousand gallons more from February to March and then lost about four thousand gallons of that.

**2. Reports from City Manager:**

- We have departmental budget reviews this week.
- Last week the Mayor and I attended the Grady County Commission meeting. We had a joint public hearing on a Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive plan will be April 20 at 6:00 pm.
- The Depot demo should be finished next week.

**3. Reports from Mayor and Council:**

- None

**ADJOURN:** At 6:43 pm motion was made by Councilman Douglas to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved by all Council Members.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

**HOWARD THROWER, III, MAYOR**

**DANA W. BARFIELD, CITY CLERK**