

MINUTES

WORK SHOP OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

July 23, 2015

Participants: Mayor Oswalt, Councilmembers Sowell, Williams, Ginn and Hoover. City Manager, Assistant City Attorney, City Clerk, Director of Community Services, Code Enforcement Officer, Police Chief and Police Captain.

9:30AM

New Business

- Discussion – 1923 Forest Parkway Property Manger’s request for waiver to the moratorium on auto related activities was denied on the basis that the entire structure needed to be brought up to code versus a couple of units. It was noted that the property manager who had requested this waiver did not show for the public discussion on this matter. Councilman Ginn made the motion to deny, seconded by Councilman Williams and the matter passed unanimously.
- Discussion – Auto related ordinance – City Clerk discussed a position paper on this subject and after a lengthy discussion it was agreed to instruct the City Attorney to produce a new ordinance which captures “alternative three” in the position paper which is attached for easy review. In summary this creates an ordinance that restricts all auto related facilities to the Manufacturing Zoning District and shrinks the Manufacturing district where auto related facilities will be permitted in the future. A survey was presented wherein all cities in the state having the same approximate population as Lake City revealed that Lake City clearly has more auto related facilities by almost 100% of any city its size which further justified this new ordinance consideration. The matter was brought to a vote with a motion by

Councilman Sowell, seconded by Councilman Ginn and the matter passed unanimously.

- Photographs – It was decided that a bronze plaque will be produced which spells out the names and titles and dates of service by previous elected officials and to be placed in the City Hall Lobby.
- Questionnaire related to Econ Development Policy & Direction – The City Manager asked for the Council's direction as it pertained to tasks associated with Economic Redevelopment. The tasks are labor intensive and he did not want to undertake them if in fact the will of the City Council was in favor of the status quo versus meeting the demands of newly identified regional developments which will require upgraded housing in addition to new business entries arriving as a result of the proposed Opportunity Zone Tax Credit application to be approved by the state of Georgia.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Sowell instructing the City Manager to proceed in bringing to the attention of the City Council the means by which a New Master Plan and Visionary Statement for its consideration in the future.

Since the Council had previously voted on the Master Plan of Gateway, it was suggested that the new Master Plan take into consideration the components of Gateway in developing a Visionary Statement for the City.

All members voted in favor of this direction with the exception of Councilman Ginn who voted in favor of the status quo with no economic redevelopment plans for the future.

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Adjournment