

**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SC
SEPTEMBER 18, 2008**

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The Regular Meeting of City Council was held this date in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Lynn Wood Wilson presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Lynn Wood Wilson
Mayor Pro Tem Brendon M. Barber, Sr. Councilmember Jack M. Scoville, Jr.
Councilmember Rudolph A. Bradley Councilmember Clarence C. Smalls
Councilmember Paige B. Sawyer, III Councilmember Peggy P. Wayne

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Steven E. Thomas, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Mr. Glen Dixon, Fleet Maintenance Superintendent
Chief of Police Paul Gardner
Mr. Sterling Geathers, Public Works Director
Mr. Alan Loveless, Electric Utility Manager
Mrs. Jessica Miller, Finance Director
Mr. Lane Mixon, Public Water Utilities Director
Mrs. Sabrina Morris, Director of Development
Mr. Joey Tanner, Fire Chief

NEWS MEDIA

Georgetown Times – Mr. Tommy Howard
Sun News – Kelly Fuller

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Mayor Wilson opened the Regular Meeting of City Council at 5:30 PM and called on Steve Thomas to render the invocation. Mayor Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to Order,
Invocation and
Pledge**

Mayor Wilson opened the Public Comment Section at 5:35 PM.

Public Comments

Mr. Willie Linen addressed Council and asked City Council and the Administrator to do more for the taxpayers on the West End, to obtain grants to help people with homes and assistance in other areas as well. The elderly need help to fix up their home and some of the younger people need help also because they don't have additional income to do what they need to do. Mr. Linen said he would like to meet with Mayor Wilson to 'talk about other things that need to get done in Georgetown.'

Mr. Willie Linen

The Public Comment Section closed at 5:40 PM.

**Public Comments
Closed**

Having arrived a few minutes after the meeting began, Mayor Wilson welcomed Dr. Lorenzo Smalls Pastor of First Calvary Missionary Baptist Church and asked him to render an invocation.

**Pastor Lorenzo
Smalls**

Mayor Wilson announced the character trait of the month is truthfulness. Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts.

**Character Trait Of
The Month**

Police Chief Paul Gardner introduced new employees Officers Dana Rush and Jonathan Giles.

New Employees

Councilmember Sawyer read a proclamation proclaiming September 18, 2008 as Mack Williams Day.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 AS WILLSON MCKEWN 'MACK' WILLIAMS DAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE. Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**Proclamation –
Mack Williams Day
9/18/08**

MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER MOVED TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2008 AS CONSTITUTION WEEK, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE. Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**Proclamation –
Constitution Week
Sept. 17-23, 2008**

COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO PASS A RESOLUTION FOR SAFE FAMILIES INITIATIVE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Resolution – Safe Families Initiative

Ms. Morris presented first reading of an ordinance to rezone approximately .85 acres of land on Barr Street and Elizabeth Street from Low Density Residential to General Commercial. The Planning Commission voted 6-1 to deny the request.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO DENY FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY .85 ACRES OF LAND ON BARR STREET AND ELIZABETH STREET FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Ms. Morris answered Councilmember Sawyer's question stating this was requested in 2007 and they waited a year to request again. Councilmember Bradley stated he rode by the area and did not see how it could be General Commercial. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Deny 1st Reading to Rezone .85 Acres on Barr & Elizabeth Streets from R1 to GC

Ms. Morris presented first reading of an ordinance to rezone approximately 5.15 acres of land on Marina Drive from High Density Residential (R-4) to High Density Residential (R-5) and amend the Future Land Use Map to reflect such a change.

COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 5.15 ACRES OF LAND ON MARINA DRIVE FROM HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-4) TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-5) AND AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO REFLECT SUCH A CHANGE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Councilmember Sawyer asked for the reason of the rezoning request and how it will benefit the property owner. Ms. Morris said the current R-4 has additional requirements set forth through Council's change of ordinance: it has buffer requirements and a limit on units per acre. They are looking to build multi-family units and R-5 would allow additional units. Councilmember Sawyer asked if more variances could be granted to R-5 than R-4. Ms. Morris said one would not get any more or less than the other. There are two separate properties and both received a height variance, one was 50 feet and

1st Reading – Rezone 5.15 Acres on Marina Dr. from R-4 to R-5

the other 67 feet. The variance was granted because of the flood zone. Presently there is one R-5 zoning district within the City located in the West End which addresses smaller lots. Mayor Pro Tem Barber questioned if this request would be spot zoning. Ms. Morris said spot zoning would be anything less than two acres, this request is for a little over five acres. This would be taking the R-5 District created for the West End because of the smaller existing lots and allowing for multi-family. Mayor Pro Tem Barber said the R-5 District was created so the West End could be enhanced and folks would come back to reinvest and build on the small lots. He asked if the Planning Commission understand why R-5 why created. Ms. Morris said it was explained to them, they received the same packet as City Council and a power point presentation. She said the representatives of the property were present for that meeting but are not present tonight. If it remains R-4 she said they would probably be allowed eight units; opposed to 40-45 units in R-5. Councilmember Bradley said he was struggling with the fact that R-5 was created for West End development for enhancement protection and inducement questioned how R-5 can be rightfully applied to this development. Mayor Wilson said just because the West End is R-5 that doesn't limit any other area in the City of Georgetown being considered for R-5. Ms. Morris said Council certainly remembers the purpose of the R-5 zoning district and if they do not feel the purpose for this area is the same intent, then Council would not vote to approve. Councilmember Scoville asked what the Land Use Plan calls for the area to be zoned. Ms. Morris stated it calls for commercial. Councilmember Wayne said this area includes the Coast Guard Station, the Hampton Inn, a doctor's office...it will not affect other residents in this area. Ms. Morris agreed. She pointed out this is in the overlay zone and would have to meet those additional requirements as well. A traffic study is required. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **MAYOR WILSON AND COUNCILMEMBERS SAWYER, SCOVILLE AND WAYNE VOTED IN FAVOR. MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER AND COUNCILMEMBERS BRADLEY AND SMALLS VOTED AGAINST. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-3.**

Ms. Morris presented second reading of an ordinance to rezone two parcels totaling approximately .84 acres owned by Melvin Huell, Sr. located on Merriman Road from General Commercial to High Density Residential.

COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE TWO PARCELS

**2ND Reading –
Rezone .84 Acres
on Merriman Rd.
from GC to R-5**

TOTALING APPROXIMATELY .84 ACRES OWNED BY MELVIN HUELL, SR. LOCATED ON MERRIMAN ROAD FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Ms. Morris presented second reading of an ordinance to rezone approximately 5.87 acres owned by Georgetown Yacht Club, LLC located on Venture Drive from General Commercial (GC) to Planned Development (PD).

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 5.87 ACRES OWNED BY GEORGETOWN YACHT CLUB, LLC LOCATED ON VENTURE DRIVE FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD), SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS. Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Councilmember Scoville asked staff if the Planning Commission recommendations were included in the motion. Ms. Morris answered yes and stated it would be included in their narrative. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**2ND Reading -
Rezone 5.87 Acres
on Venture Drive
from GC to PD**

Mrs. Jessica Miller presented a Resolution to adopt a Vehicle Replacement Policy for the purposes of capital planning as recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association. This is a guide only.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE A VEHICLE REPLACEMENT POLICY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CAPITAL PLANNING AS RECOMMENDED BY GFOA, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER. Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**Resolution -
Vehicle
Replacement
Policy**

At the request of Councilmember Wayne, Police Chief Paul Gardner presented for discussion, proposed changes to parking fines primarily for a \$10.00 ticket on Front Street in the historic commercial district to be changed to \$25.00; violators scoff at the \$10.00 tickets. Discussion among Council followed. Mayor Wilson asked how many parking tickets are issued monthly. Mayor Pro Tem Barber said he would 'like to look at parking fines for municipalities of our size.' Chief Gardner said he would provide

**Discussion of
Parking Fines**

more information to Council on this subject.

Chief Gardner presented first reading of an ordinance to amend Section 18-24 of the Municipal Code of Laws to increase fees charged by wrecker services authorized to tow and store vehicles for the City. This request is a result of a wrecker association meeting where it was stated there has been no increase in some time and the cost of fuel is rising.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 18-24 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF LAWS TO INCREASE FEES CHARGED BY WRECKER SERVICES AUTHORIZED TO TOW AND STORE VEHICLES FOR THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Councilmember Smalls said he has a problem with the increase. Councilmember Scoville asked if the wreckers are optional. Chief Gardner answered in the affirmative and stated these are fees charged by the wreckers on the cycle in Central. If you want to make your own arrangements, you can do that. Councilmember Bradley stated he does not have a problem with the increase; however, he feels there should be some inclusion in the ordinance to affect short distance. Mayor Wilson stated the increase is not based on the distance a vehicle is towed but on their overall cost of fuel. The consensus was to give first reading tonight and before second reading Chief Gardner will provide more information for further discussion at that time. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**1st Reading –
Increase Wrecker
Service Fees**

Chief Gardner requested approval to purchase a 2008 Ford CV Interceptor from Philpott Motor Company in the amount of \$21,467, tax not included. This is under State contract. This vehicle will replace #610 which was totaled in an automobile collision. It is not a budgeted item; insurance proceeds of \$11,928 and \$9,539 from the Police Capital Vehicle account balance will cover the expense.

MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER MOVED TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF 2008 FORD CV INTERCEPTOR FROM PHILPOTT MOTOR COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,467, TAX NOT INCLUDED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**Approve Purchase
of 2008 Ford CV
Interceptor**

Mr. Sterling Geathers requested approval to purchase a 2008 Ford F-250 from Vick Bailey Ford in the amount of \$20,943, tax included. This is a budgeted item and is under State contract.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF 2008 FORD F-250 FROM VICK BAILEY FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,943, TAX INCLUDED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Approve Purchase of 2008 Ford F-250

Mr. Geathers requested approval of contract agreement in the amount of \$72,000 with Carolina Ground Works, LLC for removal and installation of damaged sidewalks throughout the City.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE CONTRACT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,000 WITH CAROLINA GROUND WORKS, LLC FOR REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF DAMAGED SIDEWALKS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS. Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Approve Contract with Carolina Ground Works, LLC to Remove & Install Damaged Sidewalks

Mr. Geathers requested approval of budget amendment to the General Fund, (sidewalk repairs) in the amount of \$27,000.

COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL FUND, (SIDEWALK REPAIRS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,000, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mr. Thomas stated this is a carry over from some funds we didn't actually spend last year, plow it in with these for a total of \$72,000, Mrs. Miller agreed. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Approve Budget Amendment to GF \$27,000

Councilmember Wayne said she talked with Mrs. Miller and Mr. Geathers this week about complaints she has received on the City's lawnmowers. They are absolutely worn out, they're chewing up the grass. Mr. Thomas stated staff is receiving bids on some mowers right now and the plan is to bring this to Council next month.

Lawnmowers

Mr. Lane Mixon requested approval to purchase a 2008 Chevrolet Colorado pickup from Herndon Chevrolet in the amount of \$16,934 tax included. This is a budgeted item under State contract.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF A 2008 CHEVROLET COLORADO PICKUP FROM HERNDON CHEVROLET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,934 TAX INCLUDED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS. Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Approve Purchase of 2008 Chevrolet Colorado Pickup

Mr. Lane Mixon requested approval to purchase a 2008 Ford Escape from Vic Bailey Ford in the amount of \$17,639 tax included. This is under State contract. This vehicle was not budgeted. It will replace a 1997 Ford Crown Vic that was stolen and recovered. The insurance company totaled the vehicle, the City would collect \$3,657.57 on the claim and our out of pocket expense would be \$13,981.43.

MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER MOVED TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF A 2008 FORD ESCAPE FROM VIC BAILEY FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,639 TAX INCLUDED, SECONDED BY BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Approve Purchase of 2008 Ford Escape

Mr. Mixon requested approval of contract with Weaver Company for Bayview Pump Station Upgrade in the amount of \$546,700. Mr. Mixon stated this contract was not within the budget of \$500,000. Mrs. Miller has proposed to obtain the \$46,700 from the General Fund.

MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER MOVED TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH WEAVER COMPANY FOR BAYVIEW PUMP STATION UPGRADE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$546,700, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS. Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Approve Contract with Weaver Company for Bayview Pump Station Upgrade

Mr. Mixon referenced the bids received for short-term improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The budget amount for this project is \$443,000, all bids exceeded this amount with the lowest bidder being disqualified. Mr. Mixon requested that Council allow staff to meet with Davis and Brown/North American Construction Company, the second lowest bidder, try to negotiate a price the City can afford and possibly bring back to Council next month. There

Bids on Short-term Improvements at WWTP Over Budget

were no objections from Council.

Mr. Thomas presented a Resolution for Community Development Block Grant match - West End Streetscape Village Renaissance Program. Mrs. Smith with the regional COG is working diligently to try and obtain a two phase block grant for the City totaling \$1,000,000. For the first phase, if approved, which is approximately \$500,000, City Council needs to approve a Resolution which commits a 10% local cash match. Mrs. Smith recommends that \$50,000 be committed towards the engineering costs for the first phase. Mr. Thomas reminded Council there will be an additional request for \$50,000, a local cash match, in the second phase, if approved. Mrs. Smith proposes the City use the \$200,000 of intersection improvements at Front and Fraser Streets, in addition to some new electric lighting installed by the City as part of the leverage with the grant. This has not been approved. The Resolution needs to be included when she files this week. This \$50,000 is not budgeted and would have to be appropriated with fund balance.

Councilmember Wayne recused herself because she sits on the board of the Mitney Project and Waccamaw Regional COG.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO PASS A RESOLUTION FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MATCH FOR WEST END STREETScape VILLAGE RENAISSANCE PROGRAM, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS. Mayor Wilson asked where the money will come from to match the grant. Mrs. Miller said it will have to come from the General Fund. There is a projected fund balance of \$3.6 million at the end of 07/08. The fund balance numbers will be affected by the decisions Council makes on GASB45. At this time, the City is applying for the grant. If approved, this can be revisited. Mr. Thomas answered a question from Councilmember Sawyer by stating Mrs. Smith will use the \$200,000 of intersection improvements at Front and Fraser Streets, in addition to some new electric lighting installed by the City as leverage with the grant. Councilmember Sawyer asked if this money would be used to improve private residences. Mr. Thomas referenced the CDBG Community Development Program Application Request #3...Streetscape improvements will take place on Front Street from Highway 17 to Merriman Road and a park on the corner of Kaminski and Front will be renovated for community use. Homes in the Kaminski, Hazzard and Winyah block along Front will receive

**Resolution –
CDBG Match for
West End
Streetscape
Village
Renaissance
Program**

exterior improvements. The village renaissance part of the grant will involve some streetscape and some housing façade improvements. Basically some painting, possibly some deck work, nothing major, no demolition or rebuild. Councilmember Sawyer said he could understand the streetscape with the lighting and sidewalks with brick work but he does not think the money should be used for individual residences. Councilmember Bradley said he understands this grant money is there for that purpose. Mayor Wilson called for the question. Mayor Wilson, Mayor Pro Tem Barber and Councilmembers Bradley, Smalls and Scoville voted in favor, Councilmember Sawyer voted against and Councilmember Wayne was recused. **THE MOTION CARRIED 5-1-1.**

Mr. Thomas provided Council with information from the Municipal Association regarding smoke free cities and public place smoking. Mayor Wilson said he asked Mr. Thomas to discuss this and he asked Council to hear on both sides before making a decision. Councilmember Bradley said this should be left to the individual business owner, Councilmember Wayne agreed. Mayor Wilson said Council should be big enough to have a public hearing on the matter. Councilmember Sawyer agreed a public hearing would be in good taste and stated he does not believe that government should impose restrictions on individuals with businesses; it should be up to the individual business owner to restrict or allow smoking.

During the City Administrator Report Mr. Thomas reminded Council (1) the MASC Hometown, SC Regional Road Show will be held here in Council Chambers on Friday, October 17, 2008 at 11:30 am, lunch will be served and (2) South Carolina Aviation Week Celebration, Georgetown County Corporate Hangar Dedication Monday, October 6, 2008 at 11:00 am at the county airport. He informed Council (3) the City Fire Department received a letter of thanks from Mr. Reuben Goude for their response to the fire at his office building during TS Hannah on September 6, 2008, Councilmember Sawyer said he heard many compliments from everybody in that three-building area, (4) Mr. Thomas and Mr. Mixon have been reviewing Georgetown's participation in the 208 Water Quality Management Program that the COG operates basically. He said the City pays about \$16,000 to the COG to be involved in that program. Roughly \$11,000 of that is for river monitoring stations and about \$5,000 for program management. Staff has had discussion with the COG regarding the City's participation. We are preparing a letter to Mr. Essex, but at this point we still do not believe we benefit from the Sampit River monitoring station. We

**City Administrator
Report**

use DHEC, OCRM tide tables. Also, we don't feel like we utilize the monitoring station that we have to pay for, the Waccamaw River, for the water plant or the wastewater treatment plant. Staff does not believe that \$11,000 of the \$16,000 is something that we are getting any kind of benefit. Because the City has so few NPDES permits, rather than pay \$5,000 for the COG to review them we would like to be able to pay on a per permit review basis and see how we might come out better. Right now we are going to pay what we would have owned from last year for the monitoring stations and consider what we would do from this point on. (5) Mr. Thomas addressed the once a week garbage pickup. He said in the framework of the general economy and what's happening with fuel prices and fuel availability, as a reminder from the Finance Department, once a week trash pickup would probably save the City about \$75,000 a year. Staff is trying to bring back to Council and incorporate the GPS system, which is a little easier to work with once a week pickup than a twice a week pickup. Mr. Geathers reviewed for Council routes he has worked out if they want to experiment with once a week pickup. Councilmember Sawyer said he thinks this is a good idea with the amount of savings for our citizens, there being no decrease in service, the proposed GPS system and this being a win-win for everybody. Mayor Pro Tem Barber asked Mr. Geathers if he has planned for growth in the future. Strategic planning is 5 to 10 years from now. We need to know exactly what we will require as far as manpower, etc. for anticipated growth. Discussions continued. Councilmember Scoville suggested adding this topic to an agenda. Mayor Wilson agreed to have a workshop or bring it back on the agenda. (6) Mr. Thomas said with Council's approval, the Human Resource Director could put together an ad for the City Administrator from the job description and start advertising with the Municipal Association, ICMA and several other popular governmental job sites. Council directed Mr. Thomas to advertise for 30 days. Councilmember Wayne said Council should look over the job description. Mr. Thomas offered to send a copy to them. (7) Mr. Thomas said as this is his last council meeting as administrator for the City of Georgetown, he wanted to thank Council for the opportunity to work for them for the last three years. He is proud of the many accomplishments and offered best wishes and God speed to all.

Councilmember Wayne said 'being that he is leaving, do we not need to have an audit report for his clearance and everyone's clearance before he leaves.' Mayor Wilson referred the question to Mrs. Miller and said he is not aware that we have ever had an audit

report when an administrator has left. Mrs. Miller said she is not aware of one. We are in the process of the audit right now. She said this is not to say we can't...whatever is Council's pleasure. Mayor Wilson, Councilmember Bradley and Mayor Pro Tem Barber spoke up and stated they did not see a need.

Mr. Thomas pointed out departmental reports are included in the agendas and said the plan would be to have several departments give a report and briefly summarize. As for the sake of time tonight, this is provided as information.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETINGS DATED 7/24/08 AND 8/21/08, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Councilmember Scoville asked if the Municipal Association has been contacted about an interim administrator. Mayor Wilson said he personally did not see any reason for an interim; we have great staff is in place, he can conduct staff meetings. He hopes to have an administrator by January. Mayor Pro Tem Barber agreed.

MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER MOVED TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 30-4-70(A)(2) DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND RECEIVE LEGAL UPDATES, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson called for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO REOPEN REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

The Regular Meeting was reopened at 7:25 PM.

Mayor Wilson announced that no formal action was taken in Executive Session.

Department Reports

Minutes –Regular Mtgs. Dated 7/24/08 & 8/21/08

Question about Interim City Administrator

Adjourn Regular Meeting And Enter Executive Session

Reopen Regular Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL (13) SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

Adjourn Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: 10/16/08
VERIFYING INITIALS: _____

