

January 18, 2011
Statesboro, GA

Regular Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Nevil welcomed guests and called the meeting to order. Chairman Nevil also gave the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board, performed the roll call of the commissioners and staff. The following commissioners were present: Chairman Nevil, Vice Chairman Mosley, Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, County Attorney Jeff Akins, Chief Financial Officer Harry Starling, Deputy Clerk Christy Strickland, Public Facilities Division Director Bob Smith, Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins, and Capital Projects Director Kirk Tatum.

After Roll Call, the first item of business was the approval of the General Agenda. Chairman Nevil asked for amendments or modifications of the General Agenda. Commissioner Thompson asked to add Item #4 under the New Business Agenda for discussion regarding the NACO Prescription Drug Card Program. Hearing no further amendments or modifications, Commissioner Mosley offered a motion to approve the General Agenda as amended. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on January 4, 2011. Chairman Nevil called for corrections or modifications to the Minutes. Without hearing any corrections or modifications, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Next, Chairman Nevil asked for public comments from the audience at large or in writing. Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald and County Manager Thomas Couch both stated there were no formal requests or petitions received in writing. Hearing no further comments from the public, Chairman Nevil moved forward to Consent Agenda.

The next item on the Agenda was to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (1) To authorize an alcoholic beverage license for on premise beer, wine, and liquor sales by the drink for Mr. Joseph Sparks for Crabby Joe's located at 12218 US Highway 301 South, Statesboro, Georgia, in unincorporated Bulloch County, and (2) To dispense with the reading and adopt a resolution based on the Staff recommendation to declare certain equipment as surplus (See Exhibit #2011-3). After some discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that the only item of Unfinished/Old Business was to consider an appeal hearing for the denial of an alcoholic beverage license renewal pursuant to Chapter 3 of the County Code of Ordinances, and called on Clerk of the Board Ms. Maggie Fitzgerald to brief the Board on the facts regarding the denial. Ms. Fitzgerald stated that Mr. Ankurkumar Patel lied on his renewal applications for his two stores regarding his arrest in May 2010 in Toombs County for three felonies, and that the Board denied the renewal during the first meeting of December 2010. Chairman Nevil called for a motion to open the floor to hear the appellant. Commissioner Ethridge offered a motion to open the floor. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Chairman Nevil called on Mr. Patel to address the Board, and Mr. Patel stated that his State license had not been revoked and that the attorney handling the case stated that the arrest would not be listed on a background check or criminal history report. Commissioner Ethridge stated that Mr. Patel should present to the Board, at the next meeting, a signed letter from the attorney summarizing the legal advice that was given to Mr. Patel. After further discussion, Mr. Patel admitted that he lied on the applications, because he was confused. Ms. Fitzgerald stated that Mr. Patel could have asked her questions regarding the application procedure and an applicant's arrest record. After further discussion, Commissioner Simmons offered a motion to defer the appeal hearing until the February 3rd meeting and to close the floor of the appeal hearing. Commissioner Mosley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that the first item of New Business was the discussion and/or action with regard to the Staff recommendation for the lowest and most responsible bid from Y-Delta in the sum of \$195,800.00 for site lighting and sports court

lighting at the Mill Creek Tennis Center. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that Lose & Associates, Inc., recommended approval of the bid and add alternate #1. Without discussion, Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to approve the lowest and most responsible bid including add alternate #1 from Y-Delta in the sum of \$195,800.00 for site lighting and sports court lighting at the Mill Creek Tennis Center (See Exhibit #2011-4). Commissioner Ethridge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil stated that the second item of New Business was for a presentation and further discussion regarding future development of the new industrial park at Interstate 16 and US Highway 301. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that Mr. Deepal Eliatamby, a civil engineer with Alliance Consulting of Columbia, South Carolina, would make a presentation regarding the potential for establishing a water utility with a package sewer system. Mr. Couch stated that Mr. Allen Burns of the Coastal Region Commission referred Mr. Eliatamby. Mr. Burns introduced Mr. Eliatamby, and stated that Mr. Eliatamby teaches economic development to professionals several times a year. Mr. Eliatamby presented a power point slide show, and discussed the following: (1) local and regional factors for the success of an industrial park; (2) key elements of industrial park master planning; (3) several industrial parks lay out examples; and (4) potential funding sources. Mr. Eliatamby also discussed the advantages and disadvantages of on-site versus off-site sewer. After further discussion, Chairman Nevil thanked Mr. Eliatamby and Mr. Burns for the information that was presented. No action was taken.

Chairman Nevil stated that the third item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to consider the concept plans for a proposed intersection improvement at Five Points. Chairman Nevil called on County Manager Thomas Couch to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Mr. Couch stated that with the S&S Greenway construction underway and prevailing pressure to develop property around the intersection, a concept design needs to be decided upon to secure necessary right-of-way, pursuant to zoning conditions. Mr. Couch stated that once the design was decided upon, ROW acquisition would begin immediately and design would begin in FY 2012 with a

possibility of work beginning in FY 2012 or 2013 depending on budgeted appropriations. Mr. Couch discussed the difference between the three conceptual designs, and stated that choosing a design needs to be completed soon. After further discussion, Chairman Nevil stated that the Board would like the Staff to bid out the engineering services for the designs, and that the Board would choose a design once the facts and figures have been presented. No action was taken.

Chairman Nevil stated that the fourth item of New Business was the discussion and/or action to consider the NACO Discount Prescription Drug Card Program. Chairman Nevil called on Commissioner Thompson to initiate the discussion regarding the matter, and Commissioner Thompson asked if any progress had been made by the Staff to implement the program. Mr. Couch stated that Management Intern Leigh Gordy would start working on the program in February, after Ms. Gordy finishes a budget template project. After further discussion, no action was taken.

With no further items of New Business, Chairman Nevil asked each Commissioner to take thirty seconds for any general comments or statements, beginning with Commissioner Ethridge and then proceeding down the bench accordingly. Hearing no comments from the Commissioners, Chairman Nevil asked for comments from the Staff, and Clerk of the Board Maggie Fitzgerald reminded the Board about the Chamber's Annual Meeting and the Community Retreat.

Hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil stated that there was no further business expected for the open session of the regular agenda, and the Board must close the meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Chairman Nevil stated that at the conclusion of the Executive Session, which was expected to last about fifteen minutes, the Board would recess and then reconvene in all likelihood to move for adjournment. Chairman Nevil called for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 and other applicable laws, pursuant to the advice of the Chief Corporate Counsel, Jeff Akins, for the purposes of deliberating on Personnel Matters. Without further discussion, Commissioner Thompson offered a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters (See Exhibit #2011-5). Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Commissioner Ethridge, Commissioner Simmons,

Commissioner Mosley, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Gibson voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting was reconvened, and Chairman Nevil stated that Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins and Aquatic Center Manager Steve Brown would present some information regarding Splash in the Boro before the meeting would be adjourned. Mr. Rollins summarized the growth of the facility, and stated that there is a need for the addition of two full-time staff members. Mr. Brown stated that Splash needs a Maintenance Supervisor and a Program Supervisor. Mr. Rollins stated that if the additional staff is allowed, Mr. Brown would be Aquatic Division Manager and Mrs. Kimberly Sharpe would be Guest Services/Group Sales Coordinator. After further discussion, Mr. Couch stated that a budget amendment to add the positions would be need to be adopted at the next meeting, and recommended that Mr. Rollins start advertising for the job positions. No action was taken.

Chairman Nevil asked if there were any further comments from the Commission or Staff. Hearing no further comments from the Board or Staff, Chairman Nevil asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gibson offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rushing seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board