

October 29, 2008
Statesboro, GA

Special Called Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the North Main Annex. Chairman Garrett Nevil welcomed guests and called the special meeting to order.

Ms. Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board, performed the roll call of the commissioners and staff. The following commissioners were present: Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Tankersley, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Gibson and Commissioner Thompson. The following staff were present: County Manager Thomas Couch, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, County Planner Andy Welch, Financial Director Harry Starling, and Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins.

The first item of business on the Agenda was the discussion and presentation of the Airport Overlay Zoning District. County Manager Tom Couch presented the Board with a copy of the proposed Airport Overlay Zoning District Ordinance. Mr. Couch stated that the specific intent is to regulate and restrict the height of structures and objects of natural growth, to regulate land uses, and to prevent development of high density residential dwellings or the concentration of large numbers of persons in those areas subject to low-flying aircraft in the process of normal operation in the vicinity of the airport. Mr. Couch presented two maps to the Board, which portrays two options for regulating land use around the airport. Mr. Couch explained that one map followed property lines and the other map followed half mile increments from the airport. Commissioner Thompson stated that he puts himself in the shoes of the land owners located within the very restrictive zones, and that those land owners may not be able to sell their land or develop their land. After further discussion, the Board decided to further review the proposed ordinance and maps, and to make a decision regarding the Airport Overlay Zoning District at a subsequent meeting.

The second item of business on the Agenda was the discussion/action and presentation of the Splash in the Boro Expansion Proposal. Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Rollins presented the Board with a Power Point

presentation and discussed the history, attendance numbers, and the expansion proposal for Splash in the Boro. Mr. Rollins also presented the request for proposal results and several funding options for the expansion. Commissioner Thompson stated that the Board needed to move forward with the Splash in the Boro expansion this year, because construction costs will continue to rise every year. Mr. Rollins stated that construction could start in December and will be completed by the first of May. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the proposal from Lavender & Associates for the Aquatic Center Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$3,986,297.00 (See Exhibit #2008-133) and to authorize the County Manager to execute a design-build contract with Lavender & Associates in accordance with the request for proposals for this project. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Nevil asked if there were any other comments from the staff or board. Planning and Development Director Andy Welch asked to address the Board to inform them that a Public Hearing will be held for the Comprehensive Plan Update at their next Regular Meeting.

Chairman Nevil asked if there were any further comments from the staff or board. Hearing none, Commissioner Tankersley offered a motion to adjourn the Special Called Meeting. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

J. Garrett Nevil, Chairman

Attest: Maggie Fitzgerald, Clerk of the Board