



# CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 28, 2019

Council Meeting Room

Regular Meeting

6:30 PM

305 SOUTH COASTAL HIGHWAY  
PORT WENTWORTH, GA 31407

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Gary Norton called the meeting to order.

**2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Bill Herrin led in Prayer and Mayor Gary Norton led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL - CLERK OF COUNCIL**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Gary Norton	Mayor	Present	
Debbie Johnson	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Shari Dyal	Council Member	Present	
Mark Stephens	Council Member	Present	
Bill Herrin	Council Member	Present	
Thomas Barbee	Council Member	Present	
Linda Smith	Council Member	Present	
Phil Jones	City Administrator	Present	
Shanta Scarboro	Clerk of Council	Present	
Brian Harvey	Director of Development Services	Present	
Tiffany Lancaster	Director of Leisure Services	Present	
Matt Libby	Director of Public Safety	Present	
Lee Sherrod	Major of Police Department	Present	
Lance Moore	Fire Chief	Present	
Chirs Lee	Project Manager	Present	
Trent Long	City Engineer	Present	
Jim Vaughn	City Engineer	Present	
James L. Coursey, Jr.	City Attorney	Present	

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council Member Shari Dyal made a motion to approve the agenda with the following additions:

1. Under **Communications & Petitions** add Item # A. - Interpretation of City of Port Wentworth Charter and
2. Under **Executive Session** add Item # A. Personnel Matter. Seconded by Council Member Debbie Johnson. Vote was unanimous.

**5. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

Mayor Gary Norton introduced Dottie Bailey with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) who announced that the City of Port Wentworth will start hosting weekly sessions in support of those with mental health issues beginning the first week of March. The support group is titled NAMI Connection and classes will be held on the 1st and 3rd Monday's of each month from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Port Wentworth Neighborhood Senior Center. For more information about this support group, call 912-222-8108 or send an email to [dottie6761@gmail.com](mailto:dottie6761@gmail.com).

**6. ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

There were none to report.

**7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- A. City Council - Regular Meeting - Jan 17, 2019 5:00 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Herrin, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Thomas Barbee, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Johnson, Smith, Dyal, Stephens, Herrin, Barbee

**8. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS**

The following items were presented to Council under Communications and Petitions:

A. Mayor Gary Norton stated that after having met with one of the representatives of the Georgia Ports Authority that he was happy to report that their would NOT be any further encroachment upon the City.

B. James L. Coursey, Jr., City Attorney, read a letter regarding the Form of Government of the City of Port Wentworth as presented by the Office of Legislative Counsel Atlanta, Georgia, signed by Julius B. Tolbert, Deputy Legislative Counsel.

C. A presentation was made by Coach Anthony Edwards, Mayor Gary Norton and Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Johnson, of the 2019 CAA Championship Trophy to the 8 & Under Basketball Team for becoming first place champions in their division.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Committee Reports

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to dispense with the reading of the committee reports and make them part of the minutes. Seconded by Council Member Linda Smith. Vote was unanimous.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Herrin, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Linda Smith, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Johnson, Smith, Dyal, Stephens, Herrin, Barbee

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Pay Request No. 11 from Griffin Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$43,801.89 for the Phillips Ave Paving Project

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There were none to report.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. GMA - GIRMA Firefighter's Cancer Benefit Program Proposal for Coverage

Phil Jones, City Administrator, stated that the GIRMA Firefighter's Cancer Benefit Program will cost roughly \$200,000.00 annually and is a state mandated program. Lance Moore, Chief of Fire Operations, elaborated further on this agenda item by stating that the program is directly related to Health Bill 146 which require each legal fire entity to provide coverage for its firefighters.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Mark Stephens, Council Member  
**SECONDER:** Bill Herrin, Council Member  
**AYES:** Johnson, Smith, Dyal, Stephens, Herrin, Barbee

B. Chatham Area Transit Agreement to Run a Daytime St. Patrick's Day Shuttle

Council Member Thomas Barbee's motion was to approve the contract between the City of Port Wentworth and Chatham Area Transit (CAT) for the use of three (3) buses as a means of transportation for Port Wentworth residents to be shuttled to and from the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Savannah.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Mark Stephens, Council Member  
**SECONDER:** Bill Herrin, Council Member  
**AYES:** Johnson, Smith, Dyal, Stephens, Herrin, Barbee

C. City of Savannah Capital Cost Recovery bill for the month of December 2018 in the amount of \$49,380.00

Phil Jones, City Administrator, stated that this bill relates to the use of water for the Savannah I & D Plant and that the fees must be paid to the City of Savannah.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Bill Herrin, Council Member  
**SECONDER:** Shari Dyal, Council Member  
**AYES:** Johnson, Smith, Dyal, Stephens, Herrin, Barbee

D. Site Plan Review Application submitted by Chad Zittrouer, Kern & Co, LLC., on behalf of Northpoint Industrial, LLC., for PIN #'s 7-0039-01-043, 7-0039-01-022Z, 7-0039-02-001, 7-0039-02-006, 7-0039-02-011Y, 7-0039-02-011Z, 7-0039-02-005, 7-0039-02-007 (Pinder Point Road) for a General Development Site Plan to allow a Warehouse Development in a P-I-1 (Planned Industrial) Zoning District

Chad Zittrouer was present to answer any questions of Mayor and Council.

Several residents that currently reside on Pinder Point Road were present to express their opinion regarding the build of a warehouse:

Andrew Seaver, 201 Pinderpoint Road, stated that he is NOT in favor of the project.  
 Ashley Burnsed, 211 Pinderpoint Road, stated that she is in favor of the project.  
 Andrea Anderson Brown, 130 Pinderpoint, stated that she is in favor of the project.  
 Sarilyn Berry, 155 Pinderpoint Road, stated that she is in favor of the project.  
 William Bell, Owner of Bell's Auto Sales, Inc., stated that he is in favor of the project.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Thomas Barbee, Council Member  
**SECONDER:** Linda Smith, Council Member  
**AYES:** Johnson, Smith, Dyal, Stephens, Herrin, Barbee

### 13. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/PROCLAMATIONS

A. Proposed Changes to Ordinance 15.5, Article XV

Council Member Thomas Barbee made a motion to delay this agenda item until a Workshop can be held to discuss this matter further. Seconded by Council Member Bill Herrin. Vote was unanimous.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DELAYED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Thomas Barbee, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Herrin, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Johnson, Smith, Dyal, Stephens, Herrin, Barbee

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session. Seconded by Council Member Mark Stephens. Vote was unanimous.

Council Member Thomas Barbee made a motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene the Regular City Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Shari Dyal. Vote was unanimous.

**15. PUBLIC COMMENTS - REGISTERED SPEAKERS**


Murray Marshall, Developer for BEP Rice Hope, addressed Mayor and Council regarding the right to enforce the covenants of a developed community.

Julius Robinson, 225 Grant Road, thanked Mayor and Council for resolving the hog issue with his neighbor and for the fine job the police is doing to patrol the area better. Mr. Robinson went on to also thank Council Member Thomas Barbee for his assistance in resolving a water issue. Lastly, Mr. Robinson asked if the City would look into the asphalt issue near his property.

Gary Cubbedge, 219 Aberfeldy Street, wished to thank Lara Horne at the Senior Center for a job well done, as well as the Public Safety Department for their continued support of the seniors.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Council Member Bill Herrin made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Shari Dyal. Vote was unanimous.

  
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Mayor Gary Norton

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

ATTEST:

  
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Shanta M. Scarboro, Clerk of Council