



CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 12, 2020

Council Meeting Room

Special Called Meeting

6:30 PM

7224 GA HIGHWAY 21
PORT WENTWORTH, GA 31407

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Linda Smith called the meeting to order, due to the absence of Mayor Gary Norton.

2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Paul Mongin, First Baptist Church of Port Wentworth, led in Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL - CLERK OF COUNCIL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Gary Norton	Mayor	Absent	
Linda Smith	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Donald Hodges	Council Member	Present	
Mark Stephens	Council Member	Present	
Lynwood Griner	Council Member	Present	
Glenn Jones	Council Member	Present	
Thomas Barbee	Council Member	Present	
James L. Coursey	City Attorney	Present	
Phil Jones	City Administrator	Present	
Shanta Scarboro	Clerk of Council	Present	
Brian Harvey	Director of Development Services	Present	
Lance Moore	Chief of Fire Operations	Present	
Yolanda Irizarry	Director of Human Resources	Present	
Tiffany Lancaster	Director of Leisure Services	Absent	
Matt Libby	Chief of Police	Present	
Chris Lee	Project Manager	Present	

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Thomas Barbee made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Glenn Jones. Vote was unanimous.

5. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

There were none to report.

6. ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

There were none to report.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

There were none to report.

8. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

There were none to report.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were none to report.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

There were none to report.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were none to report.

12. NEW BUSINESS**A. Site Plan Review Application (Specific) 7-0033-01-006 MARCH 2020**

Phillip McCorkle and Greg Potter, on behalf on Stravinski Development Group, were present to answer any questions of Council.

Council Member Glenn Jones thanked Mr. McCorkle and Mr. Potter for a job well done on the Dynacraft Plant they worked to construct off of Crossgate Road, stating that they did exactly what was in the plans to construct a nice looking facility. Councilman Jones went on to state that they exceeded the City's expectations with the construction of the building and believe that they will do the same with this new project.

Council Member Thomas Barbee stated that he concurred with Councilman Jones.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark Stephens, Council Member
SECONDER:	Donald Hodges, Council Member
AYES:	Smith, Hodges, Stephens, Griner, Jones, Barbee

B. City of Port Wentworth Charter Amendments, Article I. CREATION, INCORPORATION, AND POWERS

There are seven (7) articles under the new Charter for consideration. Council must consider and vote upon each Article, in turn.

Article I: CREATION, INCORPORATION, AND POWERS

Mover: Council Member Glenn Jones

Seconder: Council Member Thomas Barbee

Vote Result: [Approved /Unanimous vote](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Glenn Jones, Council Member
SECONDER:	Thomas Barbee, Council Member
AYES:	Smith, Hodges, Stephens, Griner, Jones, Barbee

C. City of Port Wentworth Charter Amendments, Article II. GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

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Article II: GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

Mover: Council Member Donald Hodges

Seconder: Council Member Thomas Barbee

Vote Result: [Approved / Unanimous vote with the following amendment:](#)

- (1.) to Sec. 2.29(a) insert language to indicate "If unable to elect a Mayor Pro Tem by April the most recently elected Council Member, At-Large will be appointed." ; and
- (2.) to Sec. 2.32(b) insert language to indicate "If such a vacancy occurs 24 months or more prior to the expiration of the term of the vacant councilmember's office, it shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by a special election,..."

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Donald Hodges, Council Member
SECONDER:	Thomas Barbee, Council Member
AYES:	Smith, Hodges, Stephens, Griner, Jones, Barbee

- D. City of Port Wentworth Charter Amendments, Article III. ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS
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Article III: ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS
Mover: Council Member Glenn Jones
Second: Council Member Donald Hodges
Vote Result: [Approved / NOT Unanimous](#)
Ayes: Smith, Hodges, Stephens, Jones
Nays: Council Member Thomas Barbee

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Glenn Jones, Council Member
SECONDER:	Donald Hodges, Council Member
AYES:	Smith, Hodges, Stephens, Griner, Jones
NAYS:	Barbee

- E. City of Port Wentworth Charter Amendments, Article IV. JUDICIAL BRANCH
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Article IV: JUDICIAL BRANCH
Mover: Council Member Mark Stephens
Second: Council Member Donald Hodges
Vote Result: [Approved / NOT Unanimous](#)
Ayes: Smith, Hodges, Stephens, Jones
Nays: Council Member Thomas Barbee

RESULT: **APPROVED [5 TO 1]**
MOVER: Mark Stephens, Council Member
SECONDER: Donald Hodges, Council Member
AYES: Smith, Hodges, Stephens, Griner, Jones
NAYS: Barbee

- F. City of Port Wentworth Charter Amendments, Article V. ELECTIONS AND REMOVAL
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Article V: ELECTIONS AND REMOVAL

Mover: Council Member Thomas Barbee

Second: Council Member Donald Hodges

Vote Result: [Approved / Unanimous vote with the following amendment:](#)

(1.) to remove Sec. 5.21 (1)(a) - (1)(k)- Procedure for Removal of Elected Officials and Municipal Judge and keeping Sec. 5.21 (2)

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Thomas Barbee, Council Member
SECONDER: Donald Hodges, Council Member
AYES: Smith, Hodges, Stephens, Griner, Jones, Barbee

- G. City of Port Wentworth Charter Amendments, Article VI. FINANCE
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Article VI: FINANCE

Mover: Council Member Donald Hodges

Second: Council Member Glenn Jones

Vote Result: [Approved / Unanimous vote with the following amendment:](#)

(1.) to Sec. 6.29 insert the word "not" to the sixth (6th) sentence to read "...Manager may or may not approve and enter into any contract..."

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Donald Hodges, Council Member
SECONDER: Glenn Jones, Council Member
AYES: Smith, Hodges, Stephens, Griner, Jones, Barbee

- H. City of Port Wentworth Charter Amendments, Article VII. GENERAL PROVISIONS
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Article VII: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Mover: Council Member Lynwood Griner

Seconded: Council Member Glenn Jones

Vote Result: [Approved /Unanimous vote](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Linda Smith, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Glenn Jones, Council Member
AYES:	Smith, Hodges, Stephens, Griner, Jones, Barbee

13. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/PROCLAMATIONS

There were none to report.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION


There were none to report.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS - REGISTERED SPEAKERS

There were none to report.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council Member Thomas Barbee made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Donald Hodges. Vote was unanimous.



Mayor Gary Norton

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this 12th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:



Shanta M. Scarboro, Clerk of Council