

The Mayor and Council met for their regular meeting.

Those Present:	Greg Thompson	Mayor
	Wayne Adcock	Vice-Mayor
	Lee Malcom	Council Member
	Denise Dixon	Council Member
	Nathan Purvis	Council Member
	Larry Bradley	Council Member
	Rita Scott	Council Member
	Nathan Little	Council Member
	Jimmy Richardson	Council Member
	Matthew Chancey	City Administrator
	Renee Prather	City Clerk
	Russell Preston	City Attorney

Staff Present: Danny Smith, Jeremiah Still, Keith Glass, Rodney Middlebrooks, Brian Thompson, Patrick Kelley

Visitors: Sadie Krawczyk, Sharon Swanepoel, Brittney Fitzpatrick, Beverly Harrison, Debbie Kirk, Norman Garrett, Myoshia Crawford, Tim Hart, Eddie Williams, Robert Reinwick, Dan Lassiter, Hasan Master, Don Conklin

I. CALL TO ORDER – GREG THOMPSON

1. Invocation

Mayor Thompson gave the invocation.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Thompson noted that Council Member Denise Dixon was absent. There was a quorum.

3. Approval of Agenda

To approve the agenda as presented.

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by Adcock.
Passed Unanimously*

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. August 4, 2015 Council Minutes
- b. August 11, 2015 Council Minutes
- c. August 22, 2015 Council Minutes
- d. August 4, 2015 Executive Session Minutes
- e. August 12, 2015 Airport Commission Minutes
- f. August 18, 2015 Planning Commission Minutes
- g. August 25, 2015 Historic Preservation Commission Minutes
- h. Approval – Combo Coil Trailer / Line Tamer – Purchase of equipment from Consolidated Pipe and Supply for \$33,975.00. (Recommended for Council approval by Utilities Committee September 1, 2015)
- i. Approval – LED Light Conversion – Purchase of lights from Gresco with the amount not to exceed \$55,000.00. (Recommended for Council approval by Utilities Committee September 1, 2015)
- j. Approval – Surplus Items – To surplus two vehicles on GovDeals. (Recommended for Council approval by Public Safety Committee September 1, 2015)

To approve the consent agenda as presented.

*Motion by Little, seconded by Scott.
Passed Unanimously*

II. PUBLIC FORUM**1. Public Comments**

No one signed up for public comments.

Council Member Denise Dixon arrived during the discussion.

2. Public Hearing**a. Zoning Variance – 955 East Spring Street**

Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Kelley presented the request for a sign variance from Hasan Masters to allow the wall sign to be illuminated internally. He explained the variance is to allow the sign to have internal LED lights, which is against the new sign ordinance. Mr. Kelley stated that their previous sign was conformant. There were no permits purchased for refacing the old sign or internal illumination of a new sign. If permits were acquired, they could have been informed ahead of time. The Code Office and Planning Commission recommend the request for internal illumination of the sign should be denied, based on the updated ordinance.

The Mayor declared the meeting open for the purpose of public input.

Mr. Hasan Master spoke in favor of the sign variance. He stated they feel it would help the restaurant's business if the sign lit up.

There were no other public comments; Mayor Thompson declared that portion of the meeting closed.

To deny the sign variance.

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by Purvis.
Passed Unanimously.*

b. Zoning Variance – 786 West Spring Street

Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Kelley presented the request for a sign variance for Roses Express. He explained the variance is to allow the wall sign to be 136 square feet as opposed to the 50 square feet which is allowed, as well as allow the sign to be illuminated internally, which is against the new sign ordinance. The Code Office and Planning Commission recommend the request be approved with conditions: to allow the increase in square footage, but deny the internal lighting. Mr. Kelley explained the increase in size should be allowed due to the fact they are so far off of the road. Although, the interior lighted sign should be denied since the City desires to move away from them.

The Mayor declared the meeting open for the purpose of public input.

Mr. Don Conklin, owner of Pinnacle Custom Signs, spoke in favor of the sign variance for Roses Express. He stated that the recommendation for a larger sign is appreciated, but they are concerned about being at a disadvantage. The other retailers in the shopping center have internally lit signs, which would make their sign appear dark, making the store appear closed.

Council Member Larry Bradley questioned there being any way to do external lighting in order to make the sign show up more from that distance.

Mr. Conklin answered not with the overhanging goose neck lighting. From that far of a distance an entire row of goose neck lights would be required.

Council Member Rita Scott questioned whether the other retailers within the shopping centers internal lights were installed prior to the ordinance being rewritten.

Mr. Kelley explained that all of the internally illuminated signs within the City currently are existing nonconforming signs. As new businesses come in or old signs are replaced which are already in place, they will be required to conform to the ordinance.

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There were no other public comments; Mayor Thompson declared that portion of the meeting closed.

Council Member Nathan Purvis stated that as difficult as it is going to be moving forward sometimes, they must move in the right direction as the new code mandates.

To grant the variance on the increase in additional square footage for the sign, but deny the internal lighting portion of the variance request.

*Motion by Purvis, seconded by Malcom.
Passed Unanimously.*

c. Conditional Use – 1554 South Broad Street

Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Kelley presented the application for conditional use of this property to allow a kickboxing studio. The Code Office and Planning Commission recommend the request be approved, based on the fact that this is a use which is allowed in a highway business district.

The Mayor declared the meeting open for the purpose of public input.

Mr. Tim Hart, with Hartfit Kickboxing, spoke in favor of the conditional use. He stated that they have been looking for the right place for their business for a long time.

There were no other public comments; Mayor Thompson declared that portion of the meeting closed.

To approve the conditional use request.

*Motion by Bradley, seconded by Dixon.
Passed Unanimously.*

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution & Contract – Right of Way LCI

City Administrator Matthew Chancey stated this to be the North Broad Street LCI Project.

Mr. Robert Reinwick, with Keck & Wood, gave an update on the project. He explained the next step in the process to be the right of way acquisitions. There are twenty-six parcels from which easements will need to be acquired.

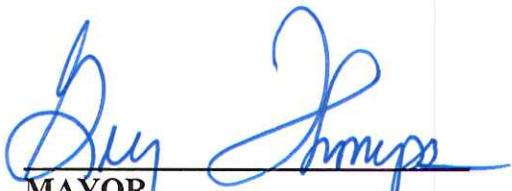
City Attorney Russell Preston presented the resolution.

To authorize the signing of the Resolution and Contract for the Acquisition of Right of Way Project with the Georgia Department of Transportation.

*Motion by Little, seconded by Scott.
Passed Unanimously.*

IV. ADJOURN

*Motion by Scott, seconded by Malcom.
Passed Unanimously.*


MAYOR


CITY CLERK