



EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

The Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, held their Extraordinary Session on Monday, April 18, 2005 in their office in the Courthouse Annex in the City of Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia, beginning at 6:00 o'clock p.m. with Chairman Goss presiding and Commissioners Cecil Davis, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Eddie Freeman, and Johnie McDaniel present. Also present were County Manager William Wilson, County Attorney Jim Fortune and Executive Secretary Teresa Watson.

AGENDA TOPICS

- I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman Edward Goss, Jr.**
- II. INVOCATION – Dr. David Hill**
- III. PLEDGE TO FLAG**
- IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION**

- 1. Consider Proclamation honoring 2005 Graduating Class of Leadership Griffin-Spalding program.

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce Leadership Griffin-Spalding Program, developed in 1992, is designed to encourage and develop the leadership potential existing in our community, is self-sustaining through tuition and corporate support, and identifies and educates future leaders in our area to the issues confronting our community; and

WHEREAS: Program topics include Government and Law, Education, Health Care, Diversity, History, Industry and Community; and

WHEREAS: Business and personal leadership talents are carefully honed in this environment to improve the productivity, as well as the spirit, of enterprise and ingenuity in Spalding County and to inspire government, business and all of us, as individuals, to formulate a partnership to emphasize our common interests rather than our differences; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 200 participants have completed the Leadership Griffin-Spalding Program since 1992; this 2005 Leadership Class has met at least two times per month over a four month period and will soon graduate 19 participants; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Kristen Albritton, Ms. Eve Anderson, Mr. Ron Bagley, Mr. John Boren, Mr. Rodney Christopher, Ms. Jean Clark, Mrs. Donnia Davis, Mr. Will Doss, Ms. Ellee Hilley, Mr. Chad Jacobs, Mr. Jim Ledet, Ms. Trudy McDevitt, Mr. Eric Mullins, Mr. Brian O'Quinn, Mr. Stephen Presnall, Mr. Kenny Smith, Ms. Sandy Walker, Mr. Clint Waltz, Jr. and Mr. Bill Gay are proud graduating members of the 2005 Class;

NOW THEREFORE: We, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and congratulate the **Leadership Griffin-Spalding Program** in Griffin, Georgia, and do further urge all citizens to acknowledge and congratulate the 2005 Class of Leadership Griffin-Spalding, as well.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Spalding County to be affixed this 18th day of April, two thousand and five.

On a motion by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the vote was unanimous at 5-0 in favor of issuing a Proclamation honoring 2005 Graduating Class of Leadership Griffin-Spalding.

Chairman Goss read and presented the proclamation to members of the graduating class in attendance, along with Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bonnie Pfrogner.

2. Consider Proclamation honoring selection of Dr. Thomas Grayson as The Griffin Exchange Club's *Man of the Year* for 2004.

Proclamation

Honoring Dr. Thomas Grayson as The Griffin Exchange Club's Man of The Year for 2004

WHEREAS The Griffin Exchange Club has selected Thomas Grayson as its 2004 Man of the Year; and

WHEREAS Dr. Grayson was born and raised in small town Indiana; was an outstanding athlete at Brazil High School; attended De Pauw University in Greencastle, Indiana on a Rector Scholarship where he met Helen Gerber, who would become his wife of 41 years; graduated from Indiana University School of Medicine in 1967 and came to Atlanta for residency training at Georgia Baptist Hospital; moved to Griffin in 1971 to practice with Dr. Ken Reynolds and practiced internal medicine here for 25 years, retiring in 1997, when his passion for community service began in earnest; and

WHEREAS Dr. Grayson is an active member of First United Methodist Church where he serves on the Finance Committee and is involved in a multi-year capital campaign pledge program to reduce capital improvement debt; is a committee member responsible for sponsorships for Run for Griffin, a 5K walk/run fundraiser for local charities, raising in excess of \$23,000 for the most recent event; is a Partner in Education with his wife, Helen, at Jordan Hill Elementary School, providing additional classroom materials; is a member of the Rotary Club of Griffin and was recently elected to its Board of Directors, serving as a host family for the Griffin Rotary Student Program for two years; is a member of the Griffin Country Club, Moose Club and Elks Club; is a poll manager for the Spalding County Board of Elections at the Jordan Hill School voting precinct; was honored with the title of General Griffin in 2003; was awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Excellence in Community Service Award in 2003; and

WHEREAS Dr. Grayson is secretary and fundraiser for Griffin Area Habitat for Humanity which has built 36 area homes, averaging four homes per year; volunteered as a physician for several years at the Hope Health Clinic and serves on the Subcommittee Board that oversees it, working to make it one of the finest indigent clinics in the state; manages the SHAPP Clinic at the Spalding County Health Department for blood pressure screening; serves on the Board of Directors at All Faiths Christian Ministries which operates the Five Loaves and Two Fish Food Pantry; and

WHEREAS Dr. Grayson is a dedicated husband of 41 years to Helen Gerber Grayson and loving father to their two children and four grandchildren: Cathy and her husband, Paul Birkhead, who live in Fayetteville with their three children, daughters Taylor (10) and Olivia (5), and son Zachary (7); and Mike and his wife, Brandy Grayson, who live in Griffin with their eleven-month old daughter, Sophie, and are expecting another child in a few months; and is a devoted son to his very charming, active 87-year-old mother, Mary, who also lives in Griffin; and

WHEREAS Dr. Grayson's compassion and commitment for the Spalding County community is evident in the many caring ways he shares his time, his support, his vision, and his leadership; and in gratitude for the many years he has so tirelessly given of his talents to make ours a better place;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, that a copy of this Proclamation recognizing Dr. Grayson's contributions to Spalding County and commemorating his selection as "Man of the Year" be spread upon the minutes of the proceedings of this Board, and that, on this, the eighteenth day of April, two thousand and five, we hereby declare **Tuesday, April 19, 2005** as

"TOM GRAYSON DAY"

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk (L.S.)

Edward Goss, Jr., Chairman (L.S.)

On a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, the vote was unanimous at 5-0 in favor of issuing a Proclamation honoring Dr. Thomas Grayson at The Griffin Exchange Club's Man of the Year for 2004.

Chairman Goss read the proclamation and stated he would present the proclamation at the official recognition luncheon by The Griffin Exchange Club to honor the club's Man of the Year for 2004 on Tuesday, April 19, 2005.

V. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of Financial Statement for nine months ended March 31, 2005.

On a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel, the vote to approve the Financial Statement for nine months ended March 31, 2005, was unanimous at 5-0.

VI. CITIZENS COMMENTS – N/A

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the Special Public Hearing of April 4, 2005 and the Regular Monthly Meeting of April 4, 2005.

On a motion by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the vote to approve the Minutes of the Special Public Hearing and the Regular Monthly Meeting of April 4, 2005, was 3-0-2 with Chairman Goss and Commissioner Flowers-Taylor abstaining since they were both absent from the April 4, 2005 meetings.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval on second reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 4. Noise Abatement and Control, Section 11-4002 of the Spalding County Code of Ordinances.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 11-4002
OF THE SPALDING COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES**

Ordinance to amend Section 11-4002 of the Spalding County Code of Ordinances as follows:

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By striking subparagraph (2) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(2) Radios, television sets, and similar devices. The using, operating, or permitting to be played, used or operated, of any radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, television set, or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m."

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By striking subparagraph (3) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(3) Drums. The using of any drum or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention by the creation of noise, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m., unless a permit for such use has been obtained from the Board of Commissioners."

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By striking subparagraph (4) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(4) Construction equipment and activity. The operating of any equipment or the performing of any outside construction or repair work on buildings, structures, roads, or projects between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in the areas of Spalding which have been zoned for commercial and industrial use. Such activity in other zoning districts shall be restricted between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m."

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By striking subparagraph (5) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(5) Vehicle repair in residential areas. The repairing, rebuilding, or testing of any motor vehicle between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. within any residential area in such a manner as to disturb the peace, quiet, and comfort of the residents of the area."

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By striking subparagraph (6) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(6) Recreational vehicles with internal combustion engines. The using or operating of any motor vehicle for recreational purposes on private property, including but not limited to a motorcycle, dirt bike, or other all-terrain vehicles, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m."

IT IS SO ORDAINED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2005.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve, on second reading, an Ordinance amending Chapter 4. Noise Abatement and Control, Section 11-4002 of the Spalding County Code of Ordinances. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and passed by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider request from New Era Baptist Convention Center for an outside amplification permit for July 17-21, 2005.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

2. Consider request from Griffin Area Arts Association to utilize the patio and steps at the Spalding County Courthouse for an Arts Festival on Sunday, September 11, 2005 from Noon until 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and the motion carried by a vote of 4-0-1 with Commissioner Davis abstaining as he had to briefly exit the meeting.

3. Consider Ordinance amending the Spalding County Code of Ordinances, Section 7-1002, regarding speed limits.

The recommended change is for 35 mph from the Lamar County Line to Johnston Road and 45 mph from Johnston Road to the Griffin City Limits. This is the result of a request from the City of Orchard Hill to reduce speeds in the city limits. The original recommendation in the commissioners' agenda packets had not been revised because of time constraints.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the request, on first reading, to change the speed limit on Macon Road from Lamar County Line to Johnston Road to 35 mph and from Johnston Road to the Griffin City Limits to 45 mph. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McDaniel, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

4. Consider request of Spalding County Coroner to review amounts paid and methods of payment for interment of deceased indigents.

Spalding County Coroner, Sonny Foster, addressed the Board and spoke in favor of the request, saying the amount allowed by Spalding County, \$200, had been the same for the past twenty years.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve elevating the amount paid for interment of deceased indigents from the current \$200.00 to the recommended \$500.00, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

XII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

The Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) awarded a grant for \$2500.00 to Spalding County last week for health and wellness programs for county employees.

He noted the Annual Conference of The Association of County Commissioners of Georgia would be held April 23-26, 2005. Commissioners Freeman and Flowers-Taylor, as well as County Manager Wilson, will attend.

XIII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Eddie Freeman – No comments.

Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor – The City of Griffin will have a community-wide cleanup effort on May 14, 2005. Mr. Fortune stated the County would have to provide the same help to all of the County's residents if offered to City residents; there can be no differentiation. She wondered if the County could participate and perhaps do something on the same day. Staff will explore possibilities. The City does it twice per year.

Commissioner Cecil Davis – No comments.

Commissioner Johnie McDaniel: He complimented the exit survey from the Lightning Challenge Soccer Tournament, which pointed out the economic impact of organized sports and uses of parks and recreation facilities, such as this tournament at Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park. Parks and Recreation is doing great work and making impacts both recreationally and economically.

Chairman Edward Goss: He wondered if it would be possible to address amplification problems at Griffin Ford, prompting complaints from Magnolia Trail residential neighborhood behind the area. Mr. Wilson said they would send a nice request asking for their cooperation in reducing or perhaps redirecting the loud speakers.

XIV. CLOSED MEETING

1. County Manager requests a Closed Meeting to discuss acquisition of real estate.

Mr. Fortune said there was no need for a closed meeting tonight. All the parcels were not yet ready, and he may need to request a brief, called meeting next Monday or Tuesday to accommodate the remainder of parcels.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, at 6:41 p.m.

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