



EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

The Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, held their Extraordinary Session on Monday, July 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 Edward 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.

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman Edward Goss, Jr.

II. INVOCATION – Rev. Michael Moore

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – Led by Commissioner Johnie McDaniel

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

1. Elton Rosser, Director of Operations for the Roosevelt Railroad, to address the Board concerning rail crossings and rezonings.

Mr. Rosser hoped the Roosevelt Railroad would continue to improve in attendance, particularly in light of the new Dundee Lake Park project. He urged a buffer in the future for homeowners building near the railroad. The intersections at both North 2nd Street Extension and Smoak Road as they cross the railroad tracks need stop signs installed other than the RR crossbuck signs he purchased and had put up by Public Works on behalf of the railroad. Stop signs were in place years ago when Norfolk-Southern ran the tracks but are no longer in position. Mr. Wilson said he would instruct Public Works in install the signs on approval from the Board, and the general consensus was to proceed in this manner. Mr. Rosser detailed the route for commissioners that will be expanded in the future. The railroad begins at Dundee Mills and goes through the woods by McIntosh Road where the track is paved over the road, then past Pineview Road and continues behind the gas company on McIntosh Road, crossing Hill Street by the fire station and then past the pipeline crossing and on toward Dundee Lake. Rights of way average 30' on each side of the track, with some areas being as much as 50' and some as little as 25'. Mr. Rosser said they anticipated growth but did not want to grow too fast, preferring instead to expand their operations slowly.

Mr. Fortune responded to Mr. Rosser's concern for noise, with regard to the County's noise abatement ordinance, that state law requires a whistle be sounded at railroad crossings, no matter the hour, and instructed Mr. Rosser to continue the practice.

V. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – N/A

VI. CITIZENS COMMENTS – N/A

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Goss recognized Sam Johnston, who was in attendance to observe the meeting in his pursuit of a Communications Merit Badge for Eagle Scout. He presented Sam Johnston with a Spalding County pin and thanked him for his participation.

VIII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the June 20, 2005 Extraordinary Session, the June 23, 2005 Special Called Meeting and the June 23, 2005 Zoning Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel to approve all, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis for purposes of discussion. Commissioner Davis noted that comments should be kept to the established minimum of 5 minutes each, rather than allowing unlimited access as was the case in the June 23, 2005 Zoning Public Hearing by the impromptu speakers not originally on the agenda who spoke for one hour and twenty-five minutes. With 24 items on the upcoming Zoning Public Hearing agenda for July 28, 2005, such a practice would be devastating to the flow of the meeting. Minutes were approved unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval on second reading an Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the following: **Application #05-10Z**: Byron F. Smith, Owner – McKinley Drive – 18.765 acres – R-1 to R-2, Conditional.

APPLICATION OF BYRON F. SMITH
FOR REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY
LOCATED WITHIN SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA;

REZONING APPLICATION 05-10Z

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA AND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Georgia is empowered by virtue of its police power to regulate the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Spalding County to provide for and enact zoning and developmental regulations;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia enacted the current Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia on January 4, 1994 and therein adopted the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia, in Article 23, Section 2301, et. seq.;

WHEREAS, under the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia the within described property is currently classified under the zoning classification entitled “R-1, Single Family Residential Low Density;”

WHEREAS, Byron F. Smith, applicant, applied for a change in zoning classification to be applied to the within described property to “R-2, Single Family Residential;”

WHEREAS, such application was filed with Spalding County, Georgia on March 24, 2005;

WHEREAS, such application was reviewed by the Spalding County Planning Commission, and a hearing on the application was conducted by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia on May 26, 2005, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 33-66-1, et. seq. in the Spalding County Hearing Room, Room 108, Spalding County Courthouse Annex, 119 East Solomon Street, Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia considered the proposed amendment, any and all alternate proposals or amendments, the report of the Spalding County Planning Commission and all data and evidence taken at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and an amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia is in conformance with the Spalding County Comprehensive Plan and sound comprehensive planning principles and of

substantial benefit to the public and in the promotion of the best interests and general welfare of the people;

NOW THEREFORE, IT SHALL BE AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia shall be and are hereby amended as follows:

Section 1: The Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia designating the boundaries of the several types or classes of zoning districts shall be, and is hereby amended so as to change the zoning classification applicable to the following described property:

All that lot, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being located in Land Lot 150 of the 2nd Land District, originally Monroe now Spalding County, Georgia, containing 18.765 acres of land and may be more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the East right-of-way of McKinley Drive said point being located 300.00' northerly along said right-of-way from the intersection of the North right-of-way of McKinley Drive and the East right-of-way of McKinley Drive; thence from said point of beginning proceed N 00°04'40" W along said right-of-way a distance of 673.78' to a point; thence proceed N 89°39'20" E along said right-of-way a distance of 899.98' to a point; thence leaving said right-of-way proceed S 00°37'32" E a distance of 131.90' to a point; thence proceed N 89°24'03" E a distance of 46.21' to a point; thence proceed S 00°47'35" E a distance of 200.00' to a point; thence proceed S 00°24'40" E a distance of 100.07' to a point; thence proceed S 01°05'48" E a distance of 113.71' to a point on the North right-of-way of McKinley Circle; thence proceed along the North right-of-way of McKinley Circle a bearing of N 79°30'41" E a distance of 54.39' to a point; thence proceed N 88°15'57" E a distance of 145.00' to a point at the intersection of McKinley Drive; thence S 01°44'03" E along the West right-of-way of McKinley Drive a distance of 50.00' to a point at the South right-of-way of McKinley Circle; thence proceed S 88°15'57" W along the South right-of-way of McKinley Circle a distance of 145.00' to a point; thence S 75°38'37" W along said right-of-way a distance of 55.05' to a point; thence proceed S 00°46'40" E a distance of 303.20' to a point; thence proceed S 78°04'36" W a distance of 596.51' to a point at the southeast end of McKinley Drive; thence proceed N 00°39'53" W along the east end of McKinley Drive a distance of 50.00' to a point at the northeast end of McKinley Drive; thence proceed S 89°23'21" W along the North right-of-way of McKinley Drive a distance of 16.47' to a point; thence proceed N 00°01'02" W a distance of 300.00' to a point; thence proceed S 89°25'15" W a distance of 357.33' to a point on the East right-of-way of McKinley Drive and Point of Beginning.

From "R-1, Single Family Residential Low Density" to "R-2, Single Family Residential" District.

Section 2: Pursuant to the authority granted to it by virtue of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia, Section 414 (L) and upon a determination by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that application of certain conditions on the amendment benefit the public and promote the best interests of the general welfare of the people, the following conditions shall be imposed upon the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia, as follows:

- a) A maximum of 24 houses total to be constructed;
- b) Lots shall be a minimum ½ acre;
- c) 75% brick required on McKinley Drive;
- d) 1000 square feet on the ground floor, heated, required on all houses constructed;
- e) Maximum of 8 lots on the northernmost part of McKinley Drive, to be built first;

- f) No split foyers shall be allowed;
- g) Front porches shall be underpinned and finished in character with the houses;
- h) No exposed concrete block and foundations shall be utilized;
- i) Vegetative screening of Leyland Cypress shall be used where lots back up to each other;
- j) Sodded lots required, per subdivision regulations, for front setbacks reduced to 50 feet;
- k) No houses shall be on slabs;
- l) No vinyl siding shall be used; and
- m) No stucco accents shall be utilized.

Section 3:

(a) Pursuant to the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia, section 2302 (B), the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia shall be amended to reflect the change made hereby to read as follows:

On July 18, 2005, by official action of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, the following change was made in the Official Zoning Map, Spalding County: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 150 of the 2nd Land District of originally Monroe, now Spalding County, Georgia, containing of 18.765 acres located on McKinley Drive, zoned R-2, Conditional.

(b) The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia is directed and authorized to execute such notice of the amendment of the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia.

(c) The Zoning Administrator is authorized and directed to enter such notice of the amendment of the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, GA thereon.

Section 4: The foregoing amendment of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

Section 5: All Ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and are hereby repealed.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and the motion was approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of a new Alcohol License for 2005 – Consumption on Premises – Beer, Wine, & Liquor for the following: Windy R. Golden, applicant for 2700 North, LLC d/b/a Pole Position (restaurant and bar), 2700 North Expressway, Griffin, GA 30223.

Ms. Golden said this NASCAR-themed restaurant and bar would hopefully attract race fans with a 50/50 split between food and beverage. Ms. Golden’s attorney stated the restaurant had employed the former chef from the Greek consulate in Georgia and installed a full kitchen, so good food will be a focus. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor noted the County did not allow alcohol to be served on Sunday, although the City of Griffin voted to do so.

Commissioner Davis motion to approve the request of Windy R. Golden for a new alcohol license for 2005, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and the motion carried by a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner McDaniel voting in opposition.

2. Consider approval of Sketch Plan for a proposed Conservation Subdivision with 9 lots for Mary Ann Norton Roark located on Vaughn Road, New Salem Road and Church School Road, consisting of 18.32 acres located in Land Lot 51 of the 4th Land District.

Chuck Taylor detailed this proposed 9-lot conservation subdivision with 1-acre lots fronting on New Salem Road and Vaughn Road. The yield plan determined the number of lots to be nine, and the sketch plan has been configured to position the nine lots as 1-acre lots with

other areas identified as greenspace. Once the sketch plan is approved by this Board, the developer can then submit the preliminary plat and start the planning process for the subdivision.

Mr. John Stover of Paragon Consulting referenced the yield plan and the conservation subdivision plan. He detailed the nature and topography of the property. They have identified the site features and tried to position the lots according to the best use of the land. They tried to reduce the number of lots fronting on Vaughn Road since it has the highest travel counts. The property is currently zoned AR-1 and requires 3 acres, except in the case of a conservation subdivision, which can be requested as a matter of right. A conservation subdivision can incorporate a lot size as small as 12,000 square feet with a 15,000 square foot average if sewer is provided, but the yield plan has to be based on one unit for every two acres. The 40% greenspace requirement constitutes a conservation subdivision.

Commissioner McDaniel said Mr. Stover had adhered to the restrictions of the ordinance with regard to a conservation subdivision, but Commissioners who implemented the conservation subdivision concept did not intend this type use on small tracts with smaller lots opening onto small collector streets. He noted they had tried to get away from driveway cuts as much as possible on county-maintained roads. He saw nothing that was non-compliant, though, and he commended Mr. Stover for designing the property in the best possible use for his client. Commissioner McDaniel would like to see deeper setbacks than 20 feet, particularly on some of the lots.

Mr. Stover said this was a unique situation with the tract being surrounded by streets on all sides and with a church and cemetery near one area of greenspace. He had no problem with greater setbacks than 20 feet but noted that some lots could only go 75 feet at most. As required under the ordinance for a conservation subdivision, there will be a homeowners' association.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve the Sketch Plan for Mary Ann Norton Roark with the condition that setbacks be restricted to a minimum 75 feet for lots, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion carried by a vote of 3-2, with Chairman Goss and Commissioner Flowers-Taylor voting in opposition.

3. Consider authorizing Fire Department to apply for grant to Griffin-Spalding Hospital Authority.

This \$7400 grant application to the Hospital Authority is for four MSA Premaire Supplied-Air Respirators and requires no matching funds.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the grant, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and the motion carried by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

4. Consider bids for water line relocation for the Arthur K. Bolton Parkway/Wilson Road signalization project (for which the County is responsible for utility relocation) and the Arthur K. Bolton widening project for several County road intersections.

Mr. Wilson said Davidson Brother Utility Contractors was the low bidder on both projects at \$125,023.75 and \$284,796.43 respectively. The \$284,796.43 will be reimbursed to the County by the Georgia Department of Transportation as part of the SR16 widening project.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to award both bids to Davidson Brother Utility Contractors in the amounts of \$125,023.75 for the A.K. Bolton/Wilson Road intersection and \$284,796.43 for the A.K. Bolton (SR16) widening project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and carried by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

5. Consider amending the Griffin Judicial Circuit FY 2006 Budget to provide for a change in the Juvenile Judge's salary.

Mr. Wilson said this legislation passed in this year's session would go into effect January 1, 2006. It calls for a 4% salary increase for Juvenile Judges' salaries, with 2% from the State and the County matching 2%. The current judge's salary of \$85,000 was set in 2000 with no raises of any kind being applied since that time. Spalding County's portion of the \$850 increase for this fiscal year would amount to just over \$330, or 43%. There are budgeted monies available in the current budget for this increase.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve amending the Griffin Judicial Circuit FY2006 Budget to provide for this salary increase, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and the motion carried by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

6. Consider request to change the name of Spalding County Emergency Management Agency to Spalding County Office of Homeland Security.

Mr. Wilson said the state has changed the name of Georgia Emergency Management Agency to the Georgia Office of Homeland Security. They ask that all counties reflect this name change, as well. The agency has been known, over the years, as the Civil Defense Agency, Emergency Management Agency, and now the Office of Homeland Security, with the Board's approval. Emergency Management Agency Director Kenny West and Deputy Director David Smith both are employees of the Spalding County Fire Department.

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

7. Consider approval of the Spalding County Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan.

County Manager Wilson said the County has received a grant from the state in order to complete this Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan. McIntosh Trail RDC has assisted in the development of this plan, along with the cities of Griffin, Orchard Hill and Sunny Side. The two required public hearings have been held, and Staff recommends approval of this plan. Should the Board of Commissioners approve, the plan would then go for approval by all the entities involved and to the State for their review and final approval.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Spalding County Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel, and the motion carried by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

8. Consider appointment to Region IV EMS Advisory Council.

County Manager Wilson said Dr. Michael Brackett had notified the County that their records indicated a vacant position for one year. Our records indicate we appointed Zachery Holmes on 9-20-04 for a term to expire 7-1-06. At the same time we appointed then acting Fire Chief Tommy Jones for the City of Griffin for a term to expire 7-1-06. The two positions up for reappointment are for Chipper Gardner and Trudy McDevitt. He requested that the Board reappoint Fire Chief Chipper Gardner and 911 Director Trudy McDevitt for two-year terms to expire 7-1-07 and confirm Zach Holmes and Tommy Jones as the County's other two appointees with terms to expire 7-1-2006. He would like to communicate this to District Four and request they adjust their records accordingly.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to reappoint Fire Chief Chipper Gardner and 911 Director Trudy McDevitt to the Region IV EMS Advisory Council and amended his motion to include a directive that County Manager Wilson confirm with District Four the appointments of Zach Holmes and Tommy Jones for terms to expire 7-1-2006. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion which carried by 5-0 unanimous vote.

9. Consider resolution to contract with Department of Human Resources to administer the FY2006 CSBG Program.

County Manager Wilson said this years' allotment is \$158,103.68 for the Community Services Block Grant Program. As is customary, there is a resolution required approving DHR to serve as the entity that administers this program through the state.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and the motion carried by 5-0 unanimous vote.

10. Consider an Ordinance amending the Noise Abatement and Control Ordinance to provide for exemptions.

This amendment, presented tonight on first reading, will provide a sort of catch-all category by which the Board of Commissioners could grant permission for individuals or groups to do certain activities that may be prohibited by the Noise Abatement and Control Ordinance, such as may be the case with Parks and Recreation Department activities that might continue further into the evening hours than normally allowed. This could provide for a blanket exemption for any Spalding County sponsored activity, but individual requests must be granted on a case by case basis. This would include situations such as the recently approved request to continue late into the evening for a family reunion event.

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the amendment to the Noise Abatement and Control Ordinance, and Commissioner McDaniel seconded. The motion carried by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

11. Consider approval on first reading an Ordinance to Amend Part VII, Section 7-1007 Traffic Control Devices to add a four-way stop intersection for Mt. Zion Road at Anderson Road.

The Sheriff, after inspection of the area, recommends approval.

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the addition of a four-way stop at Mt. Zion Road at Anderson Road, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and the motion carried by 5-0 unanimous vote.

12. Consider approval on first reading an Ordinance to Amend Street Use Ordinance, Part VI, Chapter 2, Section 6-2004, No Thru Trucks for: Walkers Mill Road.

The Sheriff's Department, after inspection of the area, recommends making Walkers Mill Road No Thru Trucks in its entirety rather than the present designation from High Falls Road to Jackson Road.

Chairman Goss made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel, and the motion carried by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

13. Consider Resolution authorizing the District Attorney of the Griffin Judicial Circuit to contract with State of Georgia regarding circuit employees' pay and benefits.

County Manager Wilson said this was part of the District Attorney's budget request, and as such was already incorporated into the budget that was approved. The other counties in the Griffin Judicial Circuit approved the budget, as well. This will allow his employees to be considered as State employees much like the employees of the Office of Public Defender.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the District Attorney of the Griffin Judicial Circuit to contract with State of Georgia regarding circuit employees' pay and benefits, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and the motion carried by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

14. Consider setting a date for Public Hearing to establish a streetlight district for The Enclave at Heron Bay.

County Manager recommended August 1, 2005 during the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting. In addition to the Public Hearing, they will request consideration of the Board to establish a streetlight district for The Enclave at Heron Bay, as well.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to set August 1, 2005 as the date for a public hearing as an agenda item, seconded by Commissioner Freeman. The motion passed by a 4-0-1 vote with Commissioner Davis temporarily absent from the room.

XII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- The Spalding County Water and Sewerage Facilities Authority will meet this Wednesday and will consider approval of a recommended water rate increase in response to the City of Griffin's wholesale water rate increase of \$.08 per thousand gallons. Mr. Wilson will bring the new recommended water rate to the Board for confirmation at the August 1, 2005 meeting.

-Chief Gardner and Kenny Smith met with legislators John Yates, David Knight, Ronnie Chance and others regarding the proposed joint training facility for Fire Department personnel to complement the course offered at Griffin Technical College. Other meetings are scheduled for later this summer, and more developments will be announced.

-A Joint Called Meeting to discuss SPLOST items with municipalities in the County has been set for July 25, at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex Meeting Room. This will set in motion a timetable for effecting a call for a November 2005 SPLOST referendum.

-August 2, 2005 is the date for a ribbon cutting ceremony at 3 p.m. for Dundee Lake Park. The Governor is being invited to participate in this casual ceremony with homemade peach ice cream afterward. Other speakers will include Chairman Edward Goss and Tom Gardner of the Dundee Community Association.

-The County's millage rate is down .05; the School Board millage rate is down .05, and the Fire District is down .02 mils. A Special Called Meeting will be held on July 28 at 4:45 p.m. to officially set the Tax Levy.

-Construction on the new walking track at Airport Road has been delayed because of inclement weather, but construction of the new track is set to begin July 25, weather permitting.

- Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner members and staff will be interviewing firms responding to the RFPs for the Master Plan on August 10 in the Courthouse Annex Conference Room all day. The County has essentially completed all the projects on the current Master Plan. They will return a recommendation to the Board for a company to complete the new Master Plan.

-The City of Griffin has requested consideration of the annexation of Green Valley Industrial Park. Mr. Wilson noted he had placed copies of the request in commissioners' boxes and can place the request on a future agenda.

XIII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Freeman – The guardrails on Cowan Road have been completed, and he commended Public Works for their efforts. He also thanked the Board of Commissioners for approving installation of the guardrail.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor – She was still upset about pit bull incident where a 5-week old baby was mauled and killed. One of her constituents has called every day during the past week regarding a pit bull that roams her neighborhood. The resident is afraid to sit on her front porch. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor suggested the Board of Commissioners perhaps look at identifying dense areas that qualify for Urban Proximity near the City and incorporate them as animal restraint districts. These dogs are dangerous, and their very presence limits areas where children can play. Community Development Director Chuck Taylor explained the process in place now whereby all new subdivision developments become animal restraint districts automatically.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor also wants to set up a workshop with the Water and Sewerage Facilities Authority to review the current situation that limits their authority and restricts their activities.

She also agreed with Commissioner Davis' comments about setting a precedent to allow people to speak at Zoning Public Hearings without being on the agenda and speaking far beyond the 5-minutes allocated in the meeting rules. She personally felt battered after listening to more than an hour of the same things being repeated, and she felt it was inconsiderate and inappropriate. She urged Chairman Goss to bang the gavel when the timer sounded unless the Board was asking questions that might prolong the presentation themselves.

Finally, Commissioner Flowers-Taylor reminded commissioners of the moments of truth in customer service discussed during the annual retreat. Residents lodging complaints or requiring service need to get good customer service from field personnel also. Customer service is not a term relegated to just office personnel. All employees are representatives of the County, and field employees are often the only contacts that residents may have with the County. She advised that she had already spoken with the County Manager about a couple of instances, and he will address these concerns with the appropriate Department Heads.

Commissioner Davis – After serving for fourteen years on the Water and Sewerage Facilities Authority, he would like to see figures compiled to indicate the cost of the County doing its own meter reading and collecting monies for County water bills. He noted on the most recent Water Superintendent's report that the number of customers is still fluctuating substantially, which is hard to believe, particularly taking into account the fact that during one month the number of customers was considerably down but monies collected and the average bill was considerably up.

Commissioner McDaniel – He felt it was a shame, but at every level of government it was becoming more necessary to legislate responsibility and accountability. Some breeds of dogs have characteristics long bred into them for many generations that don't just go away. He noted

also that every new subdivision becomes an animal restraint district automatically. So, every newly declared Urban Proximity subdivision would automatically become an animal restraint district, and existing neighborhoods can petition to become animal restraint districts, as well.

Commissioner McDaniel said he felt some uneasiness over conservation subdivision issue tonight. Overall, the conservation subdivision theory is good, but some things need fixing. Spalding County's ordinance is not perfect, but rather is a work in progress and ideas are welcome. He referred to the memo from Mr. Galloway noting that larger lots require more water.

Chairman Goss – He asked that County department personnel in the field make sure residents know when inmates are being utilized on property so as not to surprise and/or frighten them.

Chairman Goss asked if any commissioner could fulfill a speaking engagement requested by the Chamber to address new Griffin-Spalding County teachers at the Western Sizzlin' restaurant on Friday morning. Commissioner McDaniel said he would accept.

Chairman Goss took responsibility for letting Mr. Lewis and Mr. Slade speak too long at the last zoning public hearing, particularly in light of the fact they were not on the agenda to speak. He realized the next Zoning Public Hearing would be long and taxing, and he would require that comments be kept brief. Commissioner Freeman said he bore some responsibility for the lengthy session, as well, but noted there was no one to speak after them, so he felt no one was inconvenienced by the session.

Commissioner McDaniel felt Mr. Lewis was trying to talk commissioners into doing something they were not prepared to do that night, and he said after researching Mr. Lewis' suggestion, there were some provisions for discretionary density bonus, but one condition means dedicating the greenspace for public use and setting up an endowment for maintenance of that greenspace. This implies the greenspace would get handed over to the County, and the question becomes whether or not the Board of Commissioners can stack the three subparagraphs (a, b and c) or come up with an either/or situation. There are future implications regarding the lift station, as well. Action on this matter would certainly open up the door for more density.

Chairman Goss said he felt Mr. Galloway's report, while providing some valid information, was a little too far-fetched regarding the use of water on larger lots. To have a two-acre lot doesn't mean one would have to water a two-acre lot.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, the vote was unanimous to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

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