

**Minutes  
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council  
City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia  
October 6, 2015 / 6:30 pm**

**Call to Order**

*Mayor Reed called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilmembers in attendance were John Taylor, Richard Schmidt, Claire Williams, and Faye Godwin. Councilmember Don Hayes was absent. Also present was City Attorney Rick Lindsey. Mayor Reed led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**Review and Approval of Agenda**

*Mayor Reed requested that the agenda be amended to remove Item 15-774, Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance to Amend and Revise Chapter 22 City of Chattahoochee Hills Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, and to add an Executive Session to discuss legal matters and personnel matters. Councilmember Godwin made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 1, 2015

*Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve the September 1, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Staff Reports**

IT Update: Harlan Hamlin

*Mr. Hamlin reported that the fiber line between city hall and the fire department had been installed. The next upcoming project is the Fire Department software change over.*

Financial Update: Kyle Jones

*Mr. Jones gave an update on the Fiscal Year 2016 financials. He said that property tax revenue will continue to come in. He also reported that revenue from TomorrowWorld permits is about \$35,000.*

Fire Department Report: Greg Brett

*Chief Brett reported that there were 44 incident calls in September. This number does not include incident responses affiliated with TomorrowWorld. He also stated that the burn ban is now lifted as of October 1<sup>st</sup>.*

**Public Works Report: Greg Brett (serving as Interim Public Works/Parks Director)**

*Chief Brett reported that all mowing for the season had been completed, and potholes repairs on South Fulton Parkway near Cochran Mill Road had been completed by Georgia DOT. He said that the motor-grading operator was still not available and operator candidates are being sought. The fiber optic line connecting the fire station and city hall had been installed. Alan Merrill will be directing the Rico Park Concession Stand construction. Chief Brett is also working on an equipment inventory of all Public Works/Parks and Recreation equipment.*

**Police Department Report: Matt Rook**

*Chief Rook said that the department is working on compiling statistics from TomorrowWorld. They are getting calls every day so the stats are being updated and they are continuing to work on getting all of the reports completed.*

**Community Development: Mike Morton**

*Mr. Morton reported that the department had spent quite a bit of time on permitting for TomorrowWorld structures. He also said that he had been reviewing the right-of-way, plat, and related materials that the city had received from Fulton County.*

**Parks Commission: Maribeth Wansley**

*Ms. Wansley announced that the city will be sponsoring an event at Cochran Mill Park called "Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day". It will be held October 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.*

**Presentations/Proclamations (None)**

**Public Comment**

*Clay Johnson, Chairman of the Chattahoochee Hills Charter School, 9670 Rivertown Road, said the last year's average third grade reading scores for were 71 for north Fulton County and 41 for south Fulton County. However, the average third grade reading score for Chattahoochee Hills Charter School was 56 for last year. He also invited the Mayor and Council to visit the school at any time.*

*Alan Merrill, 560 Tabb Way, said that he was leading the way in the construction of the Rico Park concession stand in Judy Henderson's absence. The things that need to happen in the next month are moving of the storage containers, site prep, electrical power connections, and well and septic installation. He thanked the Mayor and Council for the support.*

*Jim Hancock, 10175 Creel Road, said that he had concerns about the city's infrastructure being able to support TomorrowWorld. He is concerned about damage to the roads and bridges from the tour buses and asked who is liable for the damage.*

*Marcia Lee, 6520 Rico Road, said that she had applied for a permit to sell barbecue for TomorrowWorld. She said that she ran in circles getting the paperwork together only to be told by the city manager that it would not be permitted due to state law. She said that it is allowed in other cities, so state law must allow it.*

*David McElreath, 10420 Rivertown Road, said that he was stuck in TomorrowWorld traffic within 200 feet of his house and was rerouted away from his house by a Union City Police Officer and had to wait in traffic for 45 minutes. He said that mailboxes were damaged and that people were urinating and defecating on the side of the road.*

### **Public Hearing**

- 1. Item 15-773:** Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance to Amend and Revise Chapter 20 City of Chattahoochee Hills Zoning Ordinance.

*Mayor Reed opened the Public Hearing.*

*Stephen Farr, 10360 Hutcheson Ferry Road and Operations Manager and Director of the Georgia Baptist Children's Home, wished to speak during public comment but was not sure of the process. He was allowed to make comments. He said that he had concerns about the traffic coming through the intersection of Atlanta-Newnan Road, Rico Road, and Hutcheson Ferry Road. He said that one of his dogs was hit and that the speed limit was not addressed. He also said that the music was so loud on Thursday night that it could be heard at the Children's Home. The whole neighborhood is being affected by TomorrowWorld. He also asked that the city not cut the right-of-way at the Children's Home if trash is not going to be picked up prior to mowing.*

*There were no other public comments.*

*Mayor Reed closed the Public Hearing.*

- 2. Item 15-773:** Action to consider an Ordinance to Amend and Revise Chapter 20 City of Chattahoochee Hills Zoning Ordinance.

*Councilmember Taylor made a motion to approve Item No. 15-773. Councilmember Godwin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Discussions (None)**

### **Unfinished Business (None)**

### **New Business**

- 1. Item 15-775:** Resolution to Adopt Revisions to the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget. *Finance Director Kyle Jones presented the item. He said that the purpose for the budget adjustment is to adjust the general fund budget due to departments exceeding their budgets and to establish the Hotel/Motel Fund, E-911 budget, and a Capital Improvement Fund budget. Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve Item No. 15-775. Councilmember Godwin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Mayor and Council Comments**

*Councilmember Schmidt said this year was an eye opener and there was no excuse that TomorrowWorld did not have contingency plan and that the roads had not been cleaned up yet. He said that he was not invited to the TomorrowWorld meetings and that not being aware will not happen again. He also said that in regard to zoning issues, this council will discuss items before voting on them.*

*Mayor Reed said that the impact of TomorrowWorld was different this year than previous years and that the city will be investigating the issues.*

*Councilmember Godwin thanked the staff and volunteers for their time and help in the time of crisis.*

*Mayor Reed said that he heard again and again about how polite citizens were to the kids that were lost and trying to find their way home. He said that the community stood up and supported people who needed help, and thanked them for being gracious and hospitable in spite of all of the problems.*

### **Executive Session**

*Councilmember Taylor made a motion to move to Executive Session to discuss legal matters and personnel matters. Councilmember Godwin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Councilmember Taylor made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Councilmember Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Adjourn Meeting**

*Councilmember Godwin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.*

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**Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.**

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**Dana Wicher, City Clerk**

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**Tom Reed, Mayor**

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