



# City of Roswell

38 Hill Street  
Roswell, Georgia 30075

## Meeting Minutes - Final Mayor and City Council

*Mayor Jere Wood*  
*Council Member Nancy Diamond*  
*Council Member Rich Dippolito*  
*Council Member Kent Igleheart*  
*Council Member Jerry Orleans*  
*Council Member Betty Price*  
*Council Member Becky Wynn*

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Monday, March 15, 2010

7:30 PM

City Hall

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### WELCOME

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Jere Wood, Council Member Nancy Diamond, Council Member Rich Dippolito, Council Member Kent Igleheart, Council Member Jerry Orleans, Council Member Betty Price, and Council Member Becky Wynn

*Staff Present: City Administrator Kay Love; Deputy City Administrator Michael Fischer; City Attorney David Davidson; Environmental/Public Works Director Stuart Moring; Recreation, Parks, Historic and Cultural Affairs Director Joe Glover; Transportation Director Steve Acenbrak; Transportation Deputy Director David Low; Traffic Management Supervisor Mike Elliott; Transportation Senior Engineer Robert Dell-Ross; Community Relations Manager Julie Brechbill; Building Operations Technician Doug Heieren; and City Clerk Sue Creel*

*Mayor Jere Wood called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.*

### Pledge of Allegiance - Stuart Moring

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of March 1, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes (detailed minutes to replace Council Brief Minutes adopted on March 8, 2010) and approval of March 8, 2010 Council Brief Minutes.**  
*Administration and Finance*  
Approved
2. **Approval for the Mayor and/or City Administrator to sign a contract with Allan Vigil Ford for the purchase of three F-250**

**trucks in the amount of \$83,290.**

*Environmental/Public Works*

Approved

- 3. **Approval of a multi-way stop request by the Northcliff Subdivision HOA.**

*Transportation*

Approved

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Council Member Price, seconded by Council Member Dippolito, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 6

**REGULAR AGENDA**

*Mayor Wood stated that at the request of Representative Harry Geisinger, a Resolution in opposition to House Bill 480 will be deferred until the next Mayor and Council meeting.*

**Mayor's Report**

- 1. **Approval of a Resolution in Opposition to Georgia House Resolution (HR1) currently pending in the Georgia Legislature.**

*Mayor Wood stated this bill would limit assessments on commercial and residential property to a maximum 3% increase.*

A motion was made by Council Member Nancy Diamond, seconded by Council Member Jerry Orleans, that this Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 6

Enactment No: RES 2010-03-14

- 2. **Approval of a Resolution in support of Georgia House Legislation House Bill 1093 (HB1093) and House Bill 1137 (HB1137) of the 2010 Georgia Legislative Session.**

*City Attorney David Davidson stated these bills regarded sending business and regulatory permitting information from the City to the Department of Revenue, which would help insure that all people who are responsible for paying sales taxes do so. Mayor Wood asked how this would be accomplished. Mr. Davidson replied that a*

database would be created, and Roswell would send the business licensing information to the database. Mayor Wood asked how much this would cost the City. Mr. Davidson confirmed that it was his understanding that as the City only needs to send the information electronically, there would be minimal cost to the City. Mayor Wood noted that a pilot program in Gainesville was successful in collecting more sales tax, and he supported the bills.

**A motion was made by Council Member Nancy Diamond, seconded by Council Member Becky Wynn, that this Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor: 6**

Enactment No: RES 2010-03-15

**Environmental / Public Works Department - Councilmember Becky Wynn**

3. **Approval for the Mayor and/or City Administrator to sign a contract with Strickland Pipeline and Construction, Inc. for the construction of the waterline along Swaybranch Drive in the amount of \$91,950. This is a CDBG-R Stimulus grant funded project.**

*Presented by Stuart Moring, Director*

*Environmental/Public Works Director Stuart Moring stated this waterline connection is one of three projects along Swaybranch Drive at Market Street. The other two are a roadway connection and a stormwater project. This project will provide a loop for the system that will substantially improve fire flow and pressure regulation. Strickland Pipeline and Construction was the low bidder meeting the requirements for this project. He noted the bid is within the budgeted amount, and staff recommends approval. Mayor Wood asked the original budgeted amount. Mr. Moring replied \$100,000. Mr. Moring noted that the CDBG-R designation means this is part of the stimulus package and is required to be substantially complete by June 7, 2010.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Becky Wynn, seconded by Council Member Rich Dippolito, that this Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor: 6**

**Recreation and Parks Department - Councilmember Kent Igleheart**

4. **Approval for the Mayor and/or City Administrator to sign a contract with PE Structures/Artlantic for the Barrington Hall Steps Project in the amount of \$49,350 and approval of Budget Amendment 6110CP-03-15-10 in the amount of \$50,000.**

*Presented by Joe Glover, Director*

*Recreation, Parks, Historic and Cultural Affairs Director Joe Glover stated there were seven bidders with the low bid coming in at \$49,350. He noted the original drawing for the project is slightly different from the one shown at the Committee Meeting, but was approved by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC).*

*Councilmember Dippolito asked if the railings were going to match what is currently across the street at the Historic Square. Mr. Glover replied the railings would be like Town Square.*

*Public Comment:*

*Sandy Passman asked about the money that was allocated to the project last year during the budget process noting there was a lot of discussion about going into reserves or not. She was concerned about the economy and felt the money could be put to better use for items such as sanitation or fire equipment. She also was concerned about the drawing showing the sidewalk being along the first wall rather than down at the street and if the wrought iron tied into the wall. She asked if the new drawing would make the project cost more or less than what was originally budgeted.*

*Mr. Glover responded that the price is the same. The difference between the two drawings is there will be less wall to install, but more handrails, which should offset each other. Mayor Wood asked about the sidewalk not being at street level but above the first wall. Mr. Glover replied that the HPC said there is not enough room to put a sidewalk without taking out all of the landscaping. Mayor Wood asked where the funding is coming from for this project. Mr. Glover replied from the balance of the Grime Bridge Park drainage project. Mayor Wood stated one of the questions was if this is a project that is essential for the operation of the City. He stated it is not, but felt this project would give more people access to Barrington Hall, which is a cultural resource and would benefit the City. He further stated that the money is coming from savings from last year and not reserves.*

*Councilmember Wynn asked if there will be a sidewalk and noted that the railings appear to have a gap. Mr. Glover replied there would not be any gap between the railings and the wall. Coming down to the landing, there will be a concrete and brick plaza at the curb, with the crosswalks coming in from both sides into the brick plaza area, so there will not be a sidewalk. Councilmember Wynn asked if there was anything else the Recreation and Parks Department could do with the money. Mr. Glover replied that there are several projects the money could be used for, but this is a priority to help get pedestrian access to Barrington Hall.*

*Councilmember Price asked if removal of the upper wall is part of any current or future discussions. Mr. Glover replied the removal of the upper wall was presented to the HPC and the Committee. It was suggested that due to lack of funding to not address that at this time.*

A motion was made by Council Member Kent Igleheart, seconded by Council Member Jerry Orleans, that this Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 6

**Transportation Department - Councilmember Rich Dippolito**

5. **Approval of the Scoping Phase for Historic Gateway projects along SR 9/Atlanta Street in the amount of \$1,897,761 and approval of Budget Amendment 4210CP-03-15-10 to establish the project account, 10TRA002.**

*Presented by Steven D. Acenbrak, Director*

*Transportation Director Steve Acenbrak stated the Transportation Department was seeking Council's approval to take the first step in eliminating a safety issue that has been with the City the last 40 years. The scope of the project is the elimination of the reversible lanes along SR9 from State Route 120 to the Chattahoochee River; an intersection improvement along Atlanta Street at Azalea/Riverside Drive; and a new bridge over Vickery Creek. The estimate to begin the process is \$1.8 million, which would include concept design; alternatives analysis as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, which is the environmental document; public involvement; and preliminary field plan review. In order to move forward, the City must be in the regional Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). The ARC recently approved a Scoping Phase, which allows preliminary design and the environmental document without being fully funded for the entire document. This would get the City into the regional TIP and allow the City to apply for federal funding to go forward. The City is required to be in the TIP in order to apply for federal funding. Mr. Acenbrak stated if the City does not get into the TIP now, it might be 3-4 years before there is another opportunity to do so. The next step would be for the Roswell Transportation Department to re-program some existing FY 2010 funds. He noted they do not need new funds for FY 2011. They will then formally notify the Georgia Department of Transportation of pursuing the Scoping Phase, begin procurement of a consultant, drop the project into the TIP in May, begin selection of the consultant, bring that back to Committee and Council for approval, and issue the notice to proceed in late summer.*

*Councilmember Dippolito stated this project is the gateway to Roswell, has the potential to increase safety, improve transportation, and promote redevelopment.*

*Councilmember Price asked the long-range time frame, and if it would include the burial of utilities. Mr. Acenbrak replied that he did not know about the burial of utilities but that would be included in the alternative analysis. A projected time line would be about 2-3 years.*

*Mayor Wood stated this is a major project, and the City has the opportunity of removing a three-lane highway, which is dangerous, and making it into a "skinny" four-lane highway, which is believed to be safer.*

A motion was made by Council Member Rich Dippolito, seconded by Council Member Jerry Orleans, that this Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 6

6. **Approval of an Ordinance to update Article 22.2.5 - Designated Truck Routes of the Roswell Code of Ordinances.**

***(Second Reading)***

*Presented by Steven D. Acenbrak, Director*

*Transportation Director Steve Acenbrak stated this revision to the existing Ordinance is to get it updated from several changes that have occurred since 2002 due to annexations and land changes.*

*City Attorney David Davidson conducted the second reading of An Ordinance of the Roswell City Council Setting Truck Routes on Certain Streets. The Ordinance amends Chapter 22, "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," by deleting Article 22.2.5, "Designated Truck Routes" and substituting a new Article 22.2.5 to read as set forth in the Appendix attached to the Ordinance and incorporated by reference.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Rich Dippolito, seconded by Council Member Becky Wynn, that this Item be Approved on Second Reading. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor: 6**

Enactment No: ORD 2010-03-07

**City Attorney's Report**

7. **Recommendation for closure to discuss personnel and acquisition of real estate.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Becky Wynn, seconded by Council Member Kent Igleheart, that this Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor: 6**

**Adjournment**

*After no further business, the Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.*