July 12, 2011
Regular Meeting of the City of Hiram, Georgia
217 Main Street, Hiram, Georgia
Hiram City Hall

The regular session for July 12, 2011 of the City of Hiram was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris.

Regular Session attendees: Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris, Councilperson Derrick Battle, Councilperson Earlene Graham, Councilperson Teresa Philyaw, Councilperson Helena Williams, Chief Gary Yandura, City Attorney Glen Stinson, City Clerk Terri Graham, Deputy City Clerk Jill Head, City Operations Manager Jody Palmer, Angela Wingers, Heather Peacon-Corn, Brandy Bray, Jason James, Leo Parker, Melinda McGuire, Mike O'Neal, Keith Graham, Richard Grant, Jon Gargis, Joanne Jinks, Edna Smith, Carl Newton, Eric Moon, Peggy Howland, Randy Williams, Meg Hunt-Williams, Bob Bookout, Kathy Bookout, Mary Hood, Michelle Richardson, Helene Fitzgerald, Terri Paris, Ron Crist, Keith Hallman, Jane Talley, Kathie Stancil, Latia Williams, Christine Codrington, Jennifer Nolan, Donald Roberts, Pep Rollins, Carmen Rollins, Billy Sims, April Sims, Tanita Gunn

Invocation led by Keith Hallman, Minister of Celebrate Recovery at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Khadeer Codrington, Jonah Roberts, Alayna Tolison, Mary Parker, Jalen Williams, and Melvin Gunn.

11-74: Councilperson Earlene Graham made a motion to enter into closed session, seconded by Councilperson Derrick Battle. Motion carried unanimously.

11-75: Councilperson Earlene Graham made a motion to reenter regular session, seconded by Councilperson Derrick Battle. Motion carried unanimously.

11-76: Councilperson Earlene Graham made a motion to amend the agenda to fill the vacancy of City Councilperson Post 1 and to fill the Mayor Pro Tem position, seconded by Councilperson Teresa Philyaw. Motion carried unanimously.

11-77: Councilperson Helena Williams made a motion to approve the June 7, 2011 Work Session minutes, June 7, 2011 Regular Session minutes, June 14, 2011 Special Called Session minutes, June 21, 2011 Special Called Session minutes, and the June 28, 2011 Special Called Session minutes as written, seconded by Councilperson Derrick Battle. Motion carried 3-0-1. Councilperson Earlene Graham abstained stating she was not present at the June 7, 2011 meeting.

11-78: Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris asked if there were any visitors that would like to speak before the Council.

- Meg Hunt-Williams, citizen of Hiram, Georgia, asked the Council why it has taken over six months to go forward with the modification of the old Regions building. Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris explained that, although there were no plans in place for the modification

of the property and the building, the City purchased the land and the building because it was a great price and a good investment for the City.

- Heather Peacon-Corn, employee of the City of Hiram, suggested to the Council that they consider using the old Regions building as a replacement for a courtroom, council chambers and/or small meeting space. Mrs. Peacon-Corn explained that the City has lost several rentals of the current community center because of the large bench in the building that is used for Municipal Court and Council meeting. She went on to explain that defendants have to meet inside the table closet to speak to the Solicitor or meet in the kitchen hallway to speak to the Indigent Defense A ttorney. Councilperson Teresa Philyaw stated that she believed discussion had taken place amongst the Council to turn the space into a senior center or social services center for the community.

11-79: Councilperson Helena Williams made a motion to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris as Mayor of the City of Hiram to fill the vacated office of former Mayor Carmen Rollins, term ending December 31, 2011, seconded by Councilperson Earlene Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

11-80: Councilperson Teresa Philyaw made a motion to appoint Alvin Sims to fill Council seat Post 1 vacated by Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris, term ending December 31, 2011, seconded by Councilperson Earlene Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

11-81: Councilperson Teresa Philyaw made a motion to appoint Derrick Battle as Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Councilperson Earlene Graham. Motion carried 3-0-1 with Councilperson Derrick Battle abstaining.

***Note:** City Clerk Terri Graham swore in Jack Paris as Mayor of the City of Hiram. City Clerk Terri Graham swore in Derrick Battle as Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Hiram.

11-82: Councilperson Earlene Graham made a motion to remove the 855 Hiram Douglasville Hwy. Building from the table, seconded by Councilperson Teresa Philyaw. Motion carried unanimously.

11-83: Councilperson Teresa Philyaw made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Croft & Associates for the renovation design and bid specifications for the old Regions Bank building in the amount of $16,800.00 and to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Croft & Associates for bid tabulation and construction management of services during the renovation of the old Regions bank building in the amount of $6,300.00, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Derrick Battle. Motion carried unanimously.

11-84: Mayor Pro Tem Derrick Battle made a motion to remove the Hiram/Paulding Gateway Sign from the table, seconded by Councilperson Teresa Philyaw. Motion carried unanimously.

11-85: Councilperson Earlene Graham made a motion to amend the agenda to reflect Old Business item number 2 as SPLOST referendum of 2017, seconded by Councilperson Helena Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

11-86: Mayor Jack Paris explained that he spoke to Commission Chair David Austin of Paulding County concerning the Gateway Sign. Mayor Paris stated that Mr. Austin seemed

interested, especially since it would be a designated SPLOST project, but received no commitment. Councilperson Teresa Philyaw made a motion to authorize the construction of "Welcome to Hiram/Paulding" Gateway sign on Wendy Bagwell Pkwy at the Cobb/Paulding line for an amount not to exceed $60,000.00 to be paid from Street SPLOST in accordance with the SPLOST referendum of 2017, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Derrick Battle. Motion carried with a vote of 2-1-1 with Helena Williams voting against and Earlene Graham abstaining.

11-87: Councilperson Earlene Graham made a motion to remove the Greystone Franchise Agreement from the table, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Derrick Battle. Motion carried unanimously.

11-88: Councilperson Earlene Graham made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Greystone Franchise Agreement for utility services in the City of Hiram, seconded by Councilperson Teresa Philyaw. Motion carried unanimously.

11-89: Councilperson Earlene Graham made a motion to allow for Sunday Sales to be added as a referendum to the November 8, 2011 election ballot, seconded by Councilperson Helena Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

11-90: Mayor Jack Paris presented to Police Chief Gary Yandura a Resolution for the City of Hiram's National Night Out. Eric Moon of Target presented to Police Chief Yandura a grant in the amount of $3,200.00 for their continued efforts in public safety. Councilperson Earlene Graham made a motion to pass the Resolution to recognize and promote the Hiram Police Department's National Night Out, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Derrick Battle. Motion carried unanimously.

11-91: Councilperson Teresa Philyaw made a motion to approve the ordinance regarding Emergency Management with the intent of the governing officials of the City of Hiram, Paulding County, Georgia, that the city be a part of the Paulding County Emergency Management Agency, seconded by Councilperson Earlene Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

11-92: Councilperson Teresa Philyaw made a motion to approve the Resolution to authorize Paulding County to conduct Municipal Elections and select the municipal superintendent for the City of Hiram, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Derrick Battle. Motion carried unanimously.

11-93: Councilperson Earlene Graham made a motion to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract with Paulding County to conduct the Municipal Elections of the City of Hiram, seconded by Councilperson Helena Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

11-94: Councilperson Teresa Philyaw made a motion to approve Police SPLOST projects:

- Comsec Systems for video surveillance and key card access for security in the amount of $14,301.00; and
- Taser project for active resistance by violent suspects $23,144.15 from DGG TASER;

seconded by Councilperson Helena Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

11-95: Councilperson Earlene Graham made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem

Derrick Battle. Motion carried unanimously.

Jill Head
Deputy City Clerk