

CITY OF CANAL FULTON

September 26, 2005

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Grogan called the September 26, 2005 Special City Council meeting to order at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Present: Mayor Grogan, Mike Mouse, Diane Downing, Linda Zahirsky, Victor Colaianni, and Bob Szanto

Absent: Nellie Cihon – Mr. Szanto made a motion that Council acknowledges Mrs. Cihon's absence as excused; seconded by Mr. Colaianni. **ROLL CALL: Yes - ALL**

OTHERS PRESENT

Dale Kincaid, Law Director; Scott Svab, Interim Finance Director, Clayton Hopper and John Workman, HPC & Planning Commission; Steve Ries, and Robert Kroeger

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA MATTERS - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Szanto made a motion that Council adjourns the regular portion of the meeting to go into Executive Session; the purpose of the Executive Session would be to discuss the acquisition of property; in that Executive Session requested to attend were Council members, the Mayor, the Law Director, the Finance Director and (at times), as they might deem necessary, he asked that Mr. Hopper or Mr. Ries or Mr. Workman be asked to come in and out of the meeting as Council might require; seconded by Mrs. Zahirsky. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

Mr. Kincaid requested a few minutes of Council time in Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters, along with the previous request for properties. Mr. Szanto made a motion that as part of Executive Session, Council also would discuss matters of Personnel performance; seconded by Mr. Colaianni. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED

At 7:45 PM, Mr. Colaianni made a motion that Council reconvenes the regular portion of their Special City Council meeting. Mr. Szanto made an amendment to the motion (for the record) that Council discussed matters of Personnel performance and land acquisition during Executive Session and are likely to take legislative action on same this evening; seconded by Mr. Mouse. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

Mr. Mouse made a motion that Council authorizes the City Manager to make an offer for the Puffenberger property - which is currently owned by Mr. Bartlebaugh - for \$975,000; seconded by Mr. Colaianni. **Discussion:** Mr. Mouse asked that the Mayor be present for those discussions. Mrs. Zahirsky stated it will be contingent upon the Law Director approving any contracts. Mr. Colaianni stated, "I think there's a wealth of opportunity for this land. I've taken the opportunity speak to some residents, and I think the various boards and commissions, as well as current and future Councils should just be diligent and moving forward with some sort of plan and development for this property, 'cause that's the feedback that I've gotten from people who seem positive, uh, within our community on us moving forward with this." Mrs. Zahirsky said, "I understand that it is a lot more than what we had hoped to have to pay for the real estate; but I think in the long run it would be best for the city to acquire that piece of property." Mayor Grogan stated for the record, "The discussion in Executive Session for this particular piece of legislation was such where it appeared that all questions were asked. It appeared that all thought was given by members of Council, and I think all view points were expressed. And, everybody had an opportunity to show all sides, and it was really nice to hear all the ideas - the wellspring of ideas that came forth reference this property. I guess I'm just proud to be a part of that; if not from no other reason than to learn from listening to you all; I think this is a community effort, and you certainly showed your community passion." Mr. Mouse said he was disappointed that Mrs. Cihon could not be in attendance, and what he said to the developer was that he'd never been as proud to serve on Council as he was when they attempted to purchase that property because he felt they were doing something with a unified purpose for the citizens of our community and something that "we could hold our heads up high for a long, long time." He said, "I feel that we're blessed that we have this, this opportunity to carry that dream out that we had as a Council." **ROLL CALL: Yes - ALL**

NEW BUSINESS - None

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OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Colaianni stated natural gas prices went down today, and he said he thought they told Mr. Bellish (DirectEnergy) to “strike tomorrow, so hopefully, they continue to go down.”

OTHER BUSINESS - None

CITIZENS COMMENTS (*Open Discussion, Five-Minute Rule*)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Colaianni made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Grogan adjourned the September 26, 2005 Special City Council meeting.

Patricia A. Troccoli, Clerk of Council

Mayor John Grogan