

**CITY OF HELEN
PUBLIC HEARING
CALLED COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 26, 2018
10:00 A.M.
AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR JEFF ASH
2. ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CLERK MIRINDA DISPAIN
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING FY 2018/2019 BUDGET
6. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FY 2018/2019 BUDGET
7. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE 18-5-01 : HOTELS AND MOTELS
8. ORDINANCE 18-5-01 SECOND READING; ORDINANCE 18-5-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HELEN, GEORGIA TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF HELEN, GEORGIA, BY THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER FOURTEEN OF THE HELEN MUNICIPAL CODE: BUSINESSES; BY THE REPEAL OF THE PRIOR ARTICLE V; AND IT'S REPLACEMENT WITH ARTICLE V: HOTELS OR MOTELS
9. CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE 2020 SPLOST
10. UPDATE ON THE PROCESS OF FOR CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM FOR THE BRUNCH BILL TO ALLOW ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE SERVED ON SUNDAY FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 12:00 A.M. (MIDNIGHT)
11. CONSIDERATION OF ALLOWING PEDAL BIKE TOURS
12. ORDINANCE 18-6-02 FIRST READING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HELEN, GEORGIA, TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF HELEN, GEORGIA, BY THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER SIXTY-TWO OF THE HELEN MUNICIPAL CODE: TAXATION; BY AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, HOTEL-MOTEL EXCISE TAX; SECTION 62-51 LEVY (Agenda Amended)
13. EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL (Agenda Amended)
14. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT

**THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED JUNE 21, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m.
THE MEETING AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND IS NOT FINAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE
CITY OF HELEN COMMISSION AT THE COMMISSION MEETING STATED HEREIN.**

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The Helen City Commission met on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 in the Commission Chambers at Helen City Hall with Mayor Jeff Ash calling the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL BY DUPUTY CLERK MIRINDA DISPAIN: Present were Commissioners Steve Fowler, Commissioner Geneva Elwell, Commissioner Lee Landress, and Mayor Jeff Ash. Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock arrived before the Executive Session.

Also attending were City Manager Jerry Elkins, Deputy Clerk Mirinda Dispain, Police Chief Brian Stephens, Fire Chief Jody Prickett, Building & Zoning Director Darrell Westmoreland, and Finance Officer Debbie Gerchman. Absent was Public Works Director Ross Hewell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda made by Commissioner Steve Fowler with the addition of the first reading of Ordinance 18-6-02 and an Executive Session for Personnel to be added after Number 11, 2nd by Commissioner Geneva Elwell. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING FY 2018/2019 BUDGET: Motion to go into Public Hearing regarding the FY 2018/2019 Budget at 10:10 a.m. made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2nd by Commissioner Geneva Elwell. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission. City Manager Jerry Elkins said that no changes had been made to the budget from the discussion in the previous meeting. No one had any questions.

Motion to come out of the Public Hearing at 10:20 a.m. made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2nd by Commissioner Geneva Elwell. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FY 2018/2019 BUDGET: City Manager Jerry Elkins discussed the revenue and expenditures for each fund of the budget. There were no other comments. Motion to approve FY 2018/2019 Budget made by Commissioner Lee Landress, 2nd by Commissioner Geneva Elwell. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE 18-5-01: HOTELS AND MOTELS: Motion to go into the Public Hearing for Ordinance 18-5-01 at 10:25 a.m. made by Commissioner Steve Fowler, 2nd by Commissioner Lee Landress. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission. There was no comments or questions from the public.

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Motion to come out of the Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m. made by Commissioner Lee Landress, 2nd by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

ORDINANCE 18-5-01 SECOND READING: ORDINANCE 18-5-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HELEN, GEORGIA TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF HELEN, GEORGIA, BY THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER FOURTEEN OF THE HELEN MUNICIPAL CODE: BUSINESSES; BY THE REPEAL OF THE PRIOR ARTICLE V; AND IT'S REPLACEMENT WITH ARTICLE V: HOTELS OR MOTELS: City Manager Jerry Elkins explained all public concerns stated in the previous meeting had been changed in the ordinance. There were no other questions or comments. Motion to repeal and replace Chapter Fourteen, Article V of the Official Code of the City of Helen made by Commissioner Geneva Elwell, 2nd by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE 2020 SPLOST: Mayor Jeff Ash explained that the current SPLOST would expire in 2020. This agreement outlines the distribution of the SPLOST which would be from 2020 until 2026 if the citizens of White County voted to approve the tax. The City of Helen and Cleveland would receive 20% each and White County would receive 60% of the amount of tax collected. Motion to approve the agreement made by Commissioner Lee Landress, 2nd by Commissioner Geneva Elwell. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

UPDATE ON THE PROCESS OF CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM FOR THE BRUNCH BILL TO ALLOW ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE SERVED ON SUNDAY FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 12:00 A.M. (MIDNIGHT): Mayor Jeff Ash explained the process which would take place on Election Day, November 6, 2018.

CONSIDERATION OF ALLOWING PEDAL BIKE TOURS: Business Owner Chris Holloway explained the business. Each bike would have a pilot on board. Each patron would sign a waiver acknowledging rules for safety. He stated there would be no advertising on the bike except for his business name and phone number.

ORDINANCE 18-6-02 FIRST READING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HELEN, GEORGIA, TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF HELEN, GEORGIA, BY THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER SIXTY-TWO OF THE HELEN MUNICIPAL CODE: TAXATION;

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BY AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, HOTEL-MOTEL EXCISE TAX; SECTION 62-51 LEVY: The ordinance would extend the 8% Hotel-Motel tax from 10 days to 30 days of a motel-hotel stay (as now allowed by the State of Georgia). Motion to approve the first reading of the amendment to Ordinance 18-6-02 made by Commissioner Lee Landress, 2nd by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Catherine Cleiman owner of the Helendorf Motel asked for the procedure for allowing someone to stay at a hotel/motel longer than the 30 day limit. Motion to approve the long-term resident of the Helendorf Motel to continue his occupancy made by Commissioner Steve Fowler provided his information is given to the Police Department, 2nd by Commissioner Geneva Elwell. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL: Motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel at 10:55 a.m. made by Commissioner Lee Landress, 2nd by Commissioner Steve Fowler. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 11:13 a.m. made by Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock, 2nd by Commissioner Geneva Elwell. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission agreed to accept the resignation of the Finance Officer, Debbie Gerchman. Her last day would be July 13, 2018.

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS: Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock reminded everyone of the Dedication of the Helen Veterans Park on June 30, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. made by Commissioner Cinnamon Spurlock, 2nd by Commissioner Geneva Elwell. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

RESPECTFULLY PREPARED BY DEPUTY CLERK MIRINDA DISPAIN