

**CITY OF HELEN
COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2015
10:00 A.M.
AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR DONA K BURKE
2. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM; JULY 21, 2015 & JULY 30, 2015
6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
7. ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS
 - A. CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION FOR ANGELA SAENZ D/B/A STROKIN OLDIES BAR AND GRILL, LOCATED AT 8160 SOUTH MAIN STREET, HELEN, GA FOR; BEER ON PREMISES, WINE ON PREMISES, LIQUOR POURING, SUNDAY SALES
 - B. CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL TO ENGAGE WALKER, PIERCE & TUCK TO PERFORM THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR 2015
8. POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS
9. FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS
10. PUBLIC WORKS, WATER AND WASTE WATER OPERATIONS
11. BUILDING AND ZONING OPERATIONS
12. PURCHASES AND BIDS - NONE
13. ORDINANCES - NONE
14. RESOLUTIONS - NONE
15. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

16. ADJOURN MEETING IN COMMISSION CHAMBERS AND RESUME MEETING AT HELEN RIVERSIDE PARK ON EDELWEISS STRASSE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECIDING THE LAYOUT FOR THE RIVER WALKWAY, AND THE LOCATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL SWINGS, BENCHES AND THE GRILLS FOR THE PAVILION.

17. ADJOURNMENT

THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED JULY 31, 2015 AT 11:00 A.M.

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The Helen City Commission met on Tuesday August 4, 2015 in the Commission Chambers at Helen City Hall with Mayor Dona K Burke calling the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

City Clerk Marilyn Chastain called the roll and the following were present; Commissioner Fred Garmon, Commissioner Helen Wilkins, Mayor Dona K Burke, Commissioner Judy Holloway, Commissioner Jeff Ash.

Also attending were City Manager Jerry Elkins, City Attorney Carl Free, City Clerk Marilyn Chastain, OIC Captain Brian Stephens, Building & Zoning Director Larry Krul. Absent were Fire Captain Lee Poteat and Public Works Director Ross Hewell.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Approval of Agenda; Motion to Amend the Agenda by removing item 7 (A) and to Approve the Amended Agenda made by Commissioner Helen Wilkins, 2nd by Commissioner Fred Garmon. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Approval of Minutes from July 21, 2015 & July 30, 2015; Motion to approve made by Commissioner Fred Garmon, 2nd by Commissioner Helen Wilkins. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Petitions and Communications from the Public; None

Administrative Operations

A. Item Cancelled

B. Consideration for approval to engage Walker, Pierce & Tuck to perform the annual audit for 2015; City Manager Jerry Elkins explained the proposal to conduct the Audit. Motion to approve Walker, Pierce & Tuck to perform the 2015 audit made by Commissioner Jeff Ash, 2nd by Commissioner Helen Wilkins. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Police Department Operations; OIC Captain Brian Stephens stated the number of calls have increased in the past few weeks. He also stated that he has had as many officers working that were available, and had hired so far 1 part time officer, also that the Officers are patrolling the City Park every hour as available to do so.

Fire Department Operations; None

Public Works, Water & Wastewater; None

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Building & Zoning Operations; Director Larry Krul informed the Commission that he has issued the building permit for the Holiday Inn Express, that the wall at the Liquor Store was almost complete, and the retaining wall at the Bank plans are ok but that construction has not yet began.

Purchases and Bids; None

Ordinances; None

Resolutions; None

City Commission Comments; None

Adjourn meeting in the Commission Chambers and resume the Meeting at the Helen Riverside Park to decide the locations for additional swings, benches and grills. Motion to adjourn the meeting at City Hall and resume at Riverside Park made at 10:35 a.m. by Commissioner Fred Garmon, 2nd by Commissioner Helen Wilkins. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

All Commissioners were present at the Riverside Park and decided on locations they want the benches, swings, and grills placed.

Adjourn; After general discussion of locations chosen for additional benches, swings, grills, and where to locate pathways, a motion to adjourn at 11:26 a.m. was made by Commissioner Jeff Ash, 2nd by Commissioner Judy Holloway. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of the Commission.

RESPECTFULLY PREPARED BY CITY CLERK MARILYN CHASTAIN