

Minutes of Called Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
January 30, 2017
5:00 pm

Mayor and Council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, met in a **Called** meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 302 East Central Avenue, with Mayor Masee presiding and with Council members Elrod, Griffin, Holt, Jefferson, Jones, Tillman, Webb and Williams being present.

Mayor Masee stated that the meeting's only order of business was to consider a Resolution to enter into an agreement with Ben Hill County in regards to a new SPLOST for capital outlay projects.

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented **Resolution R17-001**, a resolution of Mayor and Council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, approving and authorizing execution of an intergovernmental agreement between Ben Hill County, Georgia, and the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, concerning a county one percent (1%) Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) for funding of capital outlay projects within Ben Hill County Georgia and The City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, to be imposed Twenty-four (24) quarters, beginning on July 1, 2017.

Council Person Jason Holt motioned to dispense with full reading, seconded by Council Person Webb. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With none being heard, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Holt motioned to approve **Resolution R17-001**, seconded by Council Person Webb. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. Mayor Masee noted that negotiations are complete on projects and the language for the March ballot. Approval of this resolution still provides the authority to work out any final details. Mr. Cook noted that the ballot has been submitted to the state. Council Person Holt inquired about the language on the ballot. Mr. Cook stated that the percentage split and projects are listed but the total amount of dollars is not. Council Person Holt asked about the approval from the County. Mayor Masee answered that the County Commission was to consider this at Tuesday night's meeting. Mayor Masee said that this agreement should have appeal across the community. The respective attorneys worked together on the language in this agreement. Mayor Masee stated that some projects included in the County's list will mutually benefit the City. One item specifically mentioned was the hospital line item. We are receiving equal benefit even though the dollars are not equal. Council Person Tillman said that six years is a long time and it will be beneficial if monies can move to different items in the same area. With no further comments or discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee thanked everyone for attending on short notice and he will let everyone know as action on the referendum moves forward.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

(SEAL)

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY CLERK