



City Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
 Jefferson Station Council Chambers  
 1526 East Forrest Avenue  
 Suite 400  
 East Point, GA 30344  
 July 1, 2013  
 6:30 PM

**Mission and Vision Statement for the City of East Point**

*To provide exceptional city services in the most professional, courteous and effective manner to enhance the quality of life in the City of East Point. East Point is a City of excellence in providing housing and business development opportunities, public safety, recreational and cultural activities.*

The Honorable Mayor Earnestine D. Pittman

**Ward A**

The Honorable Sharonda Hubbard At Large  
 The Honorable Alexander Gothard

**Ward C**

The Honorable Marcel Reed At Large  
 The Honorable Myron Cook

**Ward B**

The Honorable Patricia Langford At Large  
 The Honorable Lance Rhodes

**Ward D**

The Honorable Jacqueline Slaughter-Gibbons At Large  
 The Honorable LaTonya Martin

City Manager:

Reggie A. Taylor

City Attorney:

Corliss Lawson

City Clerk:

Agnes Beltran Goodwine

Assistant City Attorney:

Brad Bowman

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Earnestine D. Pittman:**

**II. Roll Call for June 3, 2013 Council Meeting:**

Mayor Pittman read page 91 line 8 through 12 of the Robert Rules of Order Newly Revised and stated the June 3rd Council Meeting ended according to the rules and moved on to the July 1st meeting.

**III. Roll Call for the July 1, 2013 Council Meeting:**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Earnestine D. Pittman	Mayor	Present	
Sharonda Hubbard	At Large	Present	
Alexander Gothard		Present	
Patricia Langford	At Large	Present	
Lance Rhodes		Absent	
Marcel Reed	At Large	Present	
Myron Cook		Present	
Jacqueline Slaughter-Gibbons	At Large	Present	
LaTonya Martin		Present	
Reggie A. Taylor	City Manager	Present	
Corliss Lawson	City Attorney	Present	

Agnes Beltran Goodwine	City Clerk	Present	
Brad Bowman	Assistant City Attorney	Present	

**IV. INVOCATION - Bishop Leslie Know of Faith International Ministries:**

**V. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS - Officer Donna Levine:**

**VII. PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Council Member Reed announced the South Fulton Neighborhood Newspaper published an article on June 26th and stated the writer of the article misquoted his statement and has reached out to publisher for correction.

Council Member Langford announced the 11th Citizens Leadership Academy and applications are open until . She invited the citizens to register for the classes by calling Coordinator James Hammond or go online to download and submit your application.

1. CONSIDERATION OF VETO BY MAYOR EARNESTINE D. PITTMAN - June 3, 2013  
EPMSA Contract

**Presented by: City Council Mayor Earnestine D. Pittman**

Mayor Pittman read her veto.

Council Member motion to override the veto of the June 3, 213 Council Meeting for the East Point Main Street Association FY14 events contract with Council Member Langford providing the second. **The motion carried with Council Member Cook voting "no".**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [6 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Alexander Gothard,
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Patricia Langford, At Large
<b>AYES:</b>	Hubbard, Gothard, Langford, Reed, Slaughter-Gibbons, Martin
<b>NAYS:</b>	Myron Cook
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Earnestine D. Pittman
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Lance Rhodes

**2. Presentation and Possible Action on a Council Initiated Investigations by Mark Felton and Randy Turner:**

Presentation by Auditor Mark Felton and Attorney Randy Turner of Turner and Ross.

Council Member Martin made a motion to accept the report from Turner and Ross LLC. And Felton Financial Forensic LLC on the Council initiated investigation with Council Member Reed providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Presentation on the Commons Development Project with Action on the Land Options:**

Pam Smith owner of Smith Real Estate Services spoke and presented her team Ralph Bass of Vantage Development and Sterling Henry with Smith Real Estate.

Council Member Reed motion to approve the \$50,000 from the general fund for the Commons Development Project Land Options with Council Member Cook providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

1. Motion to approve the \$50,000 from the general fund for the Commons Development Project Land Options

Council Member Reed motion to approve the \$50,000 from the general fund for the Commons Development Project Land Options with Council Member Cook providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Marcel Reed, At Large
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Myron Cook,
<b>AYES:</b>	Gothard, Langford, Reed, Cook, Slaughter-Gibbons, Martin
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Earnestine D. Pittman
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Sharonda Hubbard, Lance Rhodes

#### 4. Presentation on FY14 Budget by the City Manager:

City Manager Reggie A. Taylor presented an overview of the FY14 Budget proposal and changes.

Council Member Reed motion to have a Special Called Meeting for the reconciliation of the proposed City Manager's FY14 Budget on Tuesday July 9th and Thursday, July 11th at 6:30p.m. with Council Member Gothard providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

##### 1. Presentation on FY14 Budget by the City Manager

###### Presented by: City Council

Council Member Reed motion to have two Special Called Meetings for the reconciliation of the FY14 Budget on Tuesday, July 9th and Thursday, July 11th at 6:30p.m. with Council Member Gothard providing the second. The motion carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Marcel Reed, At Large
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Alexander Gothard,
<b>AYES:</b>	Gothard, Langford, Reed, Cook, Slaughter-Gibbons, Martin
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Earnestine D. Pittman
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Sharonda Hubbard, Lance Rhodes

### VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### IX. ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA:

Council Member Cook motion to adopt the agenda as printed and to move agenda #1 and #8 to the Special Called meeting on July 9th, Item #2 Addendum under Public Hearings as agenda #5, Items #5, 12 and 13 moved to the August Work Session and Items #9 and 10 to the July Work Session with Council Member Martin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

#### X. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES :

##### 1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Jun 3, 2013 6:30 PM

Council Member Martin made a motion to approve the June 3, 2013 Council minutes with Council Member Gothard providing the second.

Council Member Cook motion to reconsider the vote with Council Member Martin providing the second. **The motion carried with Council Member Slaughter-Gibbons voting "no".**

Council Member Cook motion to approve the June 3, 2013 minutes with the following correction on the last page: "Mayor Pittman, Council Member Reed, Cook and Martin recuse themselves" with Council Member Martin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

2. City Council - Special Called Meeting - Jun 10, 2013 6:35 PM

Council Member Gothard motion to approve the June 10, 2013 Special Called minutes with Council Member Martin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

3. City Council - Special Called Meeting - Jun 20, 2013 6:30 PM

Council Member Gothard motion to approve the June 20, 2013 Special Called minutes with the noted changes with Council Member Langford providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

## XI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Ordinance to Amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of East Point for 1786 Neely Avenue  
PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

**Presented by: Planning & Zoning**

Council Member Gothard motion to open the public hearing for an ordinance to amend the zoning map for 1786 Neely Avenue with Council Member Cook providing the second. The motion carried unanimously.

Speakers in favor:

1. Ann Rotroff, spoke in favor of the zoning amendment.

Speakers not in favor:

1. Teresa Nelson, spoke against the zoning amendment.

Council Member Langford made a motion to close the public hearing with Council Member Martin providing the second. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Langford made a motion to waive the first reading with Council Member Martin providing the second. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Langford motion to adopt an ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of East Point for 1786 Neely Avenue with Council Member Martin providing the second. **The motion carried with Council Member Reed voting "no".**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [5 TO 2]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Patricia Langford, At Large
<b>SECONDER:</b>	LaTonya Martin,
<b>AYES:</b>	Gothard, Langford, Cook, Slaughter-Gibbons, Martin
<b>NAYS:</b>	Sharonda Hubbard, Marcel Reed
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Earnestine D. Pittman
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Lance Rhodes

2. Ordinance to Amend the Official Zoning Map of East Point for 2473 McAlpine Terrace  
PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

**Presented by: Planning & Zoning**

Council Member Gothard motion to open the public hearing with Council Member Cook providing the second. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no speakers for or against the zoning amendment.

Council Member Gothard motion to close the public hearing for 2473 McAlpine Terrace with Council Member Martin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Cook motion to waive the first reading with Council Member Martin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Martin motion to adopt an ordinance to amend the zoning map for 2473 McAlpine Terrace with Council Member Cook providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaTonya Martin,
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Myron Cook,
<b>AYES:</b>	Hubbard, Gothard, Langford, Reed, Cook, Slaughter-Gibbons, Martin
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Earnestine D. Pittman
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Lance Rhodes

3. Ordinance for Special Use Permit to Operate a Place of Worship at 2947 Legion Way PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED

**Presented by: Planning & Zoning**

Council Member Gothard motion to have a public hearing on an ordinance for special use permit to operate a place of worship at 2947 Legion way with Council Member Martin providing the second. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no speakers.

Council Member Gothard motion to close the public hearing with Council Member Slaughter-Gibbons providing the second. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Martin motion to waive the first reading on an ordinance for special use permit to operate a place of worship at 2947 Legion way with Council Member Slaughter-Gibbons providing the second. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Cook motion to deny an ordinance for special use permit to operate a place of worship at 2947 Legion way with Council Member Gothard providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DENIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Myron Cook,
<b>AYES:</b>	Pittman, Hubbard, Gothard, Langford, Reed, Cook, Slaughter-Gibbons, Martin
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Lance Rhodes

4. An Ordinance to Adopt a Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014

**Presented by: City Council**

Council Member Langford motion to move the public hearing and first reading of the FY14 Budget to the July 11th special called meeting at 6:30p.m. with Council Member Gothard providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Cook motion to have the second reading and adoption of the FY14 Budget at a Special Called meeting on Thursday, July 18th with Council Member Gothard providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED</b>	<b>Next: 7/11/2013 6:30 PM</b>
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5. Public Hearing and Acceptance of the 2014 Edward J. Byrne Memorial –Justice Assistance Grant Program

**Presented by: Police Department**

Council Member Gothard motion to open the public hearing on the 2014 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program with Council Member Reed providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

There were no speakers.

Council Member Reed motion to close the public hearing with Council Member Langford providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Reed motion to accept the 2014 Edward J. Byrne Memorial -Justice Assistance Grant Program with Council Member Martin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Marcel Reed, At Large
<b>SECONDER:</b>	LaTonya Martin,
<b>AYES:</b>	Gothard, Langford, Reed, Cook, Slaughter-Gibbons, Martin
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Earnestine D. Pittman
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Sharonda Hubbard, Lance Rhodes

## **XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

*Chapter 2 – Section 2-2002(bb) – Rule 28 - The public may speak during the Public Comment section of the agenda. Speakers must complete a comment form prior to the start of the meeting. Subject may include any subject of choice. There will be a (3) three minute time limit for each speaker. Speakers that have signed up to speak may give all or part of their time up to (3) three minutes to another speaker for a total of (6) six minutes of speaking time. Speakers may address the council only once during this time of the agenda. Speakers must identify themselves and their address prior to speaking. Questions from the speakers may not be addressed during the public speaking section of the agenda. East Point residents will have priority over other speakers. There will be a total of not more than 60 minutes for the Public speaking section of the agenda. Speakers may only address the Presiding Officer. Speakers shall observe all rules of decorum. No debate, disrespect or obscenities shall be tolerated. The Presiding Officer shall rule any such individual out of order that fails to comply with the forgoing.*

## **XIII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - None:**

## **XIV. AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Update on the City's Reorganization and Budget Plan

**Presented by: City Council City Manager**

**RESULT:            MOVED**

**Next: 7/9/2013 6:30 PM**

2. An Ordinance to Amend Part II, Chapter 4 Sections 2-4001 through 2-4030

**Presented by: City Council At Large Patricia Langford**

Council Member Langford motion to waive the first reading with Council Member Martin providing the second. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Langford motion to adopt an Ordinance to amend Part II, Chapter 4 Sections 2-4001 through 2-4030 with Council Member Martin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**RESULT:            APPROVED [6 TO 0]**  
**MOVER:**            Patricia Langford, At Large  
**SECONDER:**        LaTonya Martin,  
**AYES:**             Gothard, Langford, Reed, Cook, Slaughter-Gibbons, Martin  
**ABSTAIN:**         Earnestine D. Pittman  
**ABSENT:**          Sharonda Hubbard, Lance Rhodes

3. An Ordinance to Amend Part II, Chapter Two Section 2-2007 through 2-2009

**Presented by: City Council At Large Patricia Langford**

Council Member Langford motion to waive the first reading with Council Member Martin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Martin motion to adopt an Ordinance to Amend Part II, Chapter 2 Section 2-2007-2-2009 with Council Member Langford providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**RESULT:            APPROVED [6 TO 0]**  
**MOVER:**            LaTonya Martin,  
**SECONDER:**        Patricia Langford, At Large  
**AYES:**             Gothard, Langford, Reed, Cook, Slaughter-Gibbons, Martin  
**ABSTAIN:**         Earnestine D. Pittman  
**ABSENT:**          Sharonda Hubbard, Lance Rhodes

4. An Ordinance to Amend Article II, Chapter 2, Section 2-2002 (Mm-Rr)

**Presented by: City Council At Large Patricia Langford**

Council Member Langford motion to waive the first reading with Council Member Martin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Langford motion to an Ordinance to Amend Article II, Chapter 2, Section 2-2002 (Mm-Rr) with Council Member Martin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**RESULT:            APPROVED [6 TO 0]**  
**MOVER:**            Patricia Langford, At Large  
**SECONDER:**        LaTonya Martin,  
**AYES:**             Gothard, Langford, Reed, Cook, Slaughter-Gibbons, Martin  
**ABSTAIN:**         Earnestine D. Pittman  
**ABSENT:**          Sharonda Hubbard, Lance Rhodes

5. Discussion and Possible Action on City Wide Stop Sign Ordinance Installation

**Presented by: City Council LaTonya Martin**

**RESULT: MOVED**

**Next: 7/8/2013 6:30 PM**

6. City Wide Rezoning

**Presented by: City Council Planning & Zoning LaTonya Martin**

Council Member Martin motion to have discussion on city wide rezoning with Council Member Reed providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN**

7. Delowe Place Demolition Project

**Presented by: Finance City Manager**

Council Member Martin motion to have discussion on the Delowe Place Demolition Project with Council Member Gothard providing the second. The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Reggie Taylor providing an update on the project.

**RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN**

8. Recommendations from the Council Ward Expense Task Force

**Presented by: City Council Myron Cook**

**RESULT: MOVED**

**Next: 7/9/2013 6:30 PM**

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Alcohol Ordinance Amendments

**Presented by: City Attorney's Office**

**RESULT: MOVED**

**Next: 7/8/2013 6:30 PM**

10. Discussion on Movie Production Street Closures

**Presented by: City Council At Large Jacqueline Slaughter-Gibbons**

**RESULT: MOVED**

**Next: 7/8/2013 6:30 PM**

11. Discussion on a RFP for Center Park Pond

**Presented by: City Council Alexander Gothard**

Council Member Gothard motion to have discussion on a RFP for Center Park Pond with Council Member Martin providing the second. The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Reggie A. Taylor provided an update. After some discussion, Council Member Gothard requested for the item to be moved to the July 8th Work Session.

**RESULT: MOVED**

**Next: 7/8/2013 6:30 PM**

12. Approve Waiving the Attorney-Client Privilege - Effects of Loss of Quorum

**Presented by: City Council At Large Sharonda Hubbard**



<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED</b>	<b>Next: 8/12/2013 6:30 PM</b>
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13. Approve Waiving the Attorney-Client Priviledge - City Manager

**Presented by: City Council At Large Sharonda Hubbard**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED</b>	<b>Next: 8/12/2013 6:30 PM</b>
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14. Discussion and Action on the Ledbetter Development Partners, LLC. Assignment & Security Agreement

**Presented by: City Council City Manager**

Council Member Langford motion to move the Ledbetter Devleopment Partners assignment and security agreement to the July 8th work session with Council Member Reed providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED</b>	<b>Next: 7/8/2013 6:30 PM</b>
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## XV. ADDENDUMS:

1. Final Report on Ethics Complaint 0025 M. Pittman Vs. L. Rhodes

**Presented by: City Council Ethics Board**

Council Member Slaughter-Gibbons motion to accept the dismissal and final report on Ethics Complaint Melvin Pittman vs. Lance Rhodes with Council Member Gothard providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

The City Attorney read the final report.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jacqueline Slaughter-Gibbons, At Large
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Alexander Gothard,
<b>AYES:</b>	Gothard, Langford, Reed, Cook, Slaughter-Gibbons, Martin
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Earnestine D. Pittman
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Sharonda Hubbard, Lance Rhodes

2. Amendment of Sec 2-2006, Repealing 1, 2, 7, 10, 11

**Presented by: City Attorney's Office**

Council Member Reed motion to have discussion on amendment to Section 2-2006 repealing 1, 2, 7, 10 and 11 with Council Member Langford providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

City Attorney Corliss Lawson presented.

After some discussion, Council Member Reed motion to waive the first reading with Council Member Cook providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Reed presided.

Council Member Martin motion to adopt an ordinance amendment of Section 2-2006 repealing 1, 2, 7, 10 and 11 with Council Member Cook providing the second. **The motion failed with Council Member**

**Gothard, and Slaughter-Gibbons voting "no" and Council Member Reed, Cook, Langford and Martin voting "yes".**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>FAILED [4 TO 2]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaTonya Martin,
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Myron Cook,
<b>AYES:</b>	Patricia Langford, Marcel Reed, Myron Cook, LaTonya Martin
<b>NAYS:</b>	Alexander Gothard, Jacqueline Slaughter-Gibbons
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Earnestine D. Pittman
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Sharonda Hubbard, Lance Rhodes

#### **XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council Member Cook motion to recess into executive session for four personnel matters and one legal matter with Council Member Martin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting recessed at 11:15p.m.

#### **XVII. RECONVENE BACK FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council Member Reed motion to reconvene back to regular session with Council Member Cook providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting reconvened at 12:30a.m.

Council Member Reed motion to approve the executive minutes with Council Member Cook providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

1. CDM Smith Final Invoices Nos. 80, 80A & 80B

**Presented by: City Manager**

Council Member Cook motion to deny payment of the final invoices from CDM Numbers 80, 80A and 80B with Council Member Reed providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DENIED [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Gothard, Langford, Reed, Cook, Slaughter-Gibbons, Martin
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Earnestine D. Pittman
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Sharonda Hubbard, Lance Rhodes

2. Discussion and Action on Continuing LOST Negotiations

**Presented by: City Council Mayor Earnestine D. Pittman**

Council Member Reed motion to adopt the resolution to allow the City to participate in out of court negotiations and mediations pertaining to LOST negotiations with Council Member Martin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Earnestine D. Pittman, Marcel Reed
<b>SECONDER:</b>	LaTonya Martin,
<b>AYES:</b>	Gothard, Langford, Reed, Cook, Slaughter-Gibbons, Martin
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Earnestine D. Pittman
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Sharonda Hubbard, Lance Rhodes

#### **XVIII. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:**

Council Member Reed stated he attended the GMA Conference and requested for the City Clerk to print off the proposed legislative policies and the GMA bylaws.

Council Member Gothard motion to direct the City Manager to investigate how to stabilize the city own buildings from further deterioration with Council Member Langford providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Langford requested an update on CID. City Manager stated the resolution would need to be revised for the interest of the City before moving forward.

Council Member Langford requested to have an Update on CID at the next work session.

**XIX. ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING:**

Council Member Reed made a motion to adjourn with Council Member Cook providing the second.

**The meeting adjourned at 12:50am.**

**WHEN AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IS REQUIRED, ONE WILL BE CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING ISSUES: 1) PERSONNEL, 2) LITIGATION OR 3) REAL ESTATE**