

**CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE
COUNCIL MEETING
4040 SOUTH BERKELEY LAKE ROAD
BERKELEY LAKE, GEORGIA 30096
FULL MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2020**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor: Lois Salter

Council Members: Rodney Hammond, Scott Lee, Bob Smith, Rebecca Spitler

City Officials: Tom Rozier - City Administrator, Leigh Threadgill - Deputy City Administrator,
Constance Hughes – Deputy City Clerk, Richard Carothers – Attorney

Special Guest: Charlotte Nash, Chairman, Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners

Members of the Public: 0

Members of the Press: 0

WORK SESSION

The mayor and council reviewed the meeting agenda and materials with staff.

CALL TO ORDER

Salter called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM via conference call. A quorum of council members was in attendance.

Salter: Our meeting is being held tonight by public conference call due to COVID-19 virus social distancing requirements. The council members and I are participating in the call with video capabilities in case anyone wonders how I am interpreting their voting tonight. In order to ensure that members of the public have access to this meeting, a notice was placed in the Gwinnett Daily Post, at the front door of city hall and a link was placed on the city website regarding the meeting. All of which included instructions for dialing into the meeting via telephone.

AGENDA

Salter solicited motions regarding the agenda.

Spitler made a motion to accept the agenda as submitted. Smith seconded the motion. All council members were in favor and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Salter noted the following as items on the consent agenda and solicited a motion:

- a) Minutes of September 29, 2020 Council Meeting
- b) Financial Reports: August 2020, Unaudited
- c) Proposal to Declare Items as Surplus
- d) Public Works: Corners Outreach, Inc. Contract for Landscaping Services

Spitler made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) O-20-236 Consideration of Amendment to Chapter 26, Article III, Noise Control

Lee made a motion to place O-20-236, an ordinance to amend Chapter 26 – Article III, Noise Control, to repeal conflicting ordinances, to provide for an effective date and for other purposes, on second read. Spitler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) O-20-237 Proposed Budget for 2021

Rozier: O-20-237 is the proposed budget for 2021. The measure as presented anticipates no increase in the real property tax millage rate for 2021 over the rollback rate for 2020. The measure is presented for first read consideration.

Hammond made a motion to place O-20-237, an ordinance to establish the budget for the year 2021, to repeal conflicting ordinances, to provide for an effective date and for other purposes, on first read and to schedule a public hearing on the matter for Thursday, November 19th at 8:00 PM. Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- b) Resolution of Appreciation

Salter: The last item on tonight's agenda is a resolution that I have proposed. I would like to read it into the record.

Resolution

Whereas, Charlotte Nash, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Gwinnett County, will retire at the end of 2020, after 36 years of serving the citizens of Gwinnett County with outstanding and meritorious service; and

Whereas, Charlotte Nash has served the County as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, County Administrator, Director of Financial Services, Budget Director and Grants Manager, as well as in numerous other capacities throughout the County and State; and

Whereas, Charlotte Nash stepped forward into the leadership as Gwinnett County Commission Chairman at a time of great uncertainty and difficulty, and by her exemplary integrity and hard work, served as a beacon to our County and State; and

Whereas, Charlotte Nash has led the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia as its President, and has been unfailingly responsive and supportive throughout her years in office to the needs of the City of Berkeley Lake; and

Whereas, in recognition of her excellent skills, professionalism and commitment to Gwinnett County as a true "servant leader," the Mayor, City Council, Staff, and Citizens of Berkeley Lake are all truly grateful for her service.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City of Berkeley Lake does hereby extend its deep appreciation for the extraordinary service of Charlotte Nash to our City, County and State. The City further congratulates her on her well-earned retirement, and our best wishes for continued success, happiness and good health in the years to come.

This the 15th day of October 2020.

Lee made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Spittler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nash; There's a letter that's coming to you in the mail. Since ya'll are only meeting virtually I couldn't deliver it in person like I have with a few of the cities. This is my farewell tour, essentially. I'm trying to make it to a council meeting for each of the cities in Gwinnett to say how much I appreciate the way we have figured out how to work together -- the cooperation that there's been. The City of Berkeley Lake leadership has played a role in that. I will be forever grateful that the cities came back to the negotiating table when I was first elected, and we got SDS straightened out then. Thank goodness it was not much of a problem this last time. That doesn't happen without both sides deciding to look for what's going to be in the best interest in the entire community. I very much appreciate the fact that Berkeley Lake has been willing to do that. I'm not going to say a lot more because I'm getting emotional, but I know y'all have got such a bright future ahead. Berkeley Lake provides such a wonderful environment for its residents and listening to your work session, it's evident how very much each of you cares about the community. That's the kind of leadership it takes to make good things happen. I'm stepping away from having a formal role, but you can bet I'm going to be on the sidelines cheering and watching the good things that are going to be happening in Berkeley Lake and Gwinnett County.

Salter: *It was really a dark time when you came in and we're grateful.*

Carothers: *Let me just say to the mayor and council and to you, Charlotte, I could get a little emotional if I went on for very long, so I won't. I have represented, in fact we said that Charlotte has had 36 years in serving the citizens in Gwinnett County. I started working with Charlotte Nash 35 years ago and have worked with her continuously. Let me just say this is the finest public servant in the State of Georgia from both the state perspective, the county perspective, a local government perspective. A lot of us, me included, have seen them come and go. This is the Mercedes-Benz of public officials. I have never known anyone whose heart was so unselfish and so only focused on what was right for the community and the public. Charlotte, you're absolutely wonderful. We wish you so much success in retirement. I appreciate the mayor allowing me to comment because you know how much you mean to me personally and I'll look forward to seeing you out there in the audiences.*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Spitler moved to adjourn. Hammond seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Salter adjourned the meeting at 8:13 PM.

Submitted by:

Tom Rozier
City Clerk