



CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA

April 10, 2012

Regular Meeting

7:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Burke
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All
INVOCATION: Mayor Burke

1. **ROLL CALL**

2. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:**

To add or remove items from the Agenda:

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of the March 27, 2012 Regular and Work Session Minutes.

4. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Presentation of a 10 year Service Pin to Firefighter/Paramedic Matthew Rawlins.
(Presented by Fire Chief Mark Herendeen)

2. Presentation of a Proclamation to Mike Twomey and the Morrow Business and Tourism Association for their support of Clayton County Family Care, a non-profit organization supporting the City of Morrow and Clayton County. Presentation by Janna Szeto with Clayton Family Care and State Representative Glenn Baker from District 78.

3. Financial Update *(Presented by Dan Defnall)*

5. **PUBLIC HEARING**

The business occupying 6681 Jonesboro Road, Suite 118, Morrow, Georgia, 30260 is requesting a Sign Code Variance from the City of Morrow's current Sign Ordinance to allow for use of the property as viable business location with illuminated window signs indicating the service provided.

6. **FIRST PRESENTATION:** None at this time

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

(Agenda Item 12-03-319)

1. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the City of Morrow to collaborate with the Atlanta Regional Commission to implement the “Lifelong Community” Initiative in the City of Morrow, Georgia; To authorize the Mayor and Council and the Director of Planning and Economic Development to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution; and to provide an effective date of this Resolution; and for other purposes.

(Presented by Michael McLaughlin, Planning + Economic Development Director)

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

(Agenda Item 12-04-322)

1. Approval to submit application to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for grant funds to develop Highway Safety Programs to save lives in Morrow.

(Presented by Chief Chris Leighty, Morrow Police Department)

9. **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Citizens-
City Manager-
Mayor and Council –

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (To discuss legal and personnel issues)

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MORROW TO COLLABORATE WITH THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE “LIFELONG COMMUNITY” INITIATIVE IN THE CITY OF MORROW, GA; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO PERFORM ALL ACTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS: “Lifelong Community” is an initiative developed by Atlanta Regional Commission (“ARC”) that is designed to develop communities that better serve older adults to allow them to age comfortably in their current surroundings by providing quality healthcare, an efficient transportation system, community based activities and businesses which are located in close proximity to where older adults reside (the “Initiative”); and;

WHEREAS: ARC desires to collaborate with the City of Morrow, and the City of Morrow, through its Planning and Economic Development Department, desires to collaborate with ARC to implement the Initiative in the City of Morrow, Georgia; and

WHEREAS: the adult population, aged 55 years of age and older is expected to increase 107% by the year 2030, and 55% of the residents surveyed think that the City of Morrow and Clayton County is an excellent to very good place to retire; and

WHEREAS: through the Initiative, ARC assessed that the growth in the older adult population offers neighborhoods, communities and cities in the region the opportunity to address long standing challenges and to re-envision the way we live together; and

WHEREAS: in the adult population, aged 55 years of age and older, the average years in their current home is 18.74 years and 64% will remain in their current house as long as possible and 52%, if they choose to move, would move within the region; and

WHEREAS: access to basic and preventive health care and opportunities to engage in regular physical activity are essential to healthy living and aging; and

WHEREAS: the older population in the City of Morrow requires mobility options to ensure that they can access basic services and remain independent as they age; and

WHEREAS: older adults, and their caregivers, must be educated and empowered to make the best choices and access the resources they and their families need; and

WHEREAS: “lifelong communities” provide a full range of options to senior residents, ensuring a high quality of life by providing places where they can live throughout their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS: it appears to be in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Morrow, and the City of Morrow will best be served by collaborating with ARC for the purpose above-mentioned.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORROW:

Section 1: The Mayor and Council hereby authorize its Planning and Economic Development Department to collaborate with Atlanta Regional Commission to implement the “Lifelong Community Initiative” in the City of Morrow, Georgia.

Section 2: This Resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Mayor and Council of the City of Morrow, Georgia.

SO RESOLVED this 27th day of March, 2012.

JB Burke, Mayor

Attest:

Evyonne Browning, City Clerk
(Seal)

Lifelong Communities Brief

Below is a brief description of the Lifelong Communities Initiative for Mayor and Council. This Brief provides a base of knowledge related to ideas and concepts surrounding this Initiative developed by Atlanta Regional Commission. This Initiative and the recommendation for adoption of this Resolution was suggested by ARC representative Laura Keyes at the recent Walkability presentation. NOTE: Showing support of this program provides the potential for Morrow to be selected as an actual Lifelong Communities participant/project in the future.

The Resolution being presented is a near verbatim edition of the draft resolution presented by ARC, and one that has been approved by several communities in the Metro Atlanta area, including Clayton County.

The Resolution does not commit the City of Morrow to any financial obligation, nor does it commit the City to any required task. The Resolution is meant as a supportive action to the concept and intentions of the Initiative and as the City makes planning and development policy in the future, it will consider collaboration with the concepts of the Lifelong Communities Initiative. Note that ARC has mentioned that in the future it would like to offer technical and financial grant support for particular portions of the Initiative to those communities that have shown their support by passing the Resolution.

Resolution Details:

- The Resolution's first 3 paragraphs reference general language describing the Initiative, and represents support on the part of the City.
- The Resolution's second 3 paragraphs reference statistical data that indicates specific changing population dynamics emphasizing the aging of our general population, which supports the importance and the basis of the Initiative.
- The Resolution's next 4 paragraphs mention specific development principles of the Initiative for Morrow to consider in their planning and activities going forward.
- Finally, the Section's 1 and 2 at the end of the document simply state the willingness for the City of Morrow to collaborate with ARC on the Lifelong Community Initiative.

Planning + Economic Development Recommendation:

P+ED Staff supports this Initiative based on its thoughtful approach toward Planning, particularly its practical assessment of future demographic trends and the necessity for cities to be concerned and therefore prepare for the development pressures that will present themselves in the future. Further, by adopting the Resolution, Morrow becomes "qualified" to be selected as a Lifelong Community.