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**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA**  
**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS**

**Mayor JB Burke**  
**Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran**  
**Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges**  
**Councilman Larry Ferguson**  
**Councilman Christopher Mills**

**Regular Meeting**

**October 13, 2015**

**Minutes**

**7:30 pm**

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**Mayor JB Burke** called the Regular Council Meeting of the Morrow City Council to order at 7:30 pm on October 13, 2015. The meeting took place in the Council Chambers of the Morrow Municipal Complex located at: 1500 Morrow Road, Morrow, GA, 30260.

**Mayor JB Burke** asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent reflection.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Mayor JB Burke** asked **City Clerk Viet Tran** to call the roll.

**City Clerk Viet Tran** called the roll and those present were **Mayor JB Burke, Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran, Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges, Councilman Larry Ferguson, and Councilman Christopher Mills**. He stated there was a quorum present.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Mayor JB Burke** called for a motion to approve October 13, 2015 Consent Agenda.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran. The motion passed unanimously.

**MEETING AGENDA:**

**Mayor JB Burke** called for a motion to approve October 13, 2015 Meeting Agenda.

**Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran** motioned to amend the meeting agenda and to add 2 items into New Business section:

1. Approval of CSI Agreement.
2. Approval of December 31, 2015 Deadline for Lake City Fire Service MOU.



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**MOTION AND VOTE:** Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran made a motion, seconded by Councilman Christopher Mills. Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran and Councilman Christopher Mills voted in favor of the motion; Councilman Larry Ferguson and Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges voted in opposition. Mayor JB Burke broke the tie with a favorable vote and the motion passed.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor JB Burke asked City Clerk Viet Tran read the item in this section.

City Clerk Viet Tran read the following item:

**- Ordinance No. 2015-11 Place of Assembly**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF LAND USE RELATING TO PLACES OF ASSEMBLY, CHURCHES AND OTHER PLACES OF WORSHIP; TO PROVIDE NEW DEFINITIONS IN THE ZONING CODE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*(Presented by Code Enforcement Marti Tracy)*

Code Enforcement Marti Tracy stated the Zoning Ordinance change presented for your consideration is intended to enhance the economic potential of our limited commercial areas as well as provide sufficient opportunity for new places of assembly to establish within the City of Morrow.

The new Ordinance proposed that:

Churches, synagogues and other places of assembly become permitted uses in the Public Institutional Zoning Districts and Conditional Uses in all other zoning. The Ordinance change does not impact currently operating places of assembly but will more closely regulate the location of those proposed in the future.

As a conditional use, the Mayor and Council would have the opportunity to decide whether the establishment of place of assembly would be the best use for the location in question. The Mayor and Council would determine if the use would prove beneficial to the city, if the place of assembly would contribute to the economic health of the city and consider other matters that may arise in the conditional use process.

Obviously, our commercial districts are our most valuable economic asset. Approval of proposed Ordinance provides for responsible growth management within city's commercial districts and will help secure the commercial appeal of our shopping areas as they contribute to the economic development and financial needs of the city.

Mayor JB Burke opened the Public Hearing and asked Councilmembers and Citizens for questions and Comments



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There was no question or comment.

Mayor JB Burke closed the Public hearing.

**FIRST PRESENTATION:**

Mayor JB Burke asked City Clerk Viet Tran read the item in this section.

City Clerk Viet Tran read the following item:

**- Ordinance No. 2015-11 Place of Assembly (1st Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF LAND USE RELATING TO PLACES OF ASSEMBLY; CHURCHES AND OTHER PLACES OF WORSHIP; TO PROVIDE NEW DEFINITIONS IN THE ZONING CODE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*(Presented by City Manager Sylvia Redic)*

Mayor JB Burke asked Councilmembers for any comments on the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-11.

There was no comment.

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATION:**

**- Safe Halloween Presentation.**

*(Presented by Morrow Police Department - Captain Callaway)*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mayor JB Burke asked Citizens for comment on Agenda Item.

- Dorothy Dean made a comment Community Room usages and Lake City MOU.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor JB Burke asks City Clerk Viet Tran read the items in this section.

City Clerk Viet Tran read the following item:

### 1. Resolution No. 2015-11 Tri-Cities URA Plan

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA TO ADOPT A JOINT URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN IN COOPERATION WITH THE CITY OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA, AND THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, GEORGIA, WHICH JOINT URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN ESTABLISHES A COMMON GOAL OF FIGHTING ECONOMIC DECLINE, COMBATING BLIGHT, AND PROMOTING REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT THAT IS SHARED BY THESE THREE CITIES; TO ADOPT AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT EXPRESSING INTENT TO UPHOLD THIS JOINT URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN; AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TRANSACTION AND EFFECTUATE THIS INTENT.

*(Presented by City Manager Sylvia Redic)*

**Mayor JB Burke** called for a motion to approve the Resolution No. 2015-11 adopting Urban Redevelopment Plan with the map dated on September 15, 2015.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilman Christopher Mills made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges. The motion passed unanimously.

### 2. Approval of CSI Agreement.

**Mayor JB Burke** called for a motion to approve the CSI Agreement.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran made a motion, seconded by Councilman Christopher Mills. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. Approval of December 31, 2015 Deadline for Lake City Fire Service MOU

**Mayor JB Burke** called for a motion to approve the December 31, 2015 deadline for Lake City Fire Service MOU.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran made a motion, seconded by Councilman Christopher Mills. Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran and Councilman Christopher Mills voted in favor of the motion; Councilman Larry Ferguson and Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges voted in opposition. Mayor JB Burke broke the tie with a favorable vote and the motion passed.

### GENERAL COMMENTS:

**Mayor JB Burke** asked **Citizens** and **Councilmembers** for comments.

**Citizens Comments:**

Lana Labay  
Dorothy Dean  
Randy Anderson

**Councilmembers Comments:**

Councilman Larry Ferguson  
Councilwoman Jeanell Bridges  
Councilman Christopher Mills  
Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran  
Mayor JB Burke

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor **JB Burke** called for a motion to adjourn the October 13, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** Mayor Pro Tem Hang Tran made a motion, seconded by Councilman Christopher Mills. The motion passed unanimously.

The Regular Council Meeting was adjourned at 08:25 pm.

Approved this 27th day of October, 2015.

**CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA**

Attest



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Viet Tran, City Clerk  
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JB Burke, Mayor

