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CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA

April 10, 2012

Regular Meeting

7:30 pm

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**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 12-03-322)*

1. Appeal by Georgia Outdoor Advertising to the Mayor and Council regarding the City’s decision to deny four (4) billboard/advertising signs along Georgia Highway 54. *(Presented by Michael McLaughlin, Director of Planning & Econ Dev.)*
2. 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. **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 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

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JB Burke, Mayor

Attest:

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Evyonne Browning, City Clerk  
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