

## MINUTES

**The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their monthly Zoning Public Hearing in Room 108 of the Spalding County Courthouse Annex, Thursday, October 22, 2015, beginning at 6:00 PM with Chairman Rita Johnson presiding. Commissioners Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Donald F. Hawbaker were present. Commissioners Bart Miller and Raymond Ray were absent. Also present were County Manager, William Wilson, Community Development Director, Chad Jacobs, Zoning Attorney, Newton Galloway and Kathy Gibson, Executive Secretary to record the minutes.**

**A. Opening (Call to Order)** by Chairperson Rita Johnson.

Note: Persons desiring to speak must sign in for the appropriate application. When called, speakers must state their names and addresses and direct all comments to the Board only. Speakers will be allotted three (3) minutes to speak on their chosen topics and relate to matters pertinent to the jurisdiction of the Board of the Commissioners. No questions will be asked by any of the commissioners during citizen comments. Outbursts from the audience will not be tolerated. Common courtesy and civility are expected at all times during the meeting.

**B. New Business:**

1. Application #15-13S: MAS Georgia LFG, LLC, Owner - 3263 Arthur K. Bolton Parkway (8.2 acres located in Land Lots 10 and 23 of the 2nd Land District) - requesting a Special Exception to allow a utility substation in the AR-1 and R-2 District.

Chad Jacobs, Community Development Director, introduced Jason Byars of MAS Energy.

Jason Byars (MAS Energy), 3340 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, stated that as part of a bilateral agreement with Georgia Power a project has been submitted and approved by the Georgia Public Service Commissioner to develop a landfill gas fuel powered generation plant to be developed at the Pineridge Landfill on the border of Butts and Spalding County. This power plant will utilize the methane gas that has traditionally been flared by the landfill to generate power. Georgia Power will then receive the power being generated by this system and distribute it to their retail customers.

In order to transfer the power being generated, they will have to interconnect with Georgia Powers' system. They are constructing an interconnecting tie line from the power plant itself at the landfill proper approximately a mile and a half north to land they have acquired that is immediately adjacent to Georgia Powers' transmission right of way.

A special exception is being requested to allow them to construct an interconnecting substation that will contain all of the necessary protection equipment to allow them to connect to the Georgia Power transmission system to deliver the energy being generated. He advised there are no moving parts in what they are building, it is mainly transformers and switches to be utilized for transfer of energy. No noise will be generated by operation of this equipment.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor to approve Application #15-13S: MAS Georgia LFG, LLC, Owner - 3263 Arthur K. Bolton Parkway (8.2 acres located in Land Lots 10***

*and 23 of the 2nd Land District) - requesting a Special Exception to allow a utility substation in the AR-1 and R-2 District. Motion carried unanimously by all.*

**C. Other Business:**

**D. Adjournment**

*Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to adjourn at 6:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.*

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Rita Johnson, Chairperson

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
William P. Wilson, Jr.,  
County Clerk