

## City considers demolition ordinance

By Pamela Permar-Shierling

Brenda Daiss, City Planning, Zoning, Building and Codes Director, presented a demolition ordinance to the City Commission during their meeting last week.

If passed the ordinance would require a 180 day review period before a structure could be torn down if the property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places or was constructed prior to 1940.

Structures in imminent danger of falling down or deemed un-repairable by the Planning Dept. are exempt from the 180 day review period.

The Historic Preservation Board will hold a public hearing within 45 days of receiving a copy of the demolition application and determine whether the building can be demolished or preserved and notify the Planning Dept.

Daiss explained that the 180 day delay would allow conversations to take place and give time to look for

other options to try to save a structure.

Commissioner Vincent Williams wanted to know how the demolition delay would affect the Land Bank.

Daiss said the City would work with the Land Bank. "Most of their structures would be torn down," she said. "I hope if they have a good property they won't want to tear it down."

Commissioner Julie Martin suggested they acquire a list of resources of consultants available to help with issues such as asbestos and lead paint.

The City approved a "Bark for your Park" grant application request which would be a joint grant between the City and Glynn County.

If awarded, the grant would be funded by the PetSafe Foundation for \$10,000 and would be used for the dog park portion of Howard Coffin Park for renovations and upgrades to the dog park. There is no match required for the grant. □

## Jekyll Authority

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determination was reviewed by two other engineering firms for accuracy.

This unexpected requirement resulted in an additional \$155,000 in costs for materials and installation.

"The helical piles would ensure that our investment would not settle and crack at different rates causing internal structure failure and leaks. Some of the helical piles required extensions to over 60 feet in depth to show stability."

(According to Deep Excavation LLC: Helical piles are deep foundation underpinnings constructed using steel shafts with helical flights. The shafts are advanced to bearing depth by twisting them into the soil while monitoring torque to estimate the pile capacity. A thorough understanding of the subsurface conditions is necessary to properly interpret the torque conversion. After reaching design capacity, the tops of the shafts are bracketed to the structure's footing. The finished piles effectively underpin the footing, stopping settlement.)

"We have known all along the pool would cost \$850,000," Jensen said. "The \$500,000 was just a placeholder."

Jensen said Summer Waves has a projected total operating income of \$1,142,357 for fiscal year 2017.

Jensen pointed out that JIA staff broke the project down into six different mini-projects and managed them in-house to save approximately 20% overhead and profit costs.

JIA Executive Director Jones Hooks said, "We didn't know we would need pilings, and we should be able to take the funds from the (Summer Waves) Revenues without going into the reserves."

In 1967, work was begun on an ambitious marina on Jekyll Island - a marina that would have dwarfed all other local marinas, combined.

It included a huge basin and dry dock storage. While the dredging work was completed, the basin started silting in almost immediately. The project was abandoned. Summer Waves sits in what would have been the marina's lagoon.

### Jekyll Island Mosaic

The Authority chose The Weber Group from Sellersburg, Indiana, to design and build the new Jekyll Museum, The Mosaic.

Weber partnered with Main Street Design, an interpretive experience planning and design group out of Cambridge, Ma.

The Mosaic will cost \$3.1 million to build. Construction is expected to begin in Fall 2017 with an anticipated completion and opening date in early 2019.

In other business: the board approved issuing the RFP for major rehabilitation of the existing ocean-facing shoreline rock revetment on the north end of the Island. Responses are due back May 18 and a short list will be prepared by May 26.

### Executive Director update

- Jekyll Ocean Club Hotel is 95% complete and should open late June or early July

- The Island Hopper bike trail has run into issues. Apparently the Authority cannot negotiate with the low bidder and it is estimated that trail plans will move forward in August.

- Jekyll Island's FEMA rating has been decreased from a class 6 to a class 5 per FEMA. Hooks said this would result in a 25% decrease in flood insurance for some Jekyll Island locations. □

## GEC events

Glynn Environmental Coalition will hold its 1st Friday Lunch, May 5th, 11 a.m. at Olive Garden Restaurant, 600 Glynn Isles, Brunswick. Alex Kearns will speak. Kearns is the Chair of the St. Marys EarthKeepers and helped create an organization to actively inform, encourage, and galvanize the residents of St. Marys and Camden County into environmental stewardship. Alex will share an overview of the Earthkeepers achievements over the last 9 years, current issues, and future challenges. The public is invited to attend. Details: 912-466-0934. □

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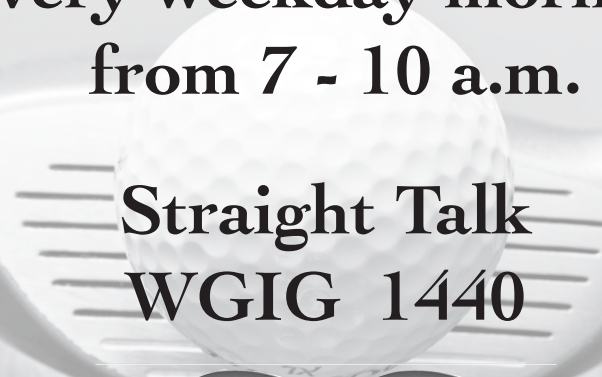
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## GIYO to hold spring concert

The Golden Isles Youth Orchestra will hold its Spring Concert Sunday, May 14 at 4:00 p.m. in the Glynn Academy Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults. Teachers, students, and children under 6, are free.

Tickets available from orchestra members or at the door. □