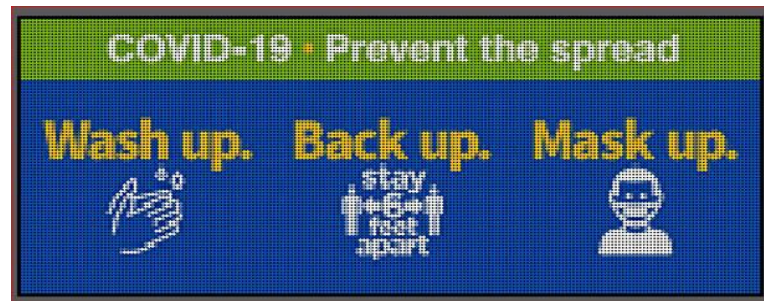




MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY HALL – 136 KEYS FERRY STREET
OCTOBER 7, 2021
6:00 PM



The Regular Workshop of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Copeland

Mayor Copeland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

The City Clerk Ms. Janis Price called roll for the meeting, as follows:

Mayor Billy Copeland	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin Pruett	Present
Councilmember Roger Pruitt	Present
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Kamali Varner	Absent
Councilmember Sandra Vincent	Present

Others in attendance were: City Administrator, Mr. Preston Dorsey; City Attorney, Mr. Jim Elliott; City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price; Police Chief, Mr. Ken Noble; Fire Chief, Mr. Steve Morgan; Community Development Director, Mr. Charles Reese; City Planner, Ms. Diane Johnson; Executive Assistant, Ms. Joani Clemons; Network Administrator, Mr. Brian Linton; Open Records Officer, Ms. Kathy Story; Help Desk Technician, Mr. Rob Monnelus; and City Clerk's Assistant, Ms. Christy Taylor.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copland, Mayor Pro Tem B. Pruett, Councilmember R. Pruitt, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Varner was not present for the meeting.

4. Pledge to the Flag

Councilmember Roger Pruitt led the Pledge to the Flag.

5. Invocation

Councilmember Vincent gave the Invocation.

6. Consent Agenda

Finance

- A. Approval to amend Chapter 17, Section 5.20.010 of the Code of Ordinances regarding business licenses to establish an increase for the annual license fee to \$100.00 for insurance companies, effective January 1, 2022; adoption of the revised Ordinance.

Public Safety

- B. Approval and adoption of a revised Mutual Aid Agreement/Resolution for the City of McDonough Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies for the local cities within Henry County to work side by side in the event of a local emergency. This revised agreement will override the previous agreement signed on April 1, 2021; authorization for the Mayor and Police Chief to sign.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Pruitt seconded. Prior to the vote, Councilmember Vincent and City Attorney explained the purpose of the increase to the fee for insurance companies due to the increase of population as a result of the 2020 Census for Item 6A. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copland, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Pruitt, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Varner was not present for the meeting.

7. Proclamations:

Remembering Garth Anthony Dermot Henton
Michael Williams' Day
The 22nd Anniversary of Agape International Ministries, Inc.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to make the Proclamations for Remembering Garth Anthony Dermot Henton; Michael Williams' Day; and the 22nd Anniversary of Agape International Ministries, Inc. an official part of the minutes of the meeting. Councilmember R. Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Vincent seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copland, Mayor Pro Tem B. Pruett, Councilmember R. Pruitt, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Varner was not present for the meeting.

8. Community Development

Mr. Charles Reese

A. Preliminary Plat Review, Chapter 16.12 Procedure, Section 16.12.060 (A-D)

Applicant(s): Falcon Design for Double Eagle Land Development

Petition Request: Approval of Preliminary Plat

Development: Eagles Rest (PH 1) **Location:** Hampton Road (Hwy. 20/81)

Community Development Director Mr. Charles Reese reviewed the preliminary plat for the Eagles Rest development. He noted that there is now a second access off of Payne Drive, and staff recommends approval. Discussion ensued. The Applicant was in attendance for the meeting.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the preliminary plat for Eagles Rest, as presented. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember R. Pruitt seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem B. Pruett, Councilmember R. Pruitt, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Varner was not present.

B. Case #210618 (Rezoning) District 3
Applicant: Michael Burdette for the Copeland House
Address: 94 Macon St.
Request: To rezone property to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial)
Zoning: RM-75 (Multi-Family Residential)
Land Lot(s) 134 of the 7th District 0.7135 +/- total acres
MPC Workshop (8/10/21) **MPC Public Review** (9/14/21)
MCC Workshop (9/20/21) **MCC Public Hearing (10/7/21)**

Mr. Reese reviewed case 210618, the request to rezone property from RM-75 (Multi-Family Commercial) to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial). He noted that staff recommends approval; however, the Planning Commission made a recommendation to deny. The Applicant, Mr. Michael Burdette was in attendance for the meeting. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember R. Pruitt asked if the Applicant would be willing to withdraw the application for C-1, and resubmit an application to request O-I; and Mr. Burdette agreed. Discussion ensued. It was determined that any previously paid funds will be applied to the new application.

C. Case #210807 (Special Use Permit) District 1: Rufus Stewart
Applicant: Terrell & Brandy Scott for Malachi House
Address: 312 Rogers St.
Request: Special Use Permit to allow a church facility/youth counseling ministry
Zoning: RM-75 (Multi-Family Residential)
Land Lot(s) 155 of the 7th District 0.308 +/- total acres
MPC Workshop (9/14/21) **MPC Public Review** (10/12/21)
MCC Workshop (10/7/21) **MCC Public Hearing (10/18/21)**

Mr. Reese reviewed the petition in case 210807, the request for a Special Use Permit to allow for a church facility/youth counseling ministry at 312 Rogers Street. He said that the Applicant has received a demolition permit to remove the dilapidated structure from the property. The Applicants, Terrell and Brandy Scott for Malachi House were in attendance for the meeting. Mr. Terrell Scott addressed Mayor and Council about the intended use for the property.

Councilmember Stewart thanked Mr. Scott for the programs the organization continues to provide to the community. Discussion ensued. The Public Hearing will be held October 18, 2021.

9. **Unscheduled Public Comments**

There were no unscheduled public comments.

10. **Approval of September 20, 2021, City Council Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the September 20, 2021, City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember R. Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copland, Mayor Pro Tem B. Pruett, Councilmember R. Pruitt, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Varner was not present for the meeting.

11. **Executive Session (if needed) for: Litigation O.C.G.A. 50-14-2 Real Estate O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(1) Personnel O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(2)**

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(2). Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Vincent seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copland, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Pruitt, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Varner was not present for the meeting.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to go back into Regular Session. Councilmember R. Pruitt motioned and Mayor Pro Tem B. Pruett seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copland, Mayor Pro Tem B. Pruett, Councilmember R. Pruitt, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Varner was not present for the meeting.

Councilmember Vincent motioned to approve the agreement between the City of McDonough and Christy Taylor, for Ms. Taylor to serve as Interim City Clerk effective November 1, 2021, to January 30, 2022. Currently she is working in the Clerk's office, and as appointed Interim City Clerk, she will be classified as an independent contractor with no benefits; and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem B. Pruett, Councilmember R. Pruitt, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Varner was not present for the meeting.

12. **City Administrator, City Attorney, and City Clerk Comments**

No comments were offered.

13. **Councilmembers and Mayor Comments**

Councilmember Vincent thanked everyone who was in attendance for the meeting.

Mayor Copeland commented that Henry County will be 200 years old on December 4, 2021; and he said he looks forward to the opening of the 50-year-old time capsule on the square some time in November.

14. Adjournment

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember R. Pruitt motioned and Mayor Pro Tem B. Pruett seconded. All stood in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Janis E. Price
City Clerk

OPEN MEETINGS COMPLIANCE NOTICE: This is a regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council of the City of McDonough duly noticed pursuant to the requirements of the Georgia Open Meetings Law (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1, et seq). Notice of the meeting schedule was published in the *Henry Herald* on December 30, 2020; and a copy of the schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.