

POST AGENDA
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL-136 KEYS FERRY STREET
OCTOBER 17, 2016
6:00 PM

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 Roger Pruitt	Present
Councilmember Craig Elrod	Present
Councilmember Benjamin Pruett	Present
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Kamali Varner	Present
Councilmember Sandra Vincent	Present

Others in attendance were: City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson; City Attorney, Ms. Leigh Hancher; City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price; Fire Chief, Mr. Steve Morgan; Finance Director, Mr. Mike Clark; Executive Assistant, Ms. Trisha Colpetzer; and Assistant to the City Clerk, Ms. Christy Wallace.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Agenda as published. Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt motioned, and Councilmember Elrod seconded.

After some brief discussion, Councilmember Vincent offered a substitute motion to approve the Agenda, with the amendment to move Item 13 to Item 7A; and Councilmember Varner seconded. The vote was five in favor and two opposed. Those voting in favor were Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt; Councilmember Pruett; Councilmember Stewart; Councilmember Varner; and Councilmember Vincent. Those voting in opposition were Mayor Copeland and Councilmember Elrod.

4. Pledge to the Flag

Councilmember Varner led the Pledge to the Flag.

5. Invocation

The Reverend Bert Neal, Pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

6. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the transmittal of the 2016 (FY July 2014 thru June 2015) CIE Update for submittal in accord with 10/31/16 deadline per ARC (Atlanta Regional Commission) & DCA (Department of Community Affairs) guidelines pertaining to the city's Qualified Local Government (QLG) status; authorization for the Mayor to sign the Resolution.
- B. Approval of a contract between the City and Charter Communications to increase the City's internet bandwidth so a portion can be allocated for the Mesh WIFI & Microwave Project. The cost will be \$1100.00 monthly for increasing to 100mb and will be paid from the general fund.
- C. Approval of Councilmember Craig Elrod's recommendation of Mr. Terry Ellington to the Planning Commission to fill a vacancy due to a resignation.
- D. Adoption of a Resolution to increase the rental fees for Rufus Stewart Park; authorization for the Mayor to sign.
- E. Approval to pay Attorney James E. Elliott, Jr., Special Counsel for the Board of Ethics \$2,550.00 for legal services.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, with the omission of Item 6D. Councilmember Stewart motioned, and Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

- 7. Proclamations:** Infant Loss Remembrance Day
Constitution Week
Miss Mary "Nellie" Schley Day
Extra Mile in McDonough Day
Agape International Ministries Day
Retired Educators' Day

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to make each of the proclamations an official part of the minutes of the meeting. Councilmember Pruett motioned, and Councilmember Elrod seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

As a result of the vote to amend the Agenda, Councilmember Vincent commented on the findings of the Ethics Board on October 10, 2016.

8. Recognition of the Ethics Board

Dr. Gordon Baker, Ms. Shirley Holloway, Pastor Joel Stokes

Mayor Copeland recognized the Members of the Ethics Board and offered his appreciation for their energy and time spent on recent issues. Dr. Gordon Baker was in attendance for the meeting.

(The following item was taken out of order)

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-2, in order to consult with the City Attorney pertaining to pending administrative matters; and more specifically to review the October 10, 2016 findings and recommendations of the Board of Ethics. Councilmember Stewart motioned, and Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to return to Regular Session. Councilmember Stewart motioned, and Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Copeland read the findings of the Ethics Board related to the complaint dated December 21, 2015, into the record. He then called for a motion to dismiss the complaint issued on December 21, 2015. Councilmember Stewart motioned, and Councilmember Varner seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland; Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt; Councilmember Elrod; Councilmember Pruett; Councilmember Stewart; and Councilmember Varner. (Councilmember Vincent did not vote.)

Mayor Copeland read the findings of the Ethics Board related to the complaint dated January 19, 2016, into the record. He then called for a motion to dismiss the complaint that was issued on January 19, 2016. Councilmember Varner motioned, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland; Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt; Councilmember Elrod; Councilmember Pruett; Councilmember Stewart; and Councilmember Varner. (Councilmember Vincent did not vote.)

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to make the October 10, 2016 findings and recommendations by the Board of Ethics, relevant to the specific complaints, a part of the minutes of the City Council Meeting. Councilmember Stewart motioned, and Councilmember Elrod seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland; Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt; Councilmember Elrod; Councilmember Pruett; Councilmember Stewart; and Councilmember Varner. (Councilmember Vincent did not vote.)

City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson commented that the recommendations of the Board of Ethics presented to Mayor and Council would be added to items for discussion at the November 19, 2016 mini-retreat.

**9. Approval of minutes - September 19, 2016 City Council Meeting
October 6, 2016 Workshop**

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Minutes from the September 19, 2016 City Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt motioned, and Councilmember Elrod seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Minutes from the October 6, 2016 Workshop Meeting. Councilmember Stewart motioned, and Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt seconded. The vote was six in favor. (Councilmember Varner did not vote because she was not in attendance for the October 6 Workshop Meeting.)

10. One Henry Economic Alliance Councilmember Elrod

Councilmember Elrod introduced Mr. Gladwin Bowlin with the One Henry Economic Alliance, who offered a Power Point presentation regarding the services of the 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

11. Discussion and adoption of the Intent to Reimburse Costs of acquiring Equipment Resolution Mr. Mike Clark

Finance Director, Mike Clark discussed the purpose for the adoption of the Intent to Reimburse Costs of Acquiring Equipment Resolution.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to adopt the Resolution of the Intent to Reimburse Costs of Acquiring Equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt motioned, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

12. Youth Council Presentation Councilmember Varner

Councilmember Varner discussed the recent conference that she attended with the McDonough Youth Council (MYC); and she recognized four students from the council who were in attendance for the meeting. Ms. Faith Smith, a high school senior addressed Mayor and Council and discussed what she learned at the conference.

13. Ethics Comments Councilmember Vincent

This item was taken out of order as Item 7A, as the result of the motion to approve the Agenda and has already been discussed.

14. Unscheduled Public Comments

- (1) Ms. Annette O'Banion
- (2) Ms. Shelly Delisle

15. **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)

- 16. City Administrator, City Attorney, City Clerk Comments**

- ## 18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

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 was published in the Henry Herald on December 30, 2015; and a copy of the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.