

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL-136 KEYS FERRY STREET
NOVEMBER 21, 2016
6:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held Monday, November 21, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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 for the meeting 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; Technology Services Director, Mr. Steve Sikes; and Executive Assistant, Ms. Trisha Colpetzer.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt motioned, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt led the Pledge to the Flag; and the Reverend Bert Neal, Pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church gave the Invocation.

6. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of a Managed Service Agreement contract between The City of McDonough and Com-Tech Communications of Georgia that provides support for the Galaxy card Assess Systems at the new Court and Public Safety buildings, at a cost of \$950.00 monthly and will be paid from the General Fund; authorization for the Mayor to sign agreement.
- B. Approval of expenditure in the approximate amount of \$29,850.00 for

- personnel services and will be funded by the General Fund.
- C. Ratification of a contract signed by the Mayor between the Varsity and The City of McDonough for an employee luncheon in the approximate amount of \$2,500.00 funded from the Clerk's budget in the General Fund.
 - D. Approval of a Managed Service Agreement contract between The City of McDonough and Com-Tech Communications of Georgia that provides for the ONSSI Video Systems at the new Court and Public Safety buildings, at a cost of \$1,025.00 monthly after the onetime fee of \$750.00 for monitoring probe software and will be paid from the General Fund; authorization for the Mayor to sign agreement.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Stewart motioned, and Councilmember Elrod seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Copeland discussed the Proclamation for Veterans Ministry 10th Anniversary Day at Wesley Chapel, and called for a motion to make the Proclamation an official part of the minutes of the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt motioned, and Councilmember Vincent seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Councilmember Varner discussed the efforts in reviewing the 35 student applicants for the 2016-2017 McDonough Youth Advisory Council, as well as nine Steering Committee Members.

- Initially 48 student applications were received
- 35 students have successfully passed the application process, which included writing an essay and completing an interview
- Students must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or greater
- Nomination of nine Steering Committee Members to include Councilmember Varner as Founder & Advisor, and Ms. Euretha Lyles as Staff Liaison.

Councilmember Vincent motioned to approve the recommendations of Councilmember Varner for both the Steering Committee and the 35 students for the 2016-2017 McDonough Youth Advisory Council, and further requested that the GPAs of the student applicants not be listed in the attached documentation sheets to the minutes of the meeting; and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson presented an update on some of the ideas for the Polk Building that are being considered, as recommended by Consultant, Mr. Mark Walhimer:

- Electronic display features, i.e.; holograms and electronic artifacts
- An open-space floorplan to allow for entertaining
- Art pieces which will highlight the history of McDonough
- Electronic photograph display will change and move visitors through history
- Would like to acquire additional artwork by Jean Charlot
- Have a Children's interactive Post Office area
- Look to members of the community for historic stories and artifacts

Councilmember Elrod expressed that he has already begun hearing from citizens who would like to share their artifacts and memories for the Polk Building. Councilmember Vincent asked that elders in the African-American community also be included in the discussions regarding the history of McDonough, and she suggested that the displays include a "McDonough Forward" aspect to show

the vision of the City moving into the future. Mr. Dickerson commented that Mr. Mark Walhimer would be back at the Polk Building January 23 & 24, 2017 for consulting and making more suggestions and recommendations.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2016, Workshop Meeting. Councilmember Stewart motioned, and Councilmember Elrod seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

There were no public comments.

No Executive Session was held.

City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and he thanked Mayor and Council for their attendance at the mini-retreat on November 19.

City Attorney, Ms. Leigh Hancher offered her appreciation for the continued opportunity to serve as the City's attorney, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price offered a few housekeeping items:

- Registration deadlines for Mayor's Day are quickly approaching
- Awaiting appointments for PC-BOZA and HPC.
- Schedule of Council meetings for 2017 will be suggested at the December 1, 2016, Workshop for approval.
- City Hall will close Wednesday, at 3:30 for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- December 19th meeting has been rescheduled to December 13, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.
- Deadline for agenda items for the December 13 meeting is December 5, 2016.

Councilmember Vincent also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Elrod thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting. He praised the City staff for their efforts in making the Miss Georgia USA and Miss Georgia Teen USA Pageants a success again this year. In closing, offered a reminder about Small Business Saturday and encouraged everyone to shop small and shop local over the weekend.

Councilmember Stewart wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Varner also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and shared her appreciation for the City's staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt thanked the Reverend Bert Neal for allowing him to participate in the Veterans Ministry 10th Anniversary Day at Wesley Chapel; and he thanked the Mayor for his

efforts in putting on the Annual Veterans' Breakfast. He thanked the staff for their continued hard work and wished everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

Mayor Copeland thanked everyone who worked to make the Miss Georgia USA and Miss Georgia Teen USA Pageants a huge success again this year and discussed the great economic benefit the event is to the City. He also recognized students from Clayton State College who were at the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Stewart motioned, and Councilmember Elrod seconded. All stood in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 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 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.