



MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Meeting
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
April 18, 2022
6:00 PM

The Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City of McDonough Mayor and Council was held on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Vincent stated that she would ask for two modifications to the agenda prior to any vote. She noted that the City received notification of a Constitutional Objection regarding rezoning application number 210102, which was received just prior to the meeting concerning Item 15A. She also said that Councilmember Varner called to express that she would be unable to attend the meeting due to travel issues, and that since the request in item 15B is in Councilmember Varner's District, she would ask that both 15A and 15B be postponed to the next meeting.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the agenda with the postponement of Item 15A and Item 15B, to the next meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Stewart motioned and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Reeves and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Burt and Councilmember Varner were not present.

After the approval of the Agenda, the City Clerk Ms. Christy Taylor called roll for the meeting, as follows:

Mayor Sandra Vincent	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Jamal Burt	Absent
Councilmember Benjamin Pruett	Present
Councilmember Scott Reeves	Present
Councilmember Vanessa Thomas	Present
Councilmember Kamali Varner	Absent

Mayor Vincent noted for the record that Councilmember Burt called to say he was traveling and unable to make it back to McDonough in time for the meeting.

Others in attendance were: City Clerk, Ms. Christy Taylor; Police Chief, Mr. Ken Noble; Fire Chief, Mr. Dave Williams; Community Development Director, Mr. Charles Reese; Facilities and Assets Management Director, Mr. Steve Morgan; Finance Director, Mr. Frank Milazi; Human Resources Director, Mr. Nick Calhoun; Mainstreet Director, Ms. Cinderella Bennett; McDonough Welcome Center, Ms. Cathy Lacey; Major Paul Honcharik; Lieutenant John Blackburn; Detective Larry Smallwood; Detective Wayne Poss;

Detective Joseph Cooper; City Planner, Ms. Diane Johnson; Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. John Elkins; McDonough Fire Department, Mr. Scott Williamson; Stormwater Supervisor, Brandon Williams; Waste Water Plant Supervisor, Mr. Jeremy Newton; Water Plant Manager, Mr. Steve Cox; Network Administrator, Mr. Brian Linton; Executive Assistant, Ms. Joani Clemons; Public Works, Ms. Lisa Shepherd; Public Works, Mr. Manuel Goodman; and Public Works, Mr. Steven Graves.

The Reverend Doctor Bert Neal, Pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church gave the Invocation; and Councilmember Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Pruett motioned and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Reeves and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Burt and Councilmember Varner were not present. After the vote, the City Clerk to sounded the items on the Consent Agenda, as follows:

A. Public Works – Waste Water Treatment

Jeremy Newton, Supervisor

Request approval to purchase bi-monthly 47,300 lbs. of Hyper+Ion 9810 for daily operations of the solid wastewater plant, at a cost of \$12,534.50, for 47,300 lbs. of Hyper+Ion 9810 Chemical. Funding Source: Wastewater Treatment Plant Operating Supplies – Line Item 505-5.4335.53.1160

B. Administration – Legal

Authorize payment of \$10,202.19, to Butler Snow, LLP, for legal services as provided by James E. Elliott, Jr., in accordance with Agreement 19-08-01(AA). Funding source Legal – Line item 100-5.1530.52.1230

There were no public comments.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to make the Proclamation Honoring Mrs. Willie Varner and the Proclamation in recognition of Paul E. Dillard National Commander for the American Legion an official part of the record. Mayor Pro Tem Stewart motioned and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Reeves and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Burt and Councilmember Varner were not present.

Police Chief Ken Noble presented badges for 10 years of service to the City of McDonough to Lieutenant John Blackburn, Detective Larry Smallwood, Detective Wayne Poss, and Detective Joseph Cooper.

Human Resources Director Mr. Nick Calhoun presented Employee Service Awards to the following City of McDonough Employees, who were in attendance for the meeting:

- Manuel Goodman, 5 years of service
- Steven Graves, 5 years of service
- Scott Williamson, 5 years of service
- John Blackburn, 10 years of service
- Joani Clemons, 15 years of service
- Paul Honcharik, 15 years of service
- Cathy Lacey, 15 years of service
- Steve Cox, 20 years of service

- John Elkins, 30 years of service
- Lisa Shepherd, 5 years of service

Stormwater Supervisor, Mr. Brandon Williams gave a Power Point presentation on the functions of PubWorks software. After the presentation he requested approval to purchase the electronic work-order and asset management software at a total one-time cost of \$22,000, with an annual service fee of \$5,300, to be paid from Stormwater Management. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the purchase of PubWorks software as presented. Councilmember Scott Reeves made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Pruett seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Reeves and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Burt and Councilmember Varner were not present.

Chief Ken Noble presented an informational video on the RedSpeed School Zone Safety Program. He requested that approval be given for cameras to be put at four schools in the City of McDonough's city limits. The schools will include Excel Academy, McDonough Middle/High, Walnut Creek Elementary, and Wesley Lakes Elementary. There is no financial impact to the City. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve. Councilmember Pruett made a motion to approve the use of the RedSpeed School Zone Safety Program, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Reeves and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Burt and Councilmember Varner were not present.

Facilities and Assets Management Director Steve Morgan presented the request to approve renovations at the Public Safety Storage Building, located at 77 Lawrenceville Street, to provide offices for the Facilities and Assets Management Department, at a total cost of \$118,399.00. The proposed project will be funded by Impact Fees from current Capital Improvements Element (CIE). Discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem Stewart made a motion to approve the renovations to the Public Safety Storage Building to provide office space for the Facilities and Assets Management Department, and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Reeves and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Burt and Councilmember Varner were not present.

Mr. Steve Morgan, Director of Facilities and Assets Management also presented a request to approve construction and installation of security fence at 40 and 50 Lawrenceville Street, at a total cost of \$14,000.00. This project will be funded by Police Department Building and Maintenance.

Councilmember Thomas made a motion to approve the installation of security fencing at 40 and 50 Lawrenceville Street, and Councilmember Pruett seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Reeves and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Burt and Councilmember Varner were not present.

Community Development

Charles Reese, Director

A. Case #210102

District: #1, CM Rufus Stewart

Applicant: Steven Jones for **Eagles Rest PH 2**

Address: Hampton St. (#M0.35-01004003)

Request: To rezone property to RTD (Residential Townhouse District)

Zoning: R-50 (Single Family Residential) per ORD#00-07-03F

Land Lot(s) 156 of the 7th District **3.085 +/- total acres**

MPC Workshop (3/8/22)

MCC Workshop (4/7/22)

MPC Public Review (4/12/22)

MCC Public Hearing & Vote (4/18/22)

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

B. Case #220201

District: #4, CM Kam Varner

Applicant: Nick Patel for **Staybridge @ South Point**

Address: 239 Hwy. 81 W. Tract 4.

Request: A variance pertaining to a height increase of an additional ten (10') feet above code allowance of forty (40') feet to allow a fifty (50') feet, four (4) story hotel.

Zoning: C-3 (Highway Commercial) w/conditions per ORD #18-03-19001(Z)

Land Lot(s) 161 of the 7th District **1.30 +/- total acres**

MPC Workshop (3/8/22)

MCC Workshop (4/7/22)

MPC Public Review (4/12/22)

MCC Public Hearing & Vote (4/18/22)

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

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)

No Executive Session was held.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the April 7, 2022 City Council Workshop Minutes.

Councilmember Reeves motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor.

Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Pruett,

Councilmember Reeves and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Burt and Councilmember Varner were not present.

Mayor Pro Tem Stewart reminded everyone that Georgia Cities Week will be April 24 through April 30; and he encouraged citizens and councilmembers alike to engage in clean-up efforts throughout the City.

Councilmember Reeves said that he had attended a Main Street Board Meeting, where he was voted to become a new member of the Board. He said that Main Street is currently focusing their efforts on the upcoming Geranium Festival. In closing, he offered his assistance with any needed work at the McDonough Cemetery, where some of his own family members are buried.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Guiding Principle: Fiscal Responsibility, Accountability, Transparency

Councilmember Pruett offered his appreciation to everyone who was in attendance for the meeting. He also took an opportunity to thank all of the longstanding employees who were recognized. He commended the Police Chief for retaining seasoned Public Safety personnel as the Department continues to grow.

Councilmember Thomas expressed how much she enjoyed the Sunrise Service on the McDonough Square, on Easter Sunday. She said she also has plans to attend the groundbreaking for the Community Garden, on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. She stated she is continuing to learn about the City's planning and zoning processes in an effort to better serve the citizens of McDonough.

Mayor Vincent noted that the new administration has been in office for more than 100 days. She said she looks forward to the collaboration with District 1 and District 3, to address issues at the City Cemetery. She noted that the City is also seeking professional advice through the State on how to properly clean some of the tombstones; and that currently there are discussions with the Finance Director on how to best move forward according to the comprehensive plan that was previously developed for the cemetery.

Mayor Vincent added to Councilmember Thomas' mention of the groundbreaking for the Community Garden. She said she looks forward to the unity and stabilization that this joint-effort will bring to the citizens in the area; and that she too plans on attending the groundbreaking at 10:00 a.m., at the corner of Doris Street and Bridges Road. She also expressed that she truly enjoyed the annual Sunrise Service. She noted that six different pastors held leadership roles throughout the service, to share the message of working together and loving one another through service.

As a reminder Mayor Vincent asked all organizations, groups and citizens to take an active role in the clean-up efforts that will be going on throughout the City during Georgia Cities Week. She said that on Saturday, April 30, the City will showcase some of its equipment at 560 Macon Street, where citizens are asked to drop off the items they clean up from around the City.

Prior to the close of the meeting, Mayor Vincent introduced Mr. Frank Milazi as the new Finance Director; and she welcomed him to the City of McDonough.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Christy L. Taylor,
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 29, 2021; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.