



MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Workshop
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
June 1, 2023
6:00 PM

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

The City Clerk called roll for the meeting, as follows:

Mayor Sandra Vincent	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin Pruett	Present
Councilmember Jamal Burt	Present
Councilmember Scott Reeves	Present
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Vanessa Thomas	Present
Councilmember Kamali Varner	(Arrived after the start of the meeting)

Others in attendance: City Administrator, Steve Morgan; City Attorney, Emilia Walker; City Clerk, Christy Taylor; Fire Chief, Dave Williams, Police Major, Paul Honcharik; Interim Finance Director, Deborah Upshaw; Public Works Director, Billy VonDenBosch; Technology Services Director, Brian Linton; and Municipal Court Clerk, Trisha Morgan.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruett gave the Invocation; and Councilmember Burt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of Item 16, “Approval of the May 22, 2023, City Council Minutes”; and the addition of Item 16, “Resolution to authorize an extension of the multi-family and hotel developments”. Councilmember Thomas motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Varner was not present for the vote.

Consent Agenda:

A. Public Works

Billy VonDenBosch, Director

Request approval to pay the balance of \$ 12,869.00, to 120Water for helping develop City inventory for the lead and copper mandate. Line Item: 505-5.4440.52.3860 Copper/Lead Mandate

Mayor Vincent sounded the item on the Consent Agenda and called for a motion to approve the request to pay \$12,869.00 to 120Water for helping develop City inventory for the lead and copper mandate. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett motioned, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Varner was not present for the vote.

There were no public comments.

The Mayor and Council presented the Proclamation for Municipal Court Clerks Week to Trisha Morgan, who was in attendance for the meeting.

The Mayor and Council presented the Proclamation in Honor of Timothy W. Haley, Solicitor for the City of McDonough. Mr. Haley was not present for the meeting.

The Mayor also noted that a Proclamation recognizing May as National Tennis Month and a Proclamation for Jazzy Brown Day in Honor of Michael Brown had been presented prior to the meeting.

Councilmember Reeves presented the request for authorization to enter an agreement with Bespoke Garden Service (Carmen Johnston) for professional design development of City Park (the Square). Discussion ensued. Councilmember Varner arrived during the discussion. Mayor Vincent noted for the record that the City of McDonough does not own the square, the County does; and as such, she would like to hold discussions with the County about sharing the costs associated with the design plan. Discussion continued.

Councilmember Reeves made a motion to accept the concept plan proposal from Bespoke Garden Service with modifications, in the amount of \$10,000, conditional upon the partnership with the County to share the costs; and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion for authorization to enter into an agreement with Henry County on the submittal of a Safe Streets for ALL Grant Application, to provide local match in the development of a wayfinding plan for the county-wide trail system. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve, and Mayor Pro Tem Pruett seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Ms. Upshaw offered a Power Point Presentation of the proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget for the City of McDonough:

- Total Proposed revenues for FY 2023-2024: \$26,469,079
- Total proposed expenditures for FY 2023-2024: \$26,469,079
- Total proposed FY 2023-2024 budget summary of all funds: \$66,633,391

A copy of the FY 2023-2024 Proposed Budget is available on the City's website; and a copy is available for review at City Hall. The Public Hearings for the FY 2023-2024 Budget will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.; and at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall.

Community Development**Andrew Baker, Interim Director**

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

Applicant(s): Falcon Design Consultants

Petition Request: Approval of Preliminary Plat

Development: Eagle Rest PH 2

Location: Hampton Street

Mr. Baker advised that the Preliminary Plat Review for Eagle Rest Phase 2 was being withdrawn based on discrepancies in the Code.

Mr. Michael Hightower and Ms. Angela Rambeau with the Collaborative Firm made a presentation for the Comprehensive Plan, including the vision and mission for the City of McDonough. Ms. Rambeau discussed the importance of community engagement and stakeholder input for developing Comprehensive Plan Elements, i.e.; Land Use; Housing; Transportation; Economic Development; Open Spaces, Parks, and Recreation; Public Safety, Public Service and Education; Environmental/Health; Broadband; and Future Land Use.

After the presentation, Mayor Vincent opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in opposition; and Mr. Charles Downey spoke in support. Mayor Vincent closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to authorize the transmittal of the five-year update to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). Mayor Pro Tem Pruett motioned, and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to go into Executive Session for Litigation O.C.G.A. 50-14-2; Real Estate O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(1); and Personnel O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(2). Mayor Pro Tem Pruett motioned, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to go back into Regular Session. Councilmember Stewart motioned, and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

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Councilmember Varner made a motion to adopt a Resolution to appoint Attorney Zuri Jackson as the Solicitor for the City of McDonough, at the City's current Solicitor pay grade; and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor; and one in opposition. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Thomas voted in opposition.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to adopt Resolution 23-06-01, authorizing a limited moratorium on multi-family and hotel development, pending the completion of the Zoning Code update. Councilmember Reeves motioned, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 8:55 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 schedule was published in the *Henry Herald* on December 21, 2022; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.