MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Meeting
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
June 20, 2023
6:00 PM

The Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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	Absent
Councilmember Jamal Burt	Present
Councilmember Scott Reeves	Present
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Vanessa Thomas	Present
Councilmember Kamali Varner	Present

Others in attendance were City Administrator, Steve Morgan; City Attorney, Emilia Walker; City Clerk, Christy Taylor; Police Chief, Ken Noble; Fire Chief, Dave Williams; Interim Finance Director, Deborah Upshaw; Consultant, Mike Clark; Interim Community Development Director, Andrew Baker; Public Works Director, Billy VonDenBosch; Assistant Public Works Director, Brandon Williams; Technology Services Director, Brian Linton; Open Records Officer, Kathy Owens; and Helpdesk Technician, Rob Monnelus.

Councilmember Reeves gave the Invocation; and Councilmember Varner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Vincent called for the approval of the Agenda with the addition of Item 9A, Public Safety Flock Presentation and vote; and Item 13A, First Read of an Ordinance Amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, of the City Code of Ordinances, for Enhanced Public and Administrative Efficiency. Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve, and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett was not present.

The City Clerk sounded the items on the Consent Agenda, as follows:

A. Technology Services **Brian Linton, Director**

Request the approval to pay Tyler Incode annual software maintenance renewal, at a cost of $41,029.25. This cost was planned and funded utilizing General Fund Line Item: 100.5.1535.52.1301

B. Technology Services **Brian Linton, Director**

Request the approval to pay Civic Plus annual software maintenance, at a cost of $10,335.50. This cost was planned and funded utilizing General Fund Line Item: 100.5.1535.54.2599

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Varner motioned to approve, and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett was not present.

Public Comments

(1) Eddy Smith – Mr. Smith requested that his comments be deferred to FY 2023-2024 Proposed Budget discussion and Public Hearing.

Mayor Vincent stated that a Proclamation for Flag Day 2023 was issued on June 14, 2023, to Ms. Meg Atkinson with Sacred Journey Hospice. She also noted that a Proclamation Honoring National Caribbean Heritage Month 2023, and a Resolution Honoring The Life and Legacy Mrs. Vera L. Harris Watson were also issued on behalf of the City.

Public Works Director Billy VonDenBosch presented the request to purchase one 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab from Bellamy Strickland for the Assistant Public Works Director, at a cost of $50,740.00. He identified the funding source as Funding Source: Line Item: 506-5.4970.54.2200. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the purchase of one 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab from Bellamy Strickland for the Assistant Public Works Director, at a cost of $50,740.00. Councilmember Reeves motioned to approve, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett was not present.

Major Kyle Helgerson offered a Power Point Presentation regarding the FLOCK camera systems that the City is currently utilizing to deter and record crimes in the City. He requested that 20 additional cameras be purchased and added in high-crime areas within the City. He noted that the five-year FLOCK proposal includes a discounted rate for per camera purchases from $3000, to $2,500 per camera, for a total cost of $363,000 for 28 cameras, to be paid over a five-year period. ARPA Funds were identified as the Funding Source for the purchase. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Reeves motioned to approve the proposal from FLOCK to purchase a total of 28 cameras, at a total cost of $363,000, to be paid over a five-year period, to be funded with ARPA Funds; and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett was not present.

Mr. Baker presented case number 230309, the request to rezone property located at 632 Racetrack Road from RA-200 (Residential Agricultural) to C-3 (Highway Commercial), for the purposes of developing a gas station/convenience store with a drive-thru restaurant. The Applicant, Mr. Buddy Kelley was present for the meeting along with Attorney Andy Welch, who addressed Mayor and Council about the project, noting agreement with the proposed conditions for the development. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Reeves motioned to approve case number 230309, to rezone the property located at 632 Racetrack Road from RA-200 (Residential Agricultural) to C-3 (Highway Commercial) with conditions, as per Ordinance 23-06-20001(Z); and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Thomas voted in opposition. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett was not present.

Interim Finance Director Deborah Upshaw and Finance Consultant Mike Clark presented a request for the adoption of Resolution 23-06-20.1, for approval of a FY 2022-2023 Budget Amendment. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Stewart motioned to adopt Resolution 23-06-20.1, for the FY 2022-2023 Budget Amendment, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett was not present.
Ms. Upshaw and Mr. Clark offered a presentation of the Proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget:

- 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
- No increase to Millage Rate

Mayor Vincent opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in opposition, and no one spoke in favor. Mr. Eddy Smith was no longer present at the meeting. Mayor Vincent closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to adopt Resolution 23-06-20, and to approve the Proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget. Councilmember Reeves motioned, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett was not present.

Attorney Walker presented the request for the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the City's participation in the Publix Opioid Settlement.

Councilmember Burt motioned to approve, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett was not present.

Attorney Walker presented the first reading of an Ordinance Amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, of the City Code of Ordinances, for Enhanced Public and Administrative Efficiency. Discussion ensued. The Ordinance will be brought back for adoption at the next meeting.

Attorney Walker presented a Resolution updating the City's Purchasing Policy to enhance administrative efficiency for vote and adoption. Discussion ensued. It was determined that this item will come back for further discussion at the next Council Meeting.

Attorney Walker presented the first reading of an Ordinance creating a new Chapter 8.28, Hotels, Motels, and Extended Stay Motels, to promote quality and safe transient lodging. Discussion ensued.
This Ordinance will be presented for consideration at the July Workshop Meeting.

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). Councilmember Reeves motioned, and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett was not present.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to go back into Regular Session. Councilmember Varner motioned, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett was not present.

No action items were reported from Executive Session.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the May 22, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Burt motioned to approve, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett was not present.

Mayor Vincent called for the approval of the June 1, 2023, City Council Workshop Minutes. Councilmember Thomas motioned to approve, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett was not present.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 9:52 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 21, 2022; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.