MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Meeting
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
August 21, 2023
6:00 PM

The Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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

The City Clerk, Ms. Christy Taylor called roll for the meeting, as follows:

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

Others in attendance: City Administrator, Steve Morgan; City Attorney, Emilia Walker; City Clerk, Christy L. Taylor; Police Chief, Ken Noble; Battalion Chief, Gene White; Public Works Director, William VonDenBosch; Interim Finance Director, Deborah Upshaw; Finance Consultant, Mike Clark; Open Records Officer, Kathy Story; and Help Desk Technician, Rob Monnelus.

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

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

The City Clerk sounded the Consent Agenda, as follows:

Consent Agenda

A. Technology Services **Director Brian Linton**

Technology Services requests approval to pay Tyler Technologies' annual renewal invoice in the amount of $21,254.95. This software is utilized by the Police Department for Incident Management, Reporting and Evidence Management and was included in the FY 23-24 Budget. Funding Source: General Fund - Line item 100.5.1535.52.1301

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

Public Comments:

(1) Charles Downey – Comprehensive Plan adoption / Wade Farms Property
(2) Kwamane Snipes – Concerns over lighting issues at Lakemont

City Clerk, Christy Taylor stated that the 2023 Municipal Candidate Qualifying would be reopened on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, through August 25, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30, closing daily from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. for lunch, in accordance with state law (O.C.G.A. 21-2-132).

The Mayor and City Council issued a proclamation Proclaiming John Teague Historian of the City of McDonough. Mr. Teague was in attendance with his father and mother, and he thanked the City of McDonough for the honor of being named Historian.

McDonough Tourism Board members Lee Freeman, Katy Bell, Ansley Glenn, and Vince Loche were in attendance for the meeting. Ms. Bell advised that the McDonough Tourism office has moved and is now located at 8 Jonesboro Street, adjacent to the City of McDonough Welcome Center. She noted that the Tourism Board is still working on putting together information for a presentation which will be provided at the October 16, 2023, City Council Meeting.

Public Works Director Billy VonDenBosch presented the request for approval to purchase an Elgin Regen X Street Sweeper from Environmental Products Group, at a total cost of $284,700.00. Mr. VonDenBosch noted that Environmental Products Group is the sole provider of Elgin equipment in the state of Georgia. He added that this expense was included in the FY 23-24 Budget; and he identified the Funding Source for the purchase as Stormwater Management, Line Item - 506-5.4970.54.2200.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve the purchase of one Elgin Regin X Street Sweeper, as presented; and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Reeves was not present.

City Administrator Steve Morgan presented the request for approval for Georgia Power to install ten (10) streetlights for Lakemont Drive, from Highway 81 to Madison Grace Avenue, at a cost of one prepayment of $42,663.75; and a monthly service fee thereafter in the amount of $303.39 per month. Funding Source: Highways and Streets – Line Item 100-5.4210.53.1301.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruett made a motion to approve Georgia Power to install ten (10) streetlights for Lakemont Drive as presented; and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Reeves was not present.

Mr. Morgan also presented the request for authorization for Ross+Associates to do a complete update and amendment to the Impact Fees Program, at a total cost not to exceed $65,233.00, to be paid over no more than nine months. Mr. Bill Ross with Ross+Associates was in attendance for the meeting, and he addressed the Mayor and Council about the proposed update.

Councilmember Burt made a motion to authorize Ross+Associates to do a complete update and amendment to the Impact Fees Program; and Mayor Pro Tem Pruett seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Reeves was not present.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to adopt Resolution 23-08-21.1, adopting the Capital Improvements Element 2023 Annual Update: FY 2022 Financial Report & Community Work Program.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-08-21.1, adopting the Capital Improvements Element 2023 Annual Update: FY 2022 Financial Report & Community Work Program; and Mayor Pro Tem Pruett seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Reeves was not present.

Chief Noble presented the request for approval to purchase of five (5) tactical rifles, along with accessories to outfit each rifle, including flashlights, Red Dots, and suppressors to be mounted on each rifle. He added that the rifles for the Uniform Patrol Division will start the process of outfitting the entire department with these newer rifles to replace the old ones currently in use.
He noted that the total amount of $10,852.60 will be paid from Red Speed GL account Line Item: 214-5.3210.53.1795.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruett made a motion to approve the purchase of five tactical rifles with accessories as stated, for $10,852.60; and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Reeves was not present.

Mr. Michael Hightower and Ms. Trisha Colpetzer with The Collaborative Firm were in attendance to discuss The Reflection Forward: City of McDonough Comprehensive Plan 2024-2028 Five - Year Update. They noted that the document was transmitted to Department of Community Affairs (DCA)/Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) on June 1, 2023, and received approval from DCA/ARC in July 2023. Mr. Hightower stated that as soon as the City provides written notice that the plan has been adopted and provides DCA with a digital copy of the final adopted version of this document, the City will be awarded Qualified Local Government status. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-08-21, so that the report will be filed with the Atlanta Regional Commission; and Mayor Pro Tem Pruett seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Thomas abstained; and Councilmember Reeves was not present.

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)

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 Burt 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 Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Reeves was not present.

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

There were no action items reported from Executive Session.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the July 24, 2023, Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve, and Councilmember Varner seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Varner was not present for the July 24, 2023, Special Called Meeting; and Councilmember Reeves was not present.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the August 3, 2023, City Council Workshop Minutes. Councilmember Varner motioned and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett was not present for the August 3, 2023, City Council Workshop; and Councilmember Reeves was not present.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 9:01 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.