



MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Workshop
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
November 2, 2023
6:00 PM

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

Ms. Joani Clemons called roll for the meeting, as follows:

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

Others in attendance: City Administrator, Steve Morgan; Attorney T. Orlando Pearson; Police Chief, Ken Noble; Fire Chief, Dave Williams; Finance Consultant, Mike Clark; Interim Finance Director, Deborah Upshaw; Interim Community Development Director, Andrew Baker; and Executive Assistant, Joani Clemons.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruett gave the Invocation.

Councilmember Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Agenda, with the addition of Item 14A, the request for adoption of a Resolution supporting Title VI and Title VII, of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and Item 14B, request for authorization to terminate the City's Master Services Agreement and Order/Quote Q-18866 with Lightbox Parent, LP, to include termination of all orders associated with GovClarity Enterprise Edition, Enterprise at the end of the current term. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett made a motion to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Varner seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmembers Burt and Reeves were not present at the meeting.

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Public Comments

1. Sylvia Holmes, Cottages at Avalon
2. Kathy Hollands, Park Place
3. Montena Young Frazier
4. Larry Blue, Parkside at Avalon
5. Mr. Diggs, Cottages at Avalon

Mayor Vincent noted that a Proclamation for Extra Mile Day and a Proclamation Honoring Henry County Class of 1971 have been issued on behalf of the City of McDonough.

Police Chief Ken Noble presented two Life-Saving Awards to McDonough Police Department Officers C. Parrot and J. Daino, for their assistance in reviving a ten-month old child who had been nonresponsive.

City Administrator Steve Morgan presented a request for Current Edge Solutions to perform an emergency repair on generator to remove current mechanism and control that appear burnt in the 800-amp ats new ABB, at a total cost of \$19,881.00. True one 800 amp-mechanism and control will be installed connected and commissioned. Power outage will be scheduled for ats to be changed out. A new start relay will be installed in genset as unit will crank but not start. This will include assessment once the relay is replaced.

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 Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmembers Burt and Reeves were not present at the meeting.

Mr. Morgan presented a request for authorization to pay Otis Elevator annual service fee of \$14,593.56.

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

Mr. Morgan also presented a request for approval to purchase 100 (one hundred) $\frac{3}{4}$ Neptune Water Meters with antennas from Delta Municipal Company, at a total cost of \$25,500.00. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Varner seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmembers Burt and Reeves were not present at the meeting.

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Finance Consultant Mike Clark and Interim Finance Director Deborah Upshaw presented the request for adoption of a Budget Amendment Resolution to Amend the FY 2023-2024 Budget to re-appropriate funds from the General Fund to the Special Events Fund, a special revenue fund, created to account for special events, tourism, the Main Street Program, and staff funded by Hotel Motel Taxes.

Councilmember Varner made a motion to approve Resolution 23-11-02, to Amend the FY 2023-2024 Budget to re-appropriate funds from the General Fund to the Special Events Fund, a special revenue fund, created to account for special events, tourism, the Main Street Program, and staff funded by Hotel Motel Taxes; and Mayor Pro Tem Pruett seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmembers Burt and Reeves were not present at the meeting.

Mr. Clark and Ms. Upshaw presented an update related to the Public Safety Salary Adjustment. Mr. Clark said that the data has been provided by the Police and Fire Chiefs from the City of McDonough, and that currently that information is being compared with salary information from other entities. He said that this issue is a priority of the Mayor and Council, and noted that compression will factor in, impacting salaries overall. He said that at this time, the Finance Department is working to determine the method by which those adjustments will be made.

Mayor Vincent presented the request for the adoption of a Resolution signifying the importance of the preservation of greenspace within the City of McDonough.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-11-02.1, signifying the importance of the preservation of greenspace within the City of McDonough; and Councilmember Varner seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmembers Burt and Reeves were not present at the meeting.

Item 14A was added when the Agenda was approved. Mayor Vincent presented the request for adoption of a Resolution supporting Title VI and Title VII, of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruett made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-11-02.2, supporting Title VI and Title VII, of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmembers Burt and Reeves were not present at the meeting.

Item 14B was added when the Agenda was approved. Mayor Vincent presented the request for authorization to terminate the City's Master Services Agreement and Order/Quote Q-18866 with Lightbox Parent, LP, to include termination of all orders associated with GovClarity Enterprise Edition, Enterprise at the end of the current term.

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Councilmember Varner made a motion to approve the request for authorization to terminate the City's Master Services Agreement, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmembers Burt and Reeves were not present at the meeting.

Mayor Vincent presented the discussion regarding the number of days for trash collection days within the City of McDonough. She said that certain vendors are not able to handle the capacity with just two days of collection; therefore, vendors have requested that three days of collection be considered. Discussion ensued. City Administrator Morgan said he would suggest a three-day schedule with the use of side-loaders, which would lead to a decrease in costs. Mayor Vincent added that new zones will be assigned for pick-up as well. Discussion continued.

Councilmember Varner made a motion to authorize a three-day collection with the sanitation vendor, and Mayor Pro Tem Pruett seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmembers Burt and Reeves were not present at the meeting.

Interim Community Development Director Mr. Andrew Baker presented case number 230104, the request to rezone property at 343 Turner Church Road from RA-200 (Residential Agricultural) w/conditions per ORD #21-11-15002(A)(Z), to R-50 (Single Family Residential) or PUD (Planned Unit Development). He noted that the proposal is to build 278 lots that will be single-family detached, along with 48 senior villas.

Mr. Steven Moore with Moore Bass Consulting was in attendance at the meeting, and he offered a presentation to the Mayor and Council regarding the proposed project. He noted that since the last time the proposed project was presented to the Council, the project is now proposed as an age-restricted gated community. He also provided the Governing Body with a handout and a map regarding the proposed project. (A copy of those documents is filed with the City Clerk's Office). Discussion ensued.

This case is scheduled to come back to the Council for a vote on November 20, 2023.

Mr. Baker also presented case number 230804, the petition to conduct a Concept Plan review as required per zoning conditions within Ordinance 05-02-07003(Z), for property located at 2060 Industrial Parkway. The Applicant was in attendance for the meeting, and presentation a Concept Plan for the development of a Dollar General Store at the location. Discussion ensued.

This item will come back for vote at the November 20, 2023, City Council Meeting.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to go into Executive Session for Real Estate O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(1). Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember

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Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmembers Burt and Reeves were not present at the meeting.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Pruett made a motion to approve the October 5, 2023, City Council Workshop Minutes, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmembers Burt and Reeves were not present at the meeting.

Councilmember Varner made a motion to approve the October 16, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes, and Mayor Pro Tem Pruett seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmembers Burt and Reeves were not present at the meeting.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Christy L. Taylor, CMC
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.

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