MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Workshop
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
March 7, 2024
6:00 PM

The Regular Scheduled Workshop of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Sandra 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 Kamali Varner	(Arrived after meeting began)
Councilmember Jamal Burt	Present
Councilmember Darryl Payton	Present
Councilmember Scott Reeves	Present
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Vanessa Thomas	Present

Others in attendance: City Administrator, Steve Morgan; City Attorney, Emilia Walker; City Clerk, Christy Taylor; Fire Chief, Dave Williams; Major Paul Honcharik; Interim Community Development Director, Andrew Baker; Interim Finance Director, Deborah Upshaw; Human Resources Director, LaTangela Hill; Public Works Director, William VonDenBosch; Technology Services Director, Brian Linton; City Planner, ShaVon Terrell; and Help Desk Technician, Rob Monnelus.

Councilmember Thomas gave the Invocation; and Councilmember Payton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Agenda, with the removal of Item 13, to be replaced with authorization for the Mayor to complete negotiations with Henry County and the Intergovernmental Agreement for Camp Creek Greenway. Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Mayor Pro Tem Varner was not present for the vote.

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

A. Public Works – Water Treatment Plant **Steve Cox, Plant Manager**

Request for authorization to surplus one 2010 Ford F-150 pickup truck from the Water Treatment Plant, VIN# 1FTMF1CW2AKC52554. Any proceeds received will be deposited into the General Fund.

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

Request for approval to pay Microsoft 365 annual renewal maintenance invoice in the amount of $15,984.40. Funding Source: Line Item: 100.5.1535.52.1303

C. Administration **Christy Taylor, City Clerk**

Approval of the February 19, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes.

D. Facilities and Assets **Steve Morgan, City Administrator**

Request approval to authorize Current Edge Solutions to replace a faulty alternator end on the generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, at a cost of $22,138.00. Funding Source: Line Item 100-5.1565.52.2240. This is considered an emergency repair.

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

There were no Public Comments.

Councilmember Reeves appointed Brian Shuler to the Planning Commission; and the Governing Body approved the appointment by consensus. Mayor Pro Tem Varner was not present.

Major Paul Honcharik presented the request for approval of the purchase and implementation of (35) Brother PocketJet printers and arm rest, to be mounted into all Police fleet vehicles. The installation and purchase will be from West Chatham Warning Devices located in Griffin, GA., at a total cost of $27,982.75. He identified the Funding Source as Line Item - 214-5.3210.531795 (Red Speed). Discussion ensued.

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

Technology Services Director, Brian Linton presented the request for approval to implement Genetec surveillance and access control systems at the Public Works building at a total cost of $27,590.54. He identified the Funding Source as Line Item -100.5.4210.53.1600. Discussion ensued.

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

Interim Community Development Director, Andrew Baker presented case 231203, a request to rezone property at 1726 Highway 20 West, from C-2 (Central Commercial) with conditions, to C-3, for a gas station. The Applicant, Mr. Jeremy Crosby was in attendance for the meeting, and he addressed Mayor and Council regarding the proposed project. Discussion ensued.

This case is scheduled to come back for Public Hearing and vote on March 18, 2024.

Mr. Baker also reviewed case 240101, the request to allow a Special Use Permit for a storage facility at 11 Saras Bend. The Applicant, Mr. Merg Hoffman was in attendance for the meeting, and he offered a presentation about the proposed project. Mr. Jalen Cornell with Chick Fil A was also in attendance, and he spoke in support of the proposed storage facility, which would include parking designated for Chick Fil A employees. Discussion ensued.

This case is scheduled to come back for Public Hearing and vote on March 18, 2024.

Mayor Vincent requested authorization for the Mayor to complete negotiations and sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Henry County for the Camp Creek Greenway. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Reeves made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

City Administrator, Mr. Steve Morgan presented the request for **a**uthorization for the Mayor to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Henry County for the paving of four lanes on Jonesboro Road from Interstate 75, to Rosebud Lane. Total project costs of $5,000,000.00, with $4,000,000.00, federally funded, for a total balance of $1,000,000.00, to be paid through McDonough having a local match of $360,000.00, and the County's match of $640,000.00. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Burt made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

No Executive Session was held.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 7:30 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 2, 2023; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.