



MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Meeting
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
March 18, 2024
6:00 PM

The Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Monday, March 18, 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	Present
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; Police Chief, Ken Noble; Fire Chief, Dave Williams; Interim Community Development Director, Andrew Baker; Interim Finance Director, Deborah Upshaw; Human Resources Director, LaTangela Hill; Technology Services Director, Brian Linton; City Planner, ShaVon Terrell; and Help Desk Technician, Rob Monnelus.

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

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Burt made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

The City Clerk sounded the Consent Agenda, as follows:

A. Technology Services

Brian Linton, Director

Request for approval to purchase additional Microsoft 365 licenses for \$10,669.20.

Funding Source: Line Item: 100.5.15354.52.1301

B. Administration

Christy Taylor, City Clerk

Approval of the March 7, 2024, City Council Workshop Minutes

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Public Comments

1. Kwamane Snipes – opposed to proposed indoor storage facility at 11 Saras Bend

Fire Chief Dave Williams presented the request for approval to purchase a 2024 SUV; a Chevrolet Tahoe or Ford Explorer for Fire Department Administration / Command, at a cost of \$60,000, for the vehicle; \$11,260 for emergency lights and sirens at West Chatham; \$608 for radio installation at Loudoun Communications; \$1,750 for lettering and striping at Sign Craft; and \$140 for window tinting at Auto Expressions, totaling \$73,758.00. He noted for the record that in lieu of Capital Outlay Funds, the vehicle will be funded through SPLOST V, Line Item 326-5.3520.54.1200. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2024 SUV, as stated; and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Police Chief Ken Noble and City Attorney Emilia walker presented the second reading of an Ordinance Amending Title 5 of the City of McDonough Code of Ordinances to allow for To-Go Cocktail sales in accordance with State Bill 236. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 24-03-18, Amending Title 5 of the City of McDonough Code of Ordinances to allow for To-Go Cocktail sales in accordance with State Bill 236. Mayor Pro Tem Varner made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor and one in opposition. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Reeves, and Councilmember Stewart. Councilmember Thomas voted in opposition.

Interim Director, Andrew Baker presented case number 230804, the request for a petition to conduct a Concept Plan Review as required per zoning conditions within Ordinance #05-02-07003(Z). The property is located in District 4, with a current zoning of C-2 (Central Commercial) with conditions per Ordinance 05-02-07003(Z).

Discussion ensued. Applicant, SW West McDonough, LLC, and the Applicant's agent, Mr. Brian Sullivan, were in attendance and agreed to conditions for the proposed project as stated below:

- No outdoor storage, to include ice machine, propane gas, merchandise, etc.
- Downcast site lighting
- "No outlet" signage to be displayed at both site entrances
- "No right turn" signage to be displayed at the Haworth Parkway entrance
- Brick enclosed trash compactor
- Operational surveillance cameras on all four corners of building
- Applicant will pay the costs to install one FLOCK camera, in addition to the four surveillance cameras referenced above.
- Stonework on the property will match the Cottages at Avalon entrance monument

Mayor Vincent opened the Public Hearing. Montana Frazier spoke in favor; and Victoria Fletcher and Sylvia Holmes spoke in opposition. Mayor Vincent closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Varner made a motion to approve the proposed concept plan with conditions as stated, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was three in favor, three in opposition, and one abstention. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Payton, and Councilmember Stewart. Those voting in opposition were Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Burt, and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Reeves abstained.

Mayor Vincent called for a roll call vote.

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

Councilmember Thomas	No.
Mayor Pro Tem Varner	No.
Councilmember Stewart	Yes.
Mayor Vincent	Yes.
Councilmember Payton	Yes.
Councilmember Reeves	Abstain.
Councilmember Burt	No.

Mayor Vincent called for a reconsideration of the roll call vote.

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

Councilmember Thomas	No.
Mayor Pro Tem Varner	No.
Councilmember Stewart	Yes.
Mayor Vincent	Yes.
Councilmember Payton	Yes.
Councilmember Reeves	Yes.
Councilmember Burt	No.

The vote was four in favor and three in opposition. The motion passed.

Mr. Baker presented Case #231203, on behalf of Jones Petroleum Company, to rezone property located at 1726 Highway 20 W, from C-2 (Central Commercial) with conditions per Ordinance #03-08-4001(A), to C-3 (Highway Commercial) for a gas station. The Applicant, Mr. Jeremy Crosby was in attendance, and he addressed the Council about the proposed project. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Vincent opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in favor; and no one spoke in opposition. Mayor Vincent closed the Public Hearing

Mayor Pro Tem Varner made a motion to deny the request to rezone from C-2 to C-3, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was five in favor and two in opposition. The motion to deny passed. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Payton and Councilmember Stewart voted in opposition.

Mr. Baker presented case #24010, the request to allow for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for an indoor self-storage facility at 11 Saras Bent. The current zoning for the property is C-3 (Highway Commercial) w/conditions per ORD #12-11-09002(Z). The Applicant was in attendance, and he briefly addressed the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Vincent opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in favor; and Kwamane Snipes spoke in opposition. Mayor Vincent closed the Public Hearing.

Prior to the vote, Councilmember Reeves confirmed with the Applicant that there will be no outdoor storage at the facility; and the Applicant agreed.

Councilmember Reeves made a motion to approve case number 240101, with conditions as presented, and Mayor Pro Tem Varner seconded. The vote was six in favor and one in opposition. The motion passed. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Burt voted in opposition.

No Executive Session was held.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 8:09 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 02, 2023; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.