



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

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

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

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

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

Others in attendance: City Administrator, Steve Morgan; City Attorney, Emilia C. Walker; City Clerk, Christy L. Taylor; Police Chief, Ken Noble; Fire Chief, Dave Williams; Interim Community Development Director, Andrew Baker; Interim Finance Director, Deborah Upshaw; Public Works Director, Billy VonDenBosch; Technology Services Director, Brian Linton; Assistant Public Works Director, Brandon Williams; Stormwater Manager, Tommy Brown; Community Planner, Shavon Terrell; and Help Desk Technician, Rob Monnelus.

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

Mayor Vincent called for the approval of the agenda with the addition of a Resolution in Honor of Mrs. Rosalynn Carter. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Public Comments

(1) Shelby Hatcher Gosnell – Pub-Breweries

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The following proclamations were presented:

- Honoring Jessie Harrison, World Champion Pistol Shooter
- Honoring The Henry County AARP Chapter #4245
- In Honor of Genaro Stewart
- Resolution in Remembrance of Thomas Solomon, Jr.
- Resolution in Remembrance of Mrs. Rosalynn Carter

Mayor Vincent presented the request for the adoption of a Resolution naming the Walking Trail at Jonesboro Road Park as “Miracle’s Mile”, in remembrance of Miracle Parham Williams as well as other youth from the McDonough community whose lives have been lost. Councilmember Burt made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

The Governing Body offered their appointments for the 2024 Board of Zoning Appeals (BOZA), as follows:

Mayor Sandra Vincent reappointed Reid Burch.
Councilmember Jamal Burt reappointed Sam Humphey.
Councilmember Scott Reeves reappointed Charles Piersaul, Jr.
Councilmember Rufus Stewart appointed Jerry Adams.
Councilmember Vanessa Thomas appointed Cathy Hollins.
Councilmember Kam Varner reappointed Sylvia Holmes.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve 2024 appointments of Mayor and Council to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilmember Thomas made a motion to approve the BOZA appointments, and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

The Governing Body offered their appointments for the 2024 Planning Commission (PC) as follows:

Mayor Sandra Vincent reappointed Ricky Beauchamp.
Councilmember Jamal Burt appointed Dr. Eric Calhoun.
Councilmember Scott Reeves reappointed Taira Castora.
Councilmember Rufus Stewart reappointed Calvin McLenden.
Councilmember Vanessa Thomas reappointed Latonua Hawkins.
Councilmember Kam Varner reappointed Stanley Head.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve 2024 appointments of Mayor and Council to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve the appointments, and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Attorney Emilia C. Walker presented an Ordinance Updating Title 5, Section 5.24.204(A), Classification of alcohol licenses; fees, of the City Code of Ordinances. Discussion ensued.

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Mayor Vincent called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 23-11-20, Updating Title 5, Section 5.24.204(A), Classification of alcohol licenses; fees, of the City Code of Ordinances. Councilmember Thomas made a motion to adopt Ordinance 23-11-20, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Community Development

Interim Director, Andrew Baker

Case #230104

District 3: Scott Reeves

Applicant: Stephen Moore for Turner Church Rd. – David Weekley Project

Address: 343 Turner Church Rd.

Request: To rezone property to R-50 (Single Family Residential) or PUD (Planned Unit Development)

Zoning: RA-200 (Residential Agricultural) w/conditions per ORD #21-11-15002(A)(Z)

Land Lot(s) 71, 72, 89 & 90 of the 7th District 151.76 +/- total acres

*****THIS ITEM HAS BEEN DEFERRED UNTIL DECEMBER 11, 2023, AT THE REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT***

Community Development

Interim Director, Andrew Baker

Case #230804

District 4: Kam Varner

Applicant: Jason Fritz of SW West McDonough, LLC on behalf of the Dollar General

Address: 2060 Industrial Pkwy

Request: A petition to conduct a Concept Plan Review as required per zoning conditions within ORD#05-02-07003(Z).

Zoning: C-2 (Central Commercial) w/conditions per ORD #05-02-07003(Z)

Land Lot(s) 195 of the 7th District

1.41 +/- total acres

*****THIS ITEM HAS BEEN DEFERRED TO A LATER DATE AT THE REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT***

Interim Community Development Director, Andrew Baker presented the request for adoption of an Ordinance providing Text Amendments to amend Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) zoning district to accommodate the development of Brew Pubs AND Highway Commercial (C-3) to accommodate the development of Multistory Climate Control Self-Storage Facilities with a Special Land Use Permit. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Thomas shared concerns over the approval of Brew Pubs in close proximity to residential areas.

Councilmember Burt made a motion to adopt Ordinance 23-11-20.1 to approve the text amendments to amend Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) zoning district to accommodate the development of Brew Pubs AND Highway Commercial (C-3) to accommodate the development of Multistory Climate Control Self-Storage Facilities with a Special Land Use Permit; and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was six in favor and one in opposition. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Thomas voted in opposition.

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Assistant Public Works Director, Brandon Williams presented a request for approval of the proposal for Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson (JMT) to provide professional services for drainage and sidewalk improvements located within the defined area of the Blacksville Community. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Varner made a motion to approve the proposal for Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson (JMT) to provide professional services for drainage and sidewalk improvements located within the defined area of the Blacksville Community; and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Technology Services Director, Brian Linton presented a request for authorization for the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of McDonough and the Federal Government (Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security).

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the MOU between the City of McDonough and the Federal Government (Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security), and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Christy Taylor, City Clerk read the November 7, 2023, Certified Election Results, as follows:

Election for Councilmember At Large: I. Darryl Payton received 632 votes.
Benjamin W. Pruett received 489 votes.
There were 1,121 total votes in this race.

Election for Councilmember District 3: Carlos M. Mora, Jr. received 160 votes.
A. Scott Reeves received 443 votes.
There were 603 total votes in this race.

Election for Councilmember District 4: Octavia Dunigan received 56 votes.
Kamali Varner received 169 votes.
There were 488 total votes in this race.

Ms. Taylor presented the 2024 City of McDonough City Council Meetings Schedule for approval. Discussion ensued. After discussion, it was determined by consensus that the July 2024 City Council Workshop will be moved to Monday, July 1, 2024.

Councilmember Burt made a motion to approve the 2024 City Council Meeting Schedule, with the amendment to move the July Workshop to July 1, 2024; and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Ms. Taylor also presented the 2024 City of McDonough Holiday Schedule for approval. Discussion ensued regarding amending the proposed holiday schedule to include December 31, 2024, New Year's Eve. After discussion, it was determined that this item will be deferred to the December 11, 2023, City Council Meeting.

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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); Personnel O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(2); and Special Exception O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(4).

Councilmember Varner made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes as stated, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruett made a motion to go back into Regular Session, and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Councilmember Reeves made a motion to authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement for a City Administrative Services Consultant at an amount not to exceed \$29.00 per hour and 35 hours per week, and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Mayor Vincent abstained.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruett made a motion to authorize the Mayor to further negotiate and execute an addendum to the City's current sanitation agreement, authorizing the current provider to continue services for up to a period not to exceed four months, following the conclusion of the current Sanitation RFP process; and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the November 2, 2023, City Council Meeting Workshop Minutes. Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve, and Mayor Pro Tem Pruett seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the November 9, 2023, Special Called Meeting Minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Burt did not vote.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Christy L. Taylor, CMC
City Clerk

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