



MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Meeting
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
June 17, 2024
6:00 PM

The Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Monday, June 17, 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 Kamili 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; Community Development Director, Sylvia Smith; 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; Assistant Public Works Director, Brandon Williams; Open Records Officer, Kathy Story; and Help Desk Technician, Rob Monnelus.

Councilmember Burt gave the Invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Varner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Reeves made a motion to approve, and Mayor Pro Tem Varner seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

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

6A. Main Street

Cinderella Bennett, Manager

Request authorization for the Mayor to sign the 2024-2025 Georgia Department of Community Affairs Main Street Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

6B. Technology Services

Brian Linton, Director

Request for approval to pay the Civic Plus invoice for annual maintenance subscription renewal for productivity workflow, staff apps, and users, in the amount of \$10,473.75.

Funding Source: Line item – 100-5.1535.52.1301

6C. Technology Services

Brian Linton, Director

Request for approval to purchase 10 additional licenses for Laserfiche at a cost of \$12,805.23, for the Court and Police Departments; this will move the departments to digital retention of documents and cut down on paper storage in the records rooms.

Funding Source: Line Item - 214-5.3210.53.1795 Red Speed

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

Public Comments

- (1.) Preston Diggs – traffic, speeding and roadway issues along Avalon Parkway
- (2.) Lindsey Strickland – McDonough Main Street Be Spoke Garden Agreement

Mayor Vincent stated that a Proclamation in Honor of Flag Day was presented on June 14, 2024, at Heritage Park.

David Jernigan, President & CEO of Boys & Girls Club of Metro Atlanta, along with Ebony McLendon gave a presentation and update on the Shaquille O’Neal Boys and Girls Club.

Police Chief Ken Noble presented the request for approval for purchase, implement, and agree to a 1-year contract for (2) Paladin drones and services, at a total cost of \$84,000.00. He identified the funding source as Line Item: 214-5.3210.53.1795 RedSpeed Account. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that this item will come back at the July 1, 2024, City Council Workshop for a vote.

Public Works Director William VonDenBosch presented the request for approval for the purchase of one (1) solar-powered signboard for advertising events and road closures, at a cost of \$21,438.35. He noted that the City normally has four signs for this purpose; however, one was damaged in an accident, and this would be a replacement for that sign. He identified the funding source as Line Item: Small Equipment 100-5.4210.53.1600. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem Varner made a motion to approve the purchase of one solar-powered signboard at a cost of \$21,438.35, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mr. VonDenBosch also presented the request for approval for the Mayor to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Henry County to pave Bridges Road. He noted that the City’s portion would be funded through Local Maintenance & Improvements Grant (LMIG). Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Burt made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the IGA with Henry County to pave Bridges Road, and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Interim Finance Director, Deborah Upshaw presented the request for adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution 24-06-17, to Amend the FY 2023-2024 Budget for approved transactions in the various funds. Ms. Upshaw reviewed the proposed amendments, and discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem Varner made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-06-17, Amending the FY 2023-2024 Budget; and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Ms. Upshaw also reviewed the proposed FY 2024-2025 Budget for the City of McDonough:

- Total Revenues for FY 2024-2024 General Fund are \$29,788,667.00.
- Capital Outlay Requests for the FY 2024-2025 Budget total \$894,723.00
- Total FY 2024-2025 Revenues for all funds are \$78,717,215.00, which is reflected as an increase of 13 percent.

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 adopt Resolution 24-06.17.1, adopting the FY 2024-2025 Budget for the City of McDonough, and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Interim Community Development Director, Andrew Baker presented the request for approval to upgrade Community Development's Permitting, Inspections, and Business license applications by Tyer Technologies for a one-time set up and configuration cost of \$131,800.00, with a recurring annual maintenance fee of \$69,286.00, for three years. He identified the proposed Funding Source as Line Item -100-5.1535.54.2599 Capital Outlay. Discussion ensued relative to funding the purchase through SPLOST V.

Councilmember Reeves made a motion to approve the upgrade of Community Development's Permitting, Inspections, and Business License applications by Tyler Technologies for a one-time set-up and configuration cost of \$131,800.00, with a recurring annual maintenance fee of \$69,286.00, for three years, to be funded through SPLOST V; and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Community Development Director, Sylvia Smith notified the Governing Body that the Applicant in case number 240402, for Calliope Crossing had requested deferral of this item to the July 22, 2024, City Council Meeting.

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

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

Mayor Vincent made a motion to disapprove and deny the Henry County Board of Commissioners' request for de-annexation of approximately 508.806 +/- acres of land in McDonough, on the grounds and findings provided to the City Clerk; and Mayor Pro Tem Varner seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Varner made a motion to approve the June 6, 2024, City Council Workshop Minutes, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor and one abstention. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Reeves, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Burt was not present at the June 6, 2024, City Council Workshop.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Varner made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 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.