MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Workshop

McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
June 6, 2024
6:00 PM

The Regular Scheduled Workshop of the City of McDonough Mayor and Council was held on Thursday, June 6, 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 the start of the meeting)
Councilmember Jamal Burt	Absent
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 Finance Director, Deborah Upshaw; Finance Consultant, Mike Clark; Human Resources Director, LaTangela Hill; Technology Services Director, Brian Linton; Assistant Public Works Director, Brandon Williams; Open Records Officer, Kathy Story; and Permit Coordinator, Kelsey Liddick.

Councilmember Reeves gave the Invocation.

Councilmember Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

A. Community Development **Steve Morgan, City Administrator**

Request approval to authorize Johnson Demolition to move forward with the demolition of property and removal of debris located at 128 Rankin Circle, McDonough, Georgia, 30253, at a cost of $16,500.00. Funding Source: Line Item 100-5.7450.52.3850 Building/Inspections Contract Labor.

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

Request for approval to pay Tyler Technologies' annual invoice in the amount of $43,505.96, for Incode Accounting, Utility Billing, Permitting and Business License software. Funding Source: Line Item - 100.5.1535.52.1301

C. Approval of the May 20, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes

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

Public Comments:
(1) Dr. Peto Fallas – Golf Carts in the City

Mayor Vincent stated that the Proclamation in Recognition of Caribbean Heritage Month will be presented at a future date.

Mr. Maclin Williams offered an update on the Weekend Wellness Warrior – McDonough Walking Club. He said he has put together a committee to assist in reaching out to the public to make the citizens aware that the program is designed to encourage others to consider their health and to get out and be active. He also noted that the program is a collaborative effort with the Department of Health and the American Heart Association.

Mr. Tyler McSwain with The Collaborative Firm offered a brief update on the progress of the Zoning Code Update. He said that six of the eight objectives have been completed, and that they would like to make the official presentation to the Mayor and Council in July. Discussion ensued. It was agreed by consensus that this presentation would take place in July.

Interim Finance Director, Deborah Upshaw and Finance Consultant, Mike Clark presented the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Ms. Upshaw reviewed a Power Point Presentation regarding the make up of the $29,208,350.00 proposed budget. A copy of the Draft Budget was provided to the Governing Body and posted on the City’s website. Additionally, copies of the Draft Budget can be reviewed by the public at City Hall.

Community Development Director, Sylvia Smith noted for the record that the City has received a formal request from the Applicant to defer Case 240205, Lake Dow Self Storage, to the July 22, 2024, City Council Meeting.

Ms. Smith then reviewed the petition in case 240402, Calliope Crossing (formerly known as Crown Summit), the request for a zoning modification from current conditions regarding side-entry two-car garages and the length of driveways increased to 22 feet. Mr. Richard Stevenson was in attendance on behalf of the Applicant, and he reviewed the requested changes and sought feedback from the Governing Body.

During the discussion, the desire for six-foot sidewalks and the addition of an amenity in the portion of the subdivision that is across the roadway were discussed. This item is scheduled for a Public Hearing and vote at the June 17, 2024, City Council Meeting.

The City Attorney made the request that the agenda be amended to remove Item 14, and move to Item 15, Executive Session.

Councilmember Reeves made a motion to remove Item 14, and move to Item 15, on the Agenda, and Mayor Pro Tem Varner seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Reeves, and Councilmember Stewart. Councilmember Thomas was not present for the vote, and Councilmember Burt was not present at the meeting.

Councilmember Reeves made 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), and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Reeves, and Councilmember Stewart. Councilmember Thomas was not present for the vote, and Councilmember Burt was not present at the meeting.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to go back into Regular Session, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was six in favor. 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 meeting.

There were no action items to report.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 8:23 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.