



MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Workshop
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
July 1, 2024
6:00 PM

The Regular Scheduled Workshop of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Monday, July 1, 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	Absent (Due to work)
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; 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 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.

Public Comments:

(1.) Charlotte Hinton – Traffic issues and speeding on Old Griffin Road

Mayor Vincent noted for the record that a Proclamation for Laugh Out Loud Day, In Recognition of the Laugh All Night Comedy Tour was issued during the last week of June.

Police Chief, Ken Noble brought back the request for approval to purchase and implement a one-year contract for (2) Paladin drones and services, at a total cost of \$84,000.00. He previously identified the Funding Source as Line Item 214-5.3210.53.1795, the RedSpeed Account. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve the purchase and implementation of a one-year contract for (2) Paladin drones and services, at a total cost of \$84,000.00; 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.

Community Development Director, Sylvia Smith reviewed case number 240501, Whit Porter of PLG, LLC for Racetrack Road Townhomes with the request to rezone 14.08 acres on Racetrack Road from RA-200 (Residential Agricultural) to RTD (Residential Townhouse District). Mr. William Deihl was in attendance on behalf of the Applicant, and he briefly reviewed the proposed project, as follows:

- 14.08 acre-tract
- 92 units
- All rental townhomes
- Three and four-bedroom units with rent from \$2,300 to \$2,600 per month
- Amenities include a dog park, mail kiosk, pavilion, and a playground.

Discussion ensued. Councilmember Thomas shared concerns relative to the rental costs. Mayor Vincent shared her concerns about the property being 100 percent rental, and not zoned as Multi-Family. Additionally, she requested that the Community Development Director determine how many homes would fit on the parcel under the current zoning and provide that information prior to the next meeting.

This case is scheduled to come back for a Public Hearing and vote at the July 22, 2024, City Council Meeting.

City Administrator, Steve Morgan submitted the request to close city offices on Friday, July 5, 2024, with the Fourth of July Holiday falling on a Thursday this year. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve the Friday, July 5, 2024, closure of city offices, in conjunction with the Fourth of July Holiday; 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.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to go into Executive Session (if needed) 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 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.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to go back into Regular Session. Councilmember Reeves made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Reeves, and Councilmember Stewart. Councilmember Thomas was not present for the vote, and Mayor Pro Tem Varner was absent from the meeting.

There were no action items to report.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion for the approval of the June 17, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes. 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.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 7:54 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.