



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

The Regular Scheduled Workshop of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Thursday, August 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	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; Deputy City Administrator, Andrew Baker; City Clerk, Christy Taylor; Police Chief, Ken Noble; Fire Chief, Dave Williams; Community Development Director, Sylvia Smith; Finance Consultant, Mike Clark; Parks Director, Brandon Williams; Technology Services Director, Brian Linton; Kelsey Liddick, Permit Coordinator; and Rob Monnelus, Help Desk Technician.

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

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Item 8A, authorization for the City to enter into the Kroger Opioid Settlement.

Councilmember Burt made a motion to approve the agenda as stated, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Public Comment was moved to the discussion item that was the subject of the comments: Chase Hardin, Heritage Montessori School.

Finance Consultant, Mike Clark presented the request for the adoption of a Resolution, Adopting the Capital Improvements Element 2024 Annual Update.

Councilmember Reeves made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-08-01, Adopting the Capital Improvements Element 2024 Annual Update; and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Police Chief Ken Noble presented the request for approval to purchase of (7) 2025 Ford Interceptor SUVs with police package, from Legacy Ford for the Uniform Patrol Division, with the addition of emergency lighting packages from West Chatham in Griffin, GA; Emergency Radios from Loudoun Communications in Douglasville, GA; and striping from Sign Craft in McDonough, GA. Total cost per vehicle is \$70,817.07; with the total cost of \$495,719.49, for seven vehicles. He identified the Funding Source as SPLOST V – Project 12 Line Item – 326-5.3210.54.2200. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem Varner made a motion to approve the purchase of seven (7) 2025 Ford Interceptor SUVs, as stated; and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent requested authorization for the City to enter into the Kroger Opioid Settlement. Mayor Pro Tem Varner made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

City Administrator, Steve Morgan presented the request for approval to purchase two Hometown Trollies, at a cost of \$241,026.00 each, for a total cost of \$482,052.00, which will align with the goals of the City's Comprehensive Plan. He identified the Funding Sources as ARPA Line Item – 230-5.1512.54.1200 (\$149,000.00); ARPA Line Item 230-5.1110.54.1210 (\$200,000.00); and Special Revenues Line Item 202-5.1110.54.2599 (\$133,052.00). Discussion ensued.

Mayor Vincent made a motion to approve the purchase of two trollies, at a total cost of \$482,052.00, to be funded as stated. Discussion continued.

Councilmember Reeves stated that he believed more discussion about the budget and the creation of operations was necessary before taking a vote on the purchase of the trollies. Councilmember Thomas made a motion to postpone the vote on the trollies to October, to allow more time to determine the plan. Discussion continued. Mayor Vincent noted that as a point of order, the motion to approve the purchase had not been yet seconded; therefore, another motion could not yet be heard. Discussion continued. Councilmember Stewart commented that he believed the vote should be deferred to the next meeting.

Mayor Vincent called for a second on the motion to approve the purchase of the trollies. Councilmember Payton seconded the motion to approve, as stated. The vote was three in favor; three in opposition; and one abstention. The motion to approve did not pass. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, and Councilmember Payton. Those voting in opposition were Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Reeves, and Councilmember Stewart. Councilmember Thomas abstained.

Community Development Director, Sylvia Smith reviewed a presentation regarding a proposed Text Amendment to amend Zoning District Chapter 17.56 (O-I/Office Institutional), more specially Section 17.56.020: to allow for public/private schools and vocational schools under a Special Use Permit (SUP).

Ms. Smith reviewed the petition in case 240601, the request to rezone the property located at 108 Jonesboro Road, from C-2 (Central Commercial) to allow an event venue, and to utilize the MU_CR (Mixed-Use Commercial Residential) Overlay District. Attorney Andy Welch was in attendance on behalf of the Applicant, and he discussed the proposal to rezone the property. This item will come back for a Public Hearing on August 19, as advertised; however, the vote will be postponed to the September 5, 2024, City Council Workshop.

Ms. Smith reviewed the petition in case 240602, the request by Chase Hardin for Heritage Montessori School, for a Special Use Permit to allow a school at 262 Macon Street. Mr. Hardin was in attendance, and he addressed the Mayor and Council about the proposed new location for the school. This item will come back for a Public Hearing and vote on August 19, 2024.

Public Comments:

(1) Andrew Johnson – Chase Hardin

City Attorney, Emilia Walker presented the request for approval to make repairs to Ms. Lily Miller's driveway, per conditions of Ordinance 21-08-16002(Z); whereby the original Applicant failed to complete the requirement. The Funding Source for the repairs was identified as SPLOST V – Project 14 Road Improvements. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve the repairs to Ms. Miller's driveway, and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

No Executive Session was held.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion for the approval of the July 22, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Burt made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmembers Reeves and Varner abstained, as they were not present for the July 22, 2024, City Council Meeting.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 7:17 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.