



MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Workshop
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
November 7, 2024
6:00 PM

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; City Clerk, Christy Taylor; Police Chief, Ken Noble; Fire Chief, Dave Williams; Deputy City Administrator, Andrew Baker; Community Development Director, Sylvia Smith; Finance Director, Dr. Ralph Igwedidie; Human Resources Director, LaTangela Hill; Technology Services Director, Brian Linton; Open Records Officer, Kathy Story; Human Resources Coordinator, Cairo Cumberland; Human Resources Specialist, Stephanie Bond;

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

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Agenda with two additions: Item 7A, a Resolution Honoring Preston Dorsey; and 7B, Presentation by Greater Atlanta United Way. Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve the Agenda as stated, and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

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

6A. Technology Services

Brian Linton, Director

Request for approval to pay MCCI annual maintenance invoice for Laserfiche, in the amount of \$13,802.93. Funding Source: Line Item - 100.5.1535.52.1301

6B. Technology Services

Brian Linton, Director

Request for approval to pay the SHI annual maintenance invoice for Barracuda in the amount of 10,500.00. Funding Source: Line Item - 100.5.1535.52.1301

6C. Approval of the October 21, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes.

6D. Approval of the October 24, 2024, Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes

6E. Approval of the October 28, 2024, Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Public Comments

1. Dr. Ella Thompson

- McDonough Wolfpack Pickleball players have made hats, gloves and scarves to donate to patients receiving chemotherapy.
- Pickleball Courts at Richard Craig Park

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to adopt a Resolution Honoring the Contribution of Preston Dorsey with the naming of the Lawrenceville Street Police Headquarters. Councilmember Stewart made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-11-07, and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Jennifer Young with Greater Atlanta United Way offered a presentation on the Building Resilient Professional Program, which is designed to foster savings, networking and professional development for those who qualify with salaries of less than \$60,000 per year after a full year of employment. The program lasts for six months and offers a matching of savings dollar for dollar for participants to encourage healthy financial habits.

In an effort to bring the program to City of McDonough Public Works employees who qualify, United Way is asking the City to commit to providing \$15,000.00 of the \$41,250.00 total program costs. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Thomas made a motion to adopt a resolution in support of the Building Resilient Professional Program, with total costs of \$15,000.00, to be funded with ARPA funds, and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent stated that a Proclamation Honoring the 4th church Anniversary of Pastors A.C. and Chris Scott was presented on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Vanessa Thomas nominated Patricia Thomson for the Board of Zoning Appeals (BOZA); and Latonia Hawkins to the Planning Commission (PC) for 2025.

Councilmember Burt nominated Eric Calhoun to serve on the Planning Commission, and he added the nomination of Sam Humphreys to BOZA.

Mayor Pro Tem Varner nominated Stanley Head to serve on the Planning Commission. She stated she will make her BOZA nomination at the next meeting.

Councilmember Stewart made the nomination of Calvin McLendon to PC, and he nominated Jerry Edmunds to BOZA.

Councilmember Payton made the nomination of Jerry Hayes to serve on the Planning Commission. He stated he will make his nomination for BOZA at the next meeting.

Mayor Vincent nominated Ricky Beauchamp to the Planning Commission, and she will make her nomination for BOZA at the next meeting.

Councilmember Reeves stated he will make both of his nominations during the November 18, 2024, City Council Meeting.

Ms. Brenda Whurr with Evergreen reviewed the Classification and Compensation Study findings and discussed the existing disparities in the market and the current pay ranges within the City. A copy of the presentation is filed with the Clerk's Office. After the presentation, it was determined that the Human Resources Director would provide the Governing Body with the current pay schedule and the proposed pay schedule. Ms. Whurr stated that the next phase will be to update the draft report. This item will come back for a vote on November 18, 2024.

Community Development Director, Sylvia Smith reviewed case 240902, the petition for a Concept Plan Review for Shoppes Lane Gas Station. The Applicant, Mr. Steve Moore was in attendance, and reviewed the concept plan for the project.

Councilmember Reeves made a motion to postpone case #240901 (Andy Welch for Hardeman property) to 2025, per the request of the Applicant; and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

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 motioned and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Varner made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement for the City's purchase of approximately 12.51 acres at Avalon Boulevard and Parkway at a cost of \$1,299,900.00; and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

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.