MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Workshop
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
March 6, 2025
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	Arrived after the start of the meeting
Councilmember Jamal Burt	Present
Councilmember Darryl Payton	Present
Councilmember Scott Reeves	Absent
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Arrived after the start of the meeting
Councilmember Vanessa Thomas	Present

Others in attendance: City Administrator, Steve Morgan; City Attorney, Emilia Walker, Executive Assistant Joani Clemons (in the absence of the City Clerk); Fire Chief, Dave Williams; Deputy City Administrator, Andrew Baker; Finance Director, Dr. Ralph Igwedibie; Parks Director, Brandon Williams; Technology Services Director, Brian Linton; Assistant Finance Director, Deborah Upshaw; and Help Desk Technician, Robinson Monnelus.

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

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

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

6A. Approval of the February 17, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes

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

There were no Public Comments.

McDonough Tourism Director, Yasna Grainger offered a presentation by McDonough Tourism. A copy of the presentation is filed with the Clerk's Office.

Community Development Senior Planner, Bill Spivey reviewed case number 240901, the request to annex and rezone property to R-75/R-86 (Single-Family Residential) – City. Mr. Spivey noted for the record that this case has been postponed by the City Attorney.

City Administrator Steve Morgan presented a request for approval of a proposal from JMT for estimate, bid package, and construction inspection services for three resurfacing contracts. Mr. Morgan noted that the company proposes combining these three contracts into a single proposal, in the amount of $129,440.00, in an effort to streamline the process and expedite the advertising timeline. He identified the funding source as SPLOST V. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Burt made a motion to approve the request for approval of a proposal from JMT for estimate, bid package, and construction inspection services for three resurfacing contracts as presented; and Councilmember Payton seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Reeves and Councilmember Stewart were not present for the vote.

Mr. Morgan presented a request for approval of the proposal from Falcon Design Consultants for the survey, design, and related services for new sidewalks along Highway 155 (from Keys Ferry Street to Racetrack Road and from Postmaster Drive to College Street) and Cap Welch Drive, at a cost of $94,170.00. He noted that the proposal outlines the scope of work, including utility location, survey preparation, construction drawings, contract documents, and potential construction management, as well as a 6-foot-wide sidewalk with a 2-foot-wide grass strip where feasible. He identified the funding source as SPLOST VI. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem Varner made a motion to approve the proposal from Falcon Design Consultants as presented, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Reeves was not present.

City Attorney, Emilia Walker presented the request for the adoption of an Ordinance approving the Consolidation of Municipal and County Polling Places. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Thomas made a motion to adopt Ordinance 25-03-06, approving the Consolidation of Municipal and County Polling Places, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Reeves was not present.

No Nominations for 2025 Board of Zoning Appeals (BOZA) were offered.

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 Burt motioned and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Reeves was not present.

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

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement with Robert Johnson to purchase property at 328 Macon Street for the purchase price of $275,000; and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Reeves was not present.

Councilmember Burt made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement to purchase 2.36 acres located at the intersection of Ivey Edwards Lane and Highway 42 North, at the purchase price of $89,538.16; and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Reeves was not present.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 7:39 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 November 30, 2024; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.