



MINUTES
City of McDonough
Special-Called City Council Meeting
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
August 11, 2025
6:00 PM

The Special-Called Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Monday, August 11, 2025, 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
Councilmember Jamal Burt	Present
Councilmember Darryl Payton	Present
Councilmember Scott Reeves	Absent
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Vanessa Thomas	Present

Others in attendance: City Administrator, Steve Morgan; City Attorney, Emilia Walker (via telephone); City Clerk, Christy Taylor; Police Chief, Ken Noble; Deputy City Administrator, Andrew Baker; Finance Director, Dr. Ralph Igwedibie; Technology Services Director, Brian Linton; Assistant Finance Director, Deborah Upshaw; and Michael Harris, Henry County Tax Commissioner.

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

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Mayor Pro Tem Varner and Councilmember Reeves were absent from the meeting.

Finance Department Director, Dr. Ralph Igwedibie gave a presentation for the 2025 Millage Rate. He noted that the City of McDonough has adopted a Millage Rate of 3.033, every year since 2022; and that remaining with the rate of 3.033, would impact citizens with homes valued at \$150,000, with an increase of only \$1.44, and those with homes valued at \$500,000, would see an increase of \$4.80. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Vincent opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in favor or in opposition. Mayor Vincent closed the Public Hearing.

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 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. Mayor Pro Tem Varner and Councilmember Reeves were absent from the meeting.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to reconvene Regular Session. Councilmember Thomas 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 Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Mayor Pro Tem Varner and Councilmember Reeves were absent from the meeting.

Councilmember Burt made a motion to authorize the Mayor to finalize and execute in substantial form, the agreement with Southern Cross Aviation, LLC, for the purchase and sale of approximately 6.02 acres of property within the City, located on or near the intersections of Judy Drive and Decatur Road, for a purchase price not to exceed \$410,000. Councilmember Payton seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Payton, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas. Mayor Pro Tem Varner and Councilmember Reeves were absent from the meeting.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 6:29 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 was published in the *Henry Herald* on August 02, 2025; at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.