



MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Meeting
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
October 21, 2024
6:00 PM

The Regular Scheduled Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Monday, October 21, 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; City Clerk, Christy Taylor; Police Chief, Ken Noble; Fire Chief, Dave Williams; Connecting Henry, Barbara Coleman; Community Development Director, Sylvia Smith; Human Resources Director, LaTangela Hill; Parks Director, Brandon Williams; Public Works Director, William VonDenBosch; and Help Desk Technician, Rob Monnelus.

Councilmember Stewart gave the Invocation; and Mayor Pro Tem Varner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

6A. Request for approval per City of McDonough policy to take over Street Light monthly bill for the Cottages at Avalon Subdivision; and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

6B. Approval of October 3, 2024, City Council Workshop Minutes.

Councilmember Reeves posed a question related to the October 3, 2024, City Council Workshop Minutes, regarding the motion to purchase the trollies and whether it was presented as a motion to reconsider, stating that a motion to reconsider has to be brought back by a Councilmember who voted in the majority; however, in the vote for the trollies, the motion to reconsider was brought back by Councilmember Payton and not by Councilmember Thomas. The City Attorney was not yet at the meeting.

Mayor Vincent clarified that the motion was not presented as a motion to reconsider, in that the motion did not meet the requirement that the discussion be brought back at the next immediate meeting. She said the trollies were supported by the citizens who provided input on the Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Reeves clarified that his question is about the procedural requirements for a motion to reconsider according to Roberts Rules of Order. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Vincent reiterated that the motion did not meet the requirements of a motion to reconsider. Councilmember Reeves read from the minutes of the October 3, meeting: Mayor Vincent called for a motion to reconsider the purchase of two trollies... Mayor Vincent then requested that the City Clerk correct the minutes to reflect that it was not a motion to reconsider; and the Clerk agreed to make the change.

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

Public Comments

- (1.) Mike Warren – McDonough Police Precinct located at 50 Lawrenceville Street should be named for former City Administrator and Police Chief, Preston Dorsey.

Mayor Vincent noted for the record that the Proclamation for Extra Mile Day; and a Resolution Honoring the Life, Spirit and Service of Jerrell Colvin were presented on behalf of the City of McDonough.

Barbara Coleman, Director of Connecting Henry offered a presentation on the assistance the organization has provided to Henry County by jurisdiction, since 2022.

Shaniki Burton, Executive Director of the McDonough Housing Authority gave an update on the properties and continued need for housing assistance in the City.

Police Chief Ken Noble recognized Officer Jeff Hunnicut for Life Saving Measures after he provided assistance to a coworker who was experiencing a medical emergency; and he presented Officer Hunnicut with a Life Saving Award.

Community Development Director requested that the Text Amendment to amend and update the Zoning Code (Chapter 17) be postponed until after the two Special Called Meetings to review the proposed changes take place on October 24, and October 28, 2024.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to defer the Text Amendment to the November 18, 2024, City Council Meeting, and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Director Smith also noted that the Applicant in case number 240501, Whit Porter of PLG, LLC, for Racetrack Road Townhomes has requested that the case be postponed to the February 17, 2025, City Council Meeting. The Governing Body agreed by consensus to postpone case 240501 to February 17, 2025, as requested.

Parks Department Director Brandon Williams presented the request for the adoption of a Resolution Supporting the Construction of an outside Health Fitness Court. He said that all five of the City parks that were assessed for the \$30,000.00 grant for the equipment were determined to be eligible sites. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Thomas said that the Council should decide which park is best suited for the equipment.

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to adopt a Resolution Supporting the Construction of an outside Health Fitness Court, and Councilmember Reeves seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Public Works Director, William VonDenBosch presented a request for approval for RDJE, Inc. to relocate a section of water line at Turner Church Road, due to the McDonough Parkway Extension project, at a cost of \$23,200.00. He identified the funding source as Line Item - 325-5.4210.54.1404 SPLOST IV – Project 15. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Reeves made a motion to approve the water line replacement, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

City Administrator Steve Morgan presented the request for approval of an Interagency Agreement with Henry County for fuel purchases. He said the agreement would add an up charge of \$.20 cents per gallon. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Reeves made a motion to approve the Henry County Fuel Agreement, and Councilmember Burt 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 made a motion to approve, and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to go back into Regular Session. Councilmember Reeves made a motion to go back into Regular Session, and Mayor Pro Tem Varner seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Councilmember Burt made a motion to appoint Ralph Igwedibie to the position of Finance Director, at a salary of \$120,000.00, per year; and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 8:44 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 02, 2023; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.