

POST AGENDA
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – FEBRUARY 17, 2020
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Billy Copeland

Mayor Copeland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

The City Clerk Ms. Janis Price called roll for the meeting, as follows:

Mayor Billy Copeland	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Craig Elrod	Present
Councilmember Benjamin Pruett	Present
Councilmember Roger Pruitt	Present
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Kamali Varner	Present
Councilmember Sandra Vincent	Present

Others in attendance were: City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price; City Attorney, Mr. Jim Elliott; Police Chief, Mr. Preston Dorsey; Fire Chief, Mr. Steve Morgan; Community Development Director, Mr. Rodney Heard; Finance Director, Mr. Mike Clark; Human Resources Director, Ms. Carla Tuck; Public Works Director, Mr. Ronnie Thompson; Technology Services Director, Mr. Steve Sikes; Tourism, Ms. Christy Collier; Executive Assistant, Ms. Euretha L. Olokodana; and Executive Assistant, Ms. Trisha Colpetzer.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Item 14A, Tarpley Parking Lot discussion; and Item 14B, Lighting in Avalon Park discussion. Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

4. Pledge to the Flag

Councilmember Pruett led the Pledge to the Flag.

5. Invocation

The Reverend, Doctor Bert Neal, Pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church gave the Invocation.

6. Consent Agenda

- A. Adoption of a Budget Resolution to amend the FY 2019-2020 Budget for approved transactions in various funds.
- B. Approval of a proposal between The City of McDonough and Vaughn & Melton to allow Vaughn & Melton to provide professional services for the design and survey, GDOT drawings, entrance permit for Jonesboro Road Park. The cost of \$46,000.00 plus reimbursables plus any services not covered in the agreement shall not exceed \$140.00 on hourly basis, which will be paid from SPLOST IV funds; authorization for the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Items A and B. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Benjamin Pruett seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

7. Audit Review for year ending June 30, 2019 Mr. Jimmy Whitaker

Mr. Jimmy Whitaker reviewed the audit for the year ending June 30, 2019. He discussed the City's assets and liabilities, and he reviewed various fund balances. After the review, discussion ensued.

**8. Public Hearing and Request adoption Mr. Mike Clark
of a Resolution authorizing transmittal of Mr. Bill Ross
the Draft Annual Update Report for the year
2019 to the City's adopted Capital Improvements
Element, relating to the City's impact fee program,
to the Atlanta Regional Commission for regional
and State review.**

Finance Director Mr. Mike Clark introduced Mr. Bill Ross with Ross & Associates, who was present for the meeting. Mr. Ross discussed the state requirement to submit an annual report of finances as well as an update related to impact fee projects to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) for regional and state review.

Mayor Copeland opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in favor; and no one spoke in opposition. Mayor Copeland closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing transmittal of the Draft Annual Update Report for the year 2019 to the City's adopted Capital improvements Element, relating to the City's impact fee program, to the Atlanta Regional Commission for regional and State review. Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Pruett seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

9. Henry Co. Environmental Health Update Ms. Glinda Scott

Henry County Environmental Health Manager, Ms. Glinda Scott offered an update to Mayor and Council regarding the services provided by the Henry County Environmental Health Department. After her presentation, some discussion ensued.

10. Administrative Variance Request Mr. Rodney Heard

Applicant: Brian Brakefield

CC District: 2 - Councilmember Sandra Vincent

Development/Project: 64 Atlanta Street

Request(s): Said application is for the following

item pertaining to "As-built Conditions" -

#200203 Front Yard Setback: Reduction from 40' to 36', within the 10% reduction threshold allowed by Chapter 17.96, per as-built conditions that alleviate adverse impacts to existing shared parking areas affiliates with subject property.

CDD Recommendation: Approval (Refer to 02/10/20 stamped documents)

City Code Section(s): 17.96.020

Community Development Director Mr. Rodney Heard reviewed the request for an administrative variance at 64 Atlanta Street.

Councilmember Vincent motioned to approve the administrative variance request by Applicant Mr. Brian Brakefield, for 64 Atlanta Street, as presented and recommended by the Community Development Director; and Mayor Pro Tem Elrod seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

11. Adopt-A-Spot Program Ms. Euretha Lyles Olokodana

Ms. Euretha Olokodana said that the Adopt-A-Spot Program Adoption Day was held at City Hall on Monday, February 17, 2020. She said that although the program was started in 2017, this project was a relaunch of the initiative; and eleven different entities have now adopted spots throughout the City of McDonough. After the presentation, some discussion ensued.

**12. Discussion of Park Use Regulations Benjamin Pruett,
Ordinance and possible adoption Councilmember**

Councilmember Benjamin Pruett discussed the possible adoption of a Park Use Regulations Ordinance for the City of McDonough. He said this item has been previously discussed with the former City Administrator, but that it needs to be brought back in consideration of adoption; and discussion ensued.

**13. Discussion of a revised Travel Policy Jim Elliott, Attorney
and possible adoption**

City Attorney Mr. Jim Elliott discussed proposed revisions to the Travel Policy for the City of McDonough with regard to per diems related to meals; and discussion ensued. This policy will be brought back to Council for further discussion and adoption.

14. Discussion of Locally-Established Building Design Standards for Residential Dwellings and possible adoption of a Resolution of support **Jim Elliott, Attorney**

Mr. Elliott discussed the State's proposal to preempt design standards for residential properties. He said that the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) is requesting that its members adopt a resolution in support of locally-established design standards for residential dwellings in opposition to the State's bill. Councilmember Vincent said the State's proposed initiative would restrict the ability of municipalities to dictate design standards within their own communities.

Councilmember Vincent motioned to adopt a Resolution supporting locally-established building design standards for residential dwellings, and Councilmember Varner seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

14A.

Councilmember Vincent discussed the new Tarpley Parking Lot and she asked for clarification on whether or not parking meters will be installed. She asked that the City Attorney research legislation that would allow for paid parking permits for the Merchants and employees who work downtown; and she suggested that the Merchants be encouraged to offer feedback on the issue. Discussion ensued.

14B.

Councilmember Varner asked that a decision be finalized about lighting for Avalon Park. She said while that solar lighting has been discussed since August of 2019, there has still been no decision about lighting for the park that now includes walking trails, a splash pad, a football field and an amphitheater. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Varner asked for a decision to be made soon.

15. Approval of Minutes for February 6, 2020, Workshop

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the February 6, 2020 City Council Workshop Minutes. Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Elrod, Councilmember Pruitt, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Varner and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Pruett did not vote because he was not present for the February 6, 2020 Workshop Meeting.

16. Unscheduled Public Comments

- (1) Ms. Christy Collier
- (2) Ms. Annette O'Banion

**17. Executive Session (if needed) for: Litigation O.C.G.A. 50-14-2
Real Estate O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(1)
Personnel O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(2)**

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to go into Executive Session for Litigation, O.C.G.A. 50-14-2. Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Vincent seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to go back into Regular Session. Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

There were no action items to report.

18. City Attorney and City Clerk Comments

Ms. Price discussed two invoices that need to be approved by Mayor and Council to authorize payment. She explained that one invoice is related to a firetruck repair and the other is for materials that were required to refurbish the north well.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the payment of \$11,772.46, to ETR Truck Center, Inc. for a firetruck repair to be paid from the General Fund; and the payment of \$16,167.50, to Davidson Well Drilling, Inc. for materials needed to refurbish the north well, and will be paid from the Water Treatment Plant budget. Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

19. Councilmembers and Mayor Comments

20. Adjournment

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Pruitt seconded. All stood in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 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 January 1, 2020; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.