

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY HALL-136 KEYS FERRY STREET
NOVEMBER 3, 2016
5:30 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Copeland

Mayor Copeland called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 Roger Pruitt	Present
Councilmember Craig Elrod	Present
Councilmember Benjamin Pruett	Present
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Kamali Varner	Present
Councilmember Sandra Vincent	Present

Others in attendance for the meeting were: City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson; City Attorney, Ms. Leigh Hancher; City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price; Police Chief, Mr. Preston Dorsey; Fire Chief, Mr. Steve Morgan; Finance Director, Mr. Mike Clark; Community Development Director, Mr. Rodney Heard; Public Works Director, Mr. Ronnie Thompson; Technology Services Director, Mr. Steve Sikes; Executive Assistant, Ms. Trisha Colpetzer; and Executive Assistant, Ms. Euretha Lyles.

3. Pledge to the Flag

Councilmember Varner led the Pledge to the Flag.

4. Invocation

Councilmember Pruett gave the Invocation.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Stewart motioned, and Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

6. Public Comments – Dr. Harold Grier and Ms. Slade regarding Grier Manor II

Dr. Grier did not speak at the meeting.

7. **Unscheduled Public Comments**

(1) Ms. Sylvia Dennis

- Between 80-100 walkers for first Walk to End Alzheimer's
- Event raised over \$5,000, and donations will continue through the end of the month
- Thank you to the City of McDonough for allowing us to host the walk here
- One hiccup was that initially there were no police officers present to accompany the walkers, so negotiating the square was difficult for walkers without traffic being stopped
- Ms. Dennis is hoping to receive more support from the City of McDonough for next year's walk.
- Ms. Dennis said that the McDonough Jerk Festival was a great success this year, and she thanked the City for continued support for the annual event.

8. **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of a budget amendment resolution to amend the FY 2016-2017 Budget for approved transactions; authorization for the Mayor to sign the Resolution.
- B. Approval of change orders to the construction contract with New South Construction regarding the New Courthouse Facility and authorization for the Mayor to sign orders. Change order requests numbers 27, 28, 29, and 30 will result in no monetary changes to the contract price.
- C. Approval to go out for bids for the 2017 L-MIG paving projects and additional paving project:

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
NEC Drive (Avalon	ST 20W	SR 20 W (loop)
Brandon Ct.	E. Shoreview Dr.	Cul de sac
Lawrenceville St.	SR 20	SR 155
Old Griffin	RR Track	Zack Hinton Pkwy, Sr 155
Whiddon Dr.	Cameron Rd.	Cambridge Way
Tomlinson St.	Covington St SR 20	Miller Rd.
Burke Cir.	Rainer Rd	Rainer Rd. (Circle)

Paving will be paid from 2017 L-MIG Grant estimated at \$216,171.53 plus 30% matching from GA. Department of Transportation and SPLOST IV funds.

- D. Approval to purchase a 26 ft. Pre-lit Christmas Tree with white led lights for the new Courthouse Facility at a cost of \$15,443.65 and will be paid from the Street Department's budget

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt motioned, and Councilmember Pruett seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

9. Presentation to the City for the recognition of becoming a “Special Needs Community Certified City” **Mr. Keith Dickerson**
Mr. Lindsey Turner, Founder

City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson discussed the Special Needs Communities training and certification that City staff have completed in recent months.

- City employees are undergoing training to become Special Needs Certified to ensure that citizens with special needs are served with understanding and care.
- About 90 percent of City employees have successfully completed the training.
- These skills will be a great benefit for City employees and the citizens of McDonough.

Mr. Lindsey Turner, Founder of Special Needs Communities (SNC) presented the City of McDonough with its certification for becoming a “Special Needs Community Certified City”.

- The mission of SNC is to create a society where everyone regardless of their abilities is treated with love and acceptance.
- Lack of knowledge and understanding of special needs may be interpreted as being rude.
- Program teaches people how to appropriately interact and engage with people who have special needs.
- City of McDonough will be featured on the SNC website and mobile app as being certified to serve citizens with special needs.

Councilmember Vincent commented that Mr. Turner should contact Mr. Lamar Norton with the Georgia Municipal Association to encourage other cities to undergo the training provided by SNC, so that the program might be initiated statewide.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mayor and Council stepped down from the dais for a photograph to commemorate the occasion.

10. Presentation to the Southern Crescent Technical College of \$1,000,000.00 for SPLOST IV Project **Mayor Copeland**
Dr. Randall Peters, President
Ms. Gretchen Corbin, Commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia
Mr. Andy Welch, State Representative
Mr. Brian Strickland, State Representative
Mr. David Gill, Henry County Chamber President

Mayor Copeland discussed the efforts that have led to the development of the Southern Crescent Technical College in the City of McDonough. He recognized Dr. Randall Peters; Ms. Gretchen Corbin; Rep. Andy Welch; and Ms. June Wood, who were in attendance for the meeting.

Mayor Copeland presented Dr. Randall Peters, President of Southern Crescent Technical College, along with Ms. Gretchen Corbin, Commissioner of the Technical College System of

Georgia with a check for \$1,000,000, to expand the McDonough campus and the funding came from SPLOST IV Project Funds. At the conclusion of the presentation, Members of Council to joined the Mayor and other representatives for a photograph to commemorate the presentation.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to adopt a Resolution to provide funding of \$1,000,000 to Southern Crescent Technical College. Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt motioned, and Councilmember Elrod seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

11. Financial Update of revenues and expenditures for General Fund, SPLOST Funds, Municipal Court Fund and Hotel/Motel Fund **Mr. Mike Clark**

Finance Director, Mr. Mike Clark offered an update of revenues and expenditures for the General Fund; SPLOST Funds; Municipal Court Fund; and Hotel/Motel Fund, for the three months ended September 30, 2016.

- Revenue totals for the General Fund as of September 30, 2016, are \$2,143,791, with total expenditures of \$3,181,085.
- Expenditures over revenues for the General Fund are \$1,037,294.
- SPLOST III revenue totals are \$100 as of September 30 with expenditures of \$17,699.
- Expenditures over revenues for SPLOST III total \$17,599.
- SPLOST IV revenue totals are \$7,497 with total expenditures of \$334,191.
- Expenditures over revenues for SPLOST IV total \$326,694.
- Hotel/Motel Tax revenues total \$292,580 with expenditures of \$292,580.
- Hotel/Motel Tax revenues are decreased by \$3,288 from the previous year.
- No new revenues were reported for the Capital Projects Fund – New Courthouse Facility.
- Expenditures over revenue for the Capital Projects Fund total \$1,301,830.

12. Approval of the minutes of October 17, 2016 Council Meeting

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 17, 2016, City Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt motioned, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

13. 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)

No Executive Session was held.

14. City Administrator, City Attorney, City Clerk Comments

City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson expressed his excitement over the Council approving the Resolution to provide funding of \$1,000,000 to Southern Crescent Technical College. He commented that he believed this will greatly benefit the City and the County.

City Attorney, Ms. Leigh Hancher expressed her appreciation to the voters in Henry County who approved the SPLOST IV Project in 2013.

City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price reminded Mayor and Council that the deadline for registration for Mayor's Day will be November 23rd, 2016.

15. Councilmembers and Mayor Comments

Councilmember Craig Elrod thanked all of the guests in attendance for the meeting and acknowledged Ms. Sylvia Dennis for her efforts in putting together the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Councilmember Elrod also recognized Executive Assistant Ms. Euretha Lyles, for her hard work to make McDonough 101 and the Special Needs Certification Program a success. He further commented on the success of the trick-or-treating event and Fall Festival that were hosted on the McDonough Square, and thanked Main Street McDonough and the Public Works Department for their efforts in making those events successful.

Councilmember Stewart expressed his excitement about the expansion of the Southern Crescent Technical College in McDonough. He also recognized former Shiloh Baptist Church Sunday School student and Henry County High School graduate Jason Heyward on his efforts to assist his teammates of the Chicago Cubs in a 2016 World Series win.

Councilmember Varner also thanked the representatives of the Southern Crescent Technical College for their attendance at the meeting. She thanked her fellow councilmembers for their assistance in the interview process for the McDonough Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) which has received 48 applications to date. She also personally thanked Executive Assistant Ms. Euretha Lyles, for her assistance with MYAC.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt thanked all of the guests in attendance for the meeting for their participation. He further commended all City employees on a job well done.

Mayor Copeland announced that the 10th Annual Veterans' Breakfast would be held on November 8, and November 10, 2016. He noted that 150 veterans and guests were invited to attend the event in recognition of their service for Veterans Day.

Councilmember Vincent mentioned that items are being collected at City Hall for the Haiti Relief Fund, through the Global Missions Ministry at Tabernacle of Praise Church. She asked that anyone who would like to donate, please drop the items in the designated box on the first floor.

16. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Janis E. Price
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 December 30, 2015; and a copy of the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.