MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
ORGANIZATIONAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – JANUARY 5, 2017
6:00 PM

The Organizational Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on January 5, 2017, in McKibben Chambers.

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

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 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; Technology Services Director, Mr. Steve Sikes; Public Works Director, Mr. Ronnie Thompson; and Executive Assistant, Ms. Trisha Colpetzer.

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

Mayor Copeland also asked that the Council and staff remember Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt's grandson, Evan, who will be undergoing additional chemotherapy in the coming weeks.

Councilmember Elrod led the Pledge to the Flag; and Councilmember Vincent gave the Invocation.

6. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of a resolution authorizing and ratifying a special counsel agreement from J. Scott Key, dated December 9, 2016, in the amount of $20,000.00 to represent the City in pending Petition for Certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court.

B. Adoption of a Resolution to set the qualifying fees for the November 7, 2017, election for Mayor at $540.00 and for District 1, District II, and At-Large Council seats at $360.00; to appoint the City Clerk as the Qualifying Officer for this election.

C. Approval of a resolution authorizing and ratifying an Event Agreement at the Wyndham Peachtree Hotel & Conference Center dated December 13, 2016, for the 2017 legislative planning retreat.

D. Approval to award bid contract to C&C Lovejoy for the Alexander Park Entrance Drive, Lawn and West Trail in the amount of $408,020.75, which will be paid from SPLOST IV funds; authorization for the Mayor to sign the Contract.

E. Approval to award bid contract to C&C Lovejoy for Lyman Stringer Drive/Johnson Street Sidewalk Improvements Project in the amount of $74,300.00 which will be funded by the Henry County Community Development Block Grant; authorization for the Mayor to sign the contract.

F. Approval for Mayor to sign agreement with the Atlanta Art Conservation Center for cleaning, repairing, and treating Jean Charlot's painting, "Cotton Gin Mill" inside the Polk Building at a cost of $6,930.00 which will be paid from SPLOST IV funds.

G. Approval of Mayor Copeland's recommendation to appoint Jean Hanger to the Historic Preservation Commission for 2017.

H. Approval of Councilmember Rufus Stewart's recommendations to appoint Rufus Amis* to the Planning Commission and to appoint Eddie Elliott* to the Board of Zoning Appeals for 2017. (*Change from the December 1, 2016 appointments).

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

Mayor Copeland made a recommendation for Roger Pruitt to serve another year as Mayor Pro Tem in 2017. Councilmember Elrod motioned, and Councilmember Pruett seconded.

Councilmember Rufus Stewart nominated Councilmember Kamali Varner to serve as Mayor Pro Tem in 2017 and Councilmember Vincent seconded the nomination.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to close the nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Elrod motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Copeland called for a vote on the nomination of Councilmember Varner to serve as Mayor Pro Tem in 2017. The vote was three in favor and four in opposition. Those voting in favor were Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Varner and Councilmember Vincent. Those voting in opposition were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt, Councilmember Elrod and Councilmember Pruett. The vote on this nomination did not pass.

Mayor Copeland called for a vote on the nomination of Roger Pruitt to serve as Mayor Pro Tem in 2017. The vote was five in favor and two in opposition. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Councilmember Roger Pruitt, Councilmember Elrod, Councilmember Pruett, and Councilmember Stewart. Those voting in opposition were Councilmember Varner and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Roger Pruitt was elected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem in 2017.

Community Development Director, Mr. Rodney Heard reviewed the steps of the voting process for the following case, explaining that that the vote for the annexation must be taken before the vote on the rezoning petition:

Annexation + Rezoning Petition – Zoning Map Amendment
Case Number: 161010
Applicant(s): Jarrett Senkbeil for Express Oil Change
Petition Request: Lateral Annexation (100% Method)
C-3, Heavy Commercial, (Henry County) to C-3, Highway Commercial, (City)
Address: 60 Willow Lane
Tax Parcel ID: 075-01028017 Council District: 4, Kam Varner
Land Lot(s) 162 of the 7th District 0.531 +/- total acres
***Vote associated with the Public Hearing conducted at 12/13/16 Special Called Meeting was postponed to the 01/05/17 City Council Organizational Meeting for compliance with Annexation Dispute procedures.**

Mayor Copeland called for a motion for approval of annexation with Ordinance 17-01-05001(A). Councilmember Varner motioned, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion for approval of zoning, which will be Ordinance 17-01-05001(Z). Councilmember Stewart motioned, and Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

The Applicant, Mr. Jarrett Senkbeil was in attendance for the meeting, and he thanked the Mayor and Council for their help and continued support.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2016, Special Called Meeting. Councilmember Elrod motioned, and Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt, Councilmember Elrod, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Vincent did not vote, since she was not present for the December 13, 2016, Special Called Meeting.

There were no Public Comments.

No Executive Session was held.

City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson discussed the progress of the annexation project:

- The staff has been working on the annexation for the last few months.
- Information has been presented to the consultant, who is finalizing the Feasibility Study
- The three scenarios have been presented to local delegation, and they have provided feedback
- Maps supported by the local delegation will be presented on January 17, 2017.

- Objective is to have a resolution and move forward with the annexation during this legislative session

Mr. Dickerson also asked that a list of agenda items for the upcoming Retreat be emailed to himself or to the City Clerk, to ensure that any needed documentation can be prepared in a timely manner prior to the meeting.

City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price commented to Mayor and Council about the upcoming HMA Dinner which will be hosted by the City of Hampton, on January 19, 2017.

Councilmember Sandra Vincent mentioned that she believed that the City had budgeted for a new voting system for McKibben Chambers at City Hall, and she asked about the status of that item. Mr. Dickerson responded that he would ask the IT Department to look into the options for updating the system.

Councilmember Craig Elrod added that if the voting system is replaced that it should be replaced with something that will display the individual votes, so that they can be picked up by the camera which records the meetings. He also thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting, and complimented the staff for their hard work. He also offered his continued prayers for Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt's grandson in the coming weeks.

Councilmember Benjamin Pruett said that he is looking forward to working with everyone in the New Year. He also offered his continued prayers for Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt's grandson, Evan.

Councilmember Rufus Stewart asked that Councilmember Vincent be remembered in everyone's thoughts, as she has been dealing with some sickness. He said that he is excited about the projects in the coming year, and he expressed his desire that the Council will continue to work together as a team for the greater good of the City. Councilmember Stewart also offered his continued thoughts and prayers for Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt's family as his grandson continues his medical treatment.

Councilmember Kamali Varner thanked the City's Department Heads and staff for the great job they have done throughout 2016. She also said she looks forward to continuing to work with Mayor and Council throughout 2017 and beyond. Councilmember Varner also offered her prayers for Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt's grandson.

Mayor Pro Tem Roger Pruitt thanked everyone for their prayers for Evan; and he said that while Evan is improving, he appreciates the continued prayers in support of his healing. He

also thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to continue to serve as Mayor Pro Tem in 2017, and he offered his appreciation to the staff for their continued hard work.
Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt mentioned that he has noticed a lot of trash in the City, and he suggested that the Council work to eliminate some of the problems with trash. In closing, he wished everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mayor Copeland said that when he entered into office in 1978, he held onto a yellow a note card that said, “McDonough’s Time is Now”. He went on to say that in 2017, that statement could not be more accurate. He expressed his satisfaction with the financial condition of the City and he discussed the continued growth that the City is experiencing. Mayor Copeland offered his appreciation and respect for all of the members of Council, and he restated his belief that McDonough’s time is right now in 2017.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 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 21, 2016; and a copy of the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City’s website, as required by law.