

POST AGENDA
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY HALL – 136 KEYS FERRY STREET
SEPTEMBER 7, 2017
5:30 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Billy 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:

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; Fire Chief, Mr. Steve Morgan; Main Street Manager, Ms. Courtney Whitman; Community Development Director, Mr. Rodney Heard; Public Works Director, Mr. Ronnie Thompson; Officer Kentavias Gates; and Ms. Kathy Owens.

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

4. Pledge to the Flag

Councilmember Elrod led the Pledge to the Flag.

5. Invocation

Councilmember Pruett gave the Invocation for the meeting.

6. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of a Budget Amendment Resolution to amend the FY 2017-2018 for transactions in various funds and authorize the Mayor to sign.
- B. Approval to proceed with G.T. Restoration, LLC. for the construction of office partitions in the Finance Department on second floor of City Hall. The renovation cost of \$15,860.00 will be paid from the General Fund.
- C. Approval to purchase a 2017 Ford F-550 Regular Cab/17,500 lbs. GVWR Cab & Chassis at a cost of \$38,146.00 and will be paid from the

- Stormwater budget.
- D. Approval to purchase two police motorcycles and equipment for the McDonough Police Department; motorcycles purchased from Killer Creek Harley Davidson in Roswell and the equipment from Loudoun Communications at a total cost of \$ 75,078.94 and will be paid from the General Fund.
 - E. Approval to purchase additional video storage array expansion for ONSSI Security Camera storage to accommodate the Polk Building, City Hall, Parks and the Square at a cost of \$14,456.24 and will be paid from the General Fund.
 - F. Approval of a Customer Service Agreement between Shred-It and the City of McDonough at an annual cost of \$450.00 and will be paid from the General Fund; authorization for the Mayor to sign the agreement.

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

7. Unscheduled Public Comments

- (1.) Ms. Sylvia Dennis

8. Discussion of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update and Public Hearing

**Mr. Keith Dickerson
Mayor Copeland**

City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson discussed the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update, and he said that the Public Hearing will be held on September 18, 2017. He noted that Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) will hold an open house regarding the Comprehensive Plan in October; and discussion ensued.

9. Discussion of a Resolution adopting an Amendment to an Intergovernmental between the City and Henry County regarding Jonesboro Road Park property; authorization for the Mayor to sign

Mr. Dickerson

Mr. Dickerson discussed amending the agreement regarding the Jonesboro Road Park property, which is jointly owned by the City and the County.

Councilmember Vincent made a motion to approve a Resolution adopting the Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and Henry County, dated November 6, 2008, regarding the acquisition and development of park property located along Jonesboro Road and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

10. Discussion of Annexation

Mr. Dickerson

Mr. Dickerson discussed the need to continue efforts towards annexation to sure up the boundaries of the City. He requested the support of Mayor and Council in moving forward with holding open houses to gather input on what areas should be included; and discussion ensued.

**11. Discussion regarding City owned
property located at:
373 Macon Street
363 Macon Street
348 Griffin Street**

Mr. Dickerson

Mr. Dickerson stated that two open houses were held at the Wesley Chapel Municipal Courthouse building in an effort to determine the best use for the vacant property. He said that some of the suggestions from attendees have included using the property for a museum or as a community facility. After presenting the information, Mr. Dickerson asked for input from the Mayor and Council; and discussion ensued.

**12. Discussion of acceptance of donation of
three custom bike racks/art pieces from
Dr. Fallas**

Mr. Dickerson

Mr. Dickerson discussed the proposed donation of three custom bike racks/art pieces from Dr. Fallas, to the City of McDonough.

Councilmember Pruett motioned to accept the donation of three custom bike racks from Dr. Fallas, and Councilmember Elrod seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

**13. Discussion of an additional polling place
to open during the early voting time in
McDonough prior to the November 7, 2017
Election**

Ms. Janis Price

The City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price discussed the request to open an additional polling place for early voting. She shared that the costs associated with adding another polling place would be between \$2,400 and \$2,800 per week, Monday through Friday; and discussion ensued.

Councilmember Vincent recommended that the previous polling place located at Wesley Lakes Elementary School be utilized as an additional polling place for the upcoming elections, to offer citizens with mobility issues an additional location for voting and to eliminate any unfair advantage that her opponent might have as a result of their residence being within a few streets of the elections office. After her comments, the discussion continued.

Councilmember Vincent motioned to approve extending a polling place to include Wesley Lakes School for early voting, on Saturday, October 28 and Sunday, October 29, 2017, for the same hours as already presented; and Councilmember Varner seconded. The vote was two in favor and five opposed. Those voting in favor were Councilmembers Vincent and Varner. Those voting in opposition were Mayor Copeland; Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt; Councilmember Elrod; Councilmember Pruett; and Councilmember Stewart. The motion did not pass.

14. Approval of the August 21, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the August 21, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor and one abstention. Those voting in favor were Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt; Councilmember Elrod; Councilmember Stewart; Councilmember Varner; and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Pruett abstained, and Mayor Copeland did not vote.

**15. 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 enter into Executive Session for Real Estate, O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b) (1). Councilmember Pruett motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to return to the Regular Workshop Session. Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Stewart 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 Vincent. Councilmember Varner was not present for the vote.

There were no action items to report.

16. City Administrator, City Attorney, City Clerk Comments

17. Councilmembers and Mayor Comments

18. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 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 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.