

POST AGENDA
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY HALL – 136 KEYS FERRY STREET
JUNE 7, 2018
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 Kamali Varner	(Arrived after the meeting began)
Councilmember Craig Elrod	Present
Councilmember Benjamin Pruett	Absent
Councilmember Roger Pruitt	Present
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Sandra Vincent	(Arrived after the meeting began)

Others in attendance were: City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson; City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price; Attorney, Jim Elliott; Police Chief, Mr. Preston Dorsey; Fire Chief, Mr. Steve Morgan; Finance Director, Mr. Mike Clark; Main Street Manager, Ms. Courtney Whitman; Public Works Director, Mr. Ronnie Thompson; Waste Water Plant Manager, Mr. Jeremy Newton; and Executive Assistant, Ms. Trisha Colpetzer

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Pruitt motioned, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was four in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Councilmember Elrod, Councilmember Pruitt and Councilmember Stewart. Councilmember Pruett was absent from the meeting; and Mayor Pro Tem Varner and Councilmember Vincent were not present for the vote.

4. Pledge to the Flag

Councilmember Elrod led the Pledge to the Flag.

5. Invocation

Councilmember Stewart gave the Invocation.

6. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement to participate in the Metro North Georgia District's Multi-Family Toilet Rebate Program, the maximum amount of funding or reimbursement will be capped at \$5,000.00 over a 5-year span paid from the Water Fund; authorization for the Mayor to sign the agreement.
- B. Approval to employ James L. Whitaker, P.C., Certified Public Accountant to provide financial services to the City for the year ending June 30, 2018 in the form of year ends audit and other necessary reports at an estimated cost of between \$46,000.00 to \$48,000.00 which will be paid from the General Fund; authorization for the Mayor and the City Administrator to sign the engagement letter.
- C. Approval to purchase Audio-Visual and Media Production Equipment for the C.O. Polk Museum at a cost of \$54,332.00 which will be paid from SPLOST IV Funds.
- D. Approval of an agreement between The City of McDonough and David Kirkland Production and Consulting in the amount of \$152,150.00 which will be paid from SPLOST IV funds to provide programming, production and installation of the audio-visual equipment for the C.O. Polk Interactive Museum; authorization for the Mayor to sign the agreement.
- E. Approval to go out for bids for the 2018 L-MIG Paving Project which will include: to sealcoat Dunn Street, Turner Street, Sloan Street, and to repave part of Racetrack Road within the City limits; grant estimated at \$235,786.90 plus 30% matching from GA Department of Transportation and SPLOST IV Funds.
- F. Ratify the submission of the FY 2019 Common Heritage Grant Application package signed by the Mayor to request funding to augment the 2019 McDonough Fall Festival in the amount of \$12,000.00; authorization for the Mayor to sign the contract from the National Endowment for the Humanities if The City is awarded this grant.
- G. Approval of a Lease Agreement between The City of McDonough (Lessor) and Image Doctor Media Museum of Photographic History and Image Making Devices (Lessee) at the property located at 369 Macon Street. The Lessee agrees to pay the Lessor \$1,000.00 monthly rental fee. The initial term of Lease is for five years beginning July 1, 2018; authorization for the Mayor to sign the Lease.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Stewart motioned, and Councilmember Pruitt seconded. The vote was four in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Councilmember Elrod, Councilmember Pruitt and Councilmember Stewart. Councilmember Pruett was absent from the meeting; and Mayor Pro Tem Varner and Councilmember Vincent were not present for the vote.

7. Presentation of the "Platinum Award" to the Waste Water Plant for 100% compliance in all areas of waste water

Mayor Copeland

Employees:
Kyle Collins
Keith Wimpey

Jeremy Newton, Mgr.
William “Chip” Driggers
David Zoeckler

Josh Barham
Dennis Reed

City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson presented the “Platinum Award” to the Waste Water Plant employees for 100 percent compliance in all areas of waste water. This is the tenth year that the City of McDonough has received this award.

8. Proclamation(s)
Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to make the Proclamation for Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month an official part of the meeting minutes. Councilmember Elrod motioned, and Councilmember Pruitt seconded. The vote was four in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Councilmember Elrod, Councilmember Pruitt and Councilmember Stewart. Councilmember Pruett was absent from the meeting; and Mayor Pro Tem Varner and Councilmember Vincent were not present for the vote.

9. Public Comments

(1) Ms. Monterey Thompson

10. Discussion of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity **Mr. Keith Dickerson**
Trae Johnson

Mr. Dickerson introduced Mr. Trae Johnson with Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, who attended the meeting to request support from the City of McDonough in bringing a chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity to the city.

After the presentation, Mayor Copeland said that the Council was in agreement with supporting Phi Beta Sigma bringing a chapter to the City of McDonough. He said that a letter of support will be drafted, signed and returned on behalf of the City, to Mr. Johnson.

11. McDonough Police Department Presentation **Chief Preston Dorsey**

Police Chief, Mr. Preston Dorsey offered a presentation highlighting the accomplishments of the McDonough Police Department for 2017-2018. After the presentation, some discussion ensued.

12. Discussion of the Peddlers’ Ordinance **Mr. Dickerson**

Mr. Dickerson introduced Mr. Jim Elliott, City Attorney for the City of Warner Robins. Mr. Jim Elliott discussed the Draft Ordinance on Registration and Regulation of Solicitors for the City of McDonough. After Mr. Elliott reviewed the specifics of the draft ordinance, members of council posed questions and shared some concerns related to

the draft ordinance, and further discussion ensued. There will be further discussion and the Ordinance hopefully will be adopted very soon.

13. Main Street District Expansion Discussion Ms. Courtney Whitman

Main Street Manager, Ms. Courtney Whitman and Chairman of the Main Street Board, Mr. Keith Sweat discussed the benefits and details of the proposed expansion of the Main Street District within the City of McDonough. A proposed map of the expansion was presented as well. After the presentation, discussion ensued and this item will be brought back to Mayor and Council.

14. Discussion of the Solid Waste Collection, Recycling and Disposal Services proposals Mr. Mike Clark

Finance Director, Mr. Mike Clark discussed that a total of five proposals were received in connection with the Solid Waste Collection, Recycling and Disposal Services. After some discussion, Mr. Clark suggested that the Mayor and Council focus on the top two proposals to determine the company that will best service the citizens of McDonough at the more reasonable price; and discussion ensued. This will be brought back to Mayor and Council for final determination.

15. Public Hearing for the 2018-2019 Budget Mr. Dickerson

Mr. Keith Dickerson reviewed the 2018-2019 Proposed Budget, prior to the Public Hearing; and some discussion ensued.

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

16. Approval of the minutes for May 21, 2018 City Council meeting

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the May 21, 2018, City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Elrod motioned, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland; Mayor Pro Tem Varner; Councilmember Elrod; Councilmember Stewart; and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Pruitt did no vote, as he was not present for the May 21, 2018, City Council Meeting. Councilmember Pruett was not present at the meeting.

**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 enter into Executive Session for Personnel, O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(2). Councilmember Pruitt motioned, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland; Mayor Pro Tem Varner; Councilmember Elrod; Councilmember Pruitt; Councilmember

Stewart; and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Pruett was not in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to return to Regular Workshop Session. Councilmember Elrod motioned, and Councilmember Pruitt seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland; Mayor Pro Tem Varner; Councilmember Elrod; Councilmember Pruitt; Councilmember Stewart; and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Pruett was not in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Copeland stated that there was one action item to report concerning a personnel matter regarding the elimination of the in-house City Attorney's position and he called for a motion. Councilmember Pruitt motioned that the in-house City Attorney position be eliminated June 30, 2018, which is the end of the current fiscal year, that the City will go back to the traditional City Attorney model of appointing an outside attorney or law firm to serve as City Attorney, that Leigh Hancher, since this will result in her separation from the City, be permitted to remain on the City's payroll until June 30, when her position is officially eliminated, and that the City Administrator be authorized to enter into a transition plan with Ms. Hancher to include reasonable separation terms, and that the City Administrator be directed to begin the process of identifying qualified candidates or law firms, and that he begin preparing and sending out RFPs, so hopefully we will be in a position to appoint a new City Attorney by July 1, or as soon as possible. Councilmember Stewart seconded.

The vote was five in favor and one opposed. The motion passed. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland; Mayor Pro Tem Varner; Councilmember Pruitt; Councilmember Stewart; and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Elrod voted in opposition. Councilmember Pruett was not in attendance for the meeting.

18. City Administrator, Attorney, City Clerk Comments

19. Councilmembers and Mayor Comments

19. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 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 February 7, 2018; and a copy of the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.