MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY HALL – APRIL 4, 2019
6:00 PM

The Regular Scheduled Workshop Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Thursday, April 4, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

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, as follows:

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

Others in attendance were: City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson; City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price; Attorney, Mr. Jim Elliott; Fire Chief, Mr. Steve Morgan; Community Development Director, Mr. Rodney Heard; Finance Director, Mr. Mike Clark; and Technology Services Director, Mr. Steve Sikes.

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

4. Pledge to the Flag

Councilmember Pruett led the Pledge to the Flag.

5. Invocation

Councilmember Vincent gave the Invocation.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Councilmember Rufus Stewart's recommendation of Mr. Calvin McClenden to be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission to take the unexpired term of Mr. Rufus Amis.

B. Adoption of the Georgia Cities Week Resolution which will be celebrated April 21 – 27, 2019.

C. Approval to declare two TVs surplus and to allow for them to be sold on GovDeals: one-26" Sanyo and one-20" Toshiba. (Both are 13 years or older).

D. Approval of two changes orders submitted by Boston Productions, Inc. for video productions at the Polk Interactive museum. Order #1 in the amount of $18,690.00; order #2 in the amount of $13,440.00 for a total of $32,130.00 which will be paid from SPLOST IV funds.

E. Approval of the purchase of two drones for the McDonough Police Department, however both can/will be used throughout all city departments, emergency situations and city events etc. Total cost of two drones, accessories and additional training will be $29,650.00 and will be paid from the General Fund.

F. Approval to purchase a Civic Clerk Agenda management software to replace Granicus; authorization for the Mayor to sign all related documents. The initial cost will be $16,650.00, and the annual subscription services fee will be $12,000.00; both will be paid from the General Fund.

G. Approval to pay SmartWave Technologies to expand the Mesh WiFi and Microwave Network to the Avalon Park area; authorization for the Mayor to sign all related documents. This will be a onetime cost of $42,995.50 and will be paid from the General Fund.

H. Approval of payment to BIS Digital for audio/video replacement of old analog sound and displays with new digital systems; authorization for the Mayor to sign all related documents. Cost of this enhancement will be $87,000.00 and will be paid from the General Fund.

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

7. Scheduled Public Comments

Dr. Harold Grier - Grier Manor II

Dr. Grier was not in attendance for the meeting.

8. Unscheduled Public Comments

There were no public comments.

9. Community Development Items **Mr. Rodney Heard**

A. Project Development Review Council District: 1, Rufus Stewart
Applicant(s): Welch Family Estate
Petition Request: Consent of Approval - Spine Road Update (Design Construction & Connectivity) **Project Name: *Hawks Landing***
Concept Plan Review: Element complete per review/approval of Case #180115
Existing Zoning: RM-75 (Single Family Residential) with conditions per ORD 04-06-07002(A)(Z)
Location: North of Hwy 155 S Village Activity Node I (Hwy 155S & Racetrack Road) Tax Parcel ID: Portion of 107-01032000
Land Lot(s): 154 of the 7th District Tract Acreage: 30.0 +/- total acres
Meetings:
MCC Project Review cont'd from initial discussions & review in 2018 (*04/04/19)*

Community Development Director, Mr. Rodney Heard reviewed the petition request for consent of approval for the spine road update related to Hawks Landing. Mr. Brian West with Kimberly Horne & Associates was in attendance on behalf of the Applicant, and he addressed Mayor and Council:

- Connection meets G-DOT standards for left/right turn lanes
- Meets the horizontal design criteria for G-DOT and City of McDonough
- Designed to avoid environmental impacts
- Designed for the City to be able to complete the roadway network in the future
- Alignment would connect to the Eskew property to the east

Councilmember Elrod shared concerns about making a decision contingent on other developments as it relates to emergency access to the property. Mr. West said that connection could be made to Cedar Road through easements and right-of-way without going through the Eskew property; and discussion continued.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion for consent of approval for the spine road update design construction and connectivity. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Vincent seconded. The vote was five in favor and one opposed. The motion passed. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Pruitt, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Elrod voted in opposition. Mayor Pro Tem Varner was not present for the meeting.

Annexation & Rezoning

B. Case Number: 180902 Blue River Development (Blue River Subdivision) City Council District: 3, CM Craig Elrod
Address/Location: Lake Dow Road Corridor

Petition Request: Annex with Rezone to R-75 (Single Family Residential) – City Existing Zoning: RA (Residential Agricultural) - County
Tax Parcel ID: 123-01025000) Land Lot(s) 138 of the 7th District
62.21 +/- total acres
Meetings:
MPC Workshop (03/12/19 per postponement with processing in December 2018)
MPC Public Review (04/09/19 per rescheduling of initial 03/26/19 Special Called Meeting)
MCC Workshop (04/04/19)
MCC Public Hearing (**04/15/19 MCC** Meeting)

Mr. Heard reviewed the petition request in case number 180902 for annexation with rezoning to R-75 (Single Family Residential)-City; and discussion ensued. Mr. Andy Welch was in attendance for the meeting, and he addressed Mayor and Council regarding the proposed project. Discussion ensued.

- No objection from the County
- Important for entrance to line up to Bridleridge

The Public Hearing will be held at the April 15, 2019, Council Meeting.

Mayor Copeland also took the opportunity to thank Mr. Welch for his service to the citizens of McDonough, upon the recent announcement of his upcoming resignation from the House of Representatives.

Rezoning
C. Case Number: 181105 Al Patel (Homewood Suites Hotel)
Council District: 4, CM Kam Varner
Address/Location: 231 Avalon Court
Petition Request: Rezone property from C-2 (Central Commercial)/C-3 (Highway Commercial) with conditions to C-3 (Highway Commercial) with new conditions.
Existing Zoning: C-2 (Central Commercial)/C-3 (Highway Commercial) with conditions per Ordinance(s) #05-05-02001(Z) and #07-12-03001(Z).
Tax Parcel ID: 075-01008020 & 075-01008017 that are to be consolidated
Land Lot(s) 559 & 591 of the 7th District
3.59 +/- total acres
Meetings:
MPC Workshop (03/12/19)
MPC Public Review (04/09/19 per rescheduling of initial 03/26/19 Special Called Meeting)
MCC Workshop (04/04/19)
MCC Public Hearing (04/15/19 MCC Meeting)

Mr. Heard reviewed petition request in case number 181105 to rezone from C-2 (Central Commercial)/C3 (Highway Commercial) with conditions to C-3 (Highway Commercial) with new conditions. The Applicant, Mr. Al Patel was in attendance and he addressed Mayor and Council.

- Proposed 104 rooms, four-story building
- Architectural compatibility with Residence Inn across the street from property
- Total value of proposed project is $19.5 million

The Public Hearing will be held at the April 15, 2019, City Council Meeting.

10. Budget Update FY 2019-2020 Mr. Keith Dickerson

City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson presented a budget update for fiscal year 2019-2020, and discussion ensued.

- City continues to see growth
- Revenues from Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) and Property Tax are the largest
- Revenues from Insurance Premiums, Hotel/Motel Tax and Franchise Tax continue to increase
- Expenditures for Public Safety are the largest
- Some of the proposed equipment purchases include body cameras; voice recorders; one drone; 20 new tasers; headsets for firetrucks; one new street sweeper; and ten new desktop computer systems
- Projects include completion of the Unified Development Code (UDC); Polk Building Museum; new website design; Jonesboro Road Park construction; and sidewalk connectivity on Highway 155
- Construct a hallway at City Hall to provide a walk-thru option for visitors
- If SPLOST V fails, the City may have to utilize General Funds to complete some projects in the future

Mayor and Council agreed that renovating the first floor so that a hall can be made to reach the elevators from back side of City Hall would be beneficial and very helpful.

11. SPLOST V Discussion Mr. Dickerson

Mr. Dickerson reviewed the SPLOST categories and discussed some projects to be considered for SPLOST V; and discussion ensued.

- Past SPLOST Categories included:
    1. Roads, Bridges, Sidewalks and Transportation
    2. Public Safety facilities and equipment
    3. Public Works facilities and equipment
    4. Community Development facilities
    5. Parks and Recreation facilities
    6. Acquisition of land for public use
- Over $3.5 million in road paving and improvements in the City were paid by SPLOST IV
- Need $7 million over the next six years for road and paving improvements (not including intersection improvements)
- Need $2 million to complete sidewalk connectivity plan
- Use SPLOST for McDonough Beautiful Projects

- City may need another firetruck
- Consider the addition of Fire Station 53

Mr. Dickerson requested that Mayor and Council give him their specific projects for the SPLOST V list.

12. Approval of the March 18, 2019, Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the March 18, 2019, City Council Meeting minutes. Councilmember Elrod motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. The motion passed. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Councilmember Elrod, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Pruitt and Councilmember Stewart. Councilmember Vincent did not vote because she was not present for the March 18, 2019, City Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Varner was not present.

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)

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to go into Executive Session for Real Estate, O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(1). Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Pruitt seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Councilmember Elrod, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Pruitt, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Vincent. Mayor Pro Tem Varner was not present.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to go back into the Regular Workshop Session. Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Elrod seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Councilmember Elrod, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Pruitt, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Vincent. Mayor Pro Tem Varner was not present.

There were no action items to report.

14. City Administrator and City Clerk Comments

City Administrator and the City Clerk had no comments.

15. Councilmembers and Mayor Comments

Councilmember Vincent requested prayers for her brother in his illness.

Councilmember Elrod thanked everyone who was in attendance for the meeting. He asked that everyone keep all of our police officers in prayer in light of recent tragedies.

Councilmember Pruett echoed the sentiments of Councilmember Elrod. He also thanked Mr. Dickerson for his hard work in preparing a new budget for the City. Councilmember Pruett requested that the old computer monitors in chambers be removed since they are no longer working.

Councilmember Stewart said that April is a busy month with Georgia Cities Week from April 21 – 27, 2019. He welcomed citizens to come out and participate in the City's events.

Councilmember Pruitt thanked everyone who was in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Copeland shared that the current estimated population for McDonough is 26,392 according to a recent profile from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). He also noted that 78 percent of all citizens drive to work alone, one single person in a car. After his remarks, he thanked everyone who was in attendance for the meeting.

16. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 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 schedule was published in the *Henry Herald* on December 26, 2018; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.