

POST AGENDA
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY HALL – JUNE 6, 2019
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	Present
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; Police Chief, Mr. Preston Dorsey; Fire Chief, Mr. Steve Morgan; Community Development Director, Mr. Rodney Heard; Finance Director, Mr. Mike Clark; Public Works Director, Mr. Ronnie Thompson; Executive Assistant, Ms. Trisha Colpetzer; and Event Coordinator, Ms. Cinderella Bennett.

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

4. Pledge to the Flag

Councilmember Vincent led the Pledge to the Flag.

5. Invocation

Councilmember Pruitt gave the Invocation.

6. Consent Agenda

- A. Ratify the contract between the City of McDonough and Sajid R. Patharwala, Shamanan Patel, and Mmohmadiftekhar Munshifor the purchase of two parcels on Postmaster Drive to complete the roundabout in the amount of \$ 8,755.00 which will be paid from SPLOST funds.

- B. Ratify the appointment of Attorney Vincent Lotti to be an Associate Judge in the McDonough Municipal Court and he was sworn in on May 29, 2019.
- C. Adoption of the 7th Budget Resolution to amend the FY 2018-2019 Budget for approved transactions in various funds; authorization for Mayor to sign.
- D. Approval to surplus a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria Vin # 2FAFP71WXYX112406 from the Fire Department.
- E. Adoption of a “Friends of the Courts” Resolution establishing a committee and placing a specific item regarding the Courts on the November 5, 2019, ballot; authorization for the Mayor to sign.
- F. Approval of change order #5 submitted by Boston Productions, Inc. for a re-edit of the McDonough Heart Video to a 3-screen presentation and to make software changes to the Polk Museum Building at a cost of \$13,128.00 which will be paid from SPLOST IV funds.
- G. Approval of a contract service order between the City of McDonough and Charter to increase the City’s internet bandwidth so we may better provide services to the city and public WIFI. The will be an increase to \$1500.00 monthly with an increase to 500mb budgeted from the General Fund; authorization for the Mayor to sign.
- H. Approval of a contract between the City of McDonough and Darnel Quick Recovery, Inc. to collect total past due amounts on closed water/sewer/sanitation accounts. This debt collection group will receive 28% on all recovered funds, and 40% on all bankruptcies that require legal action; authorization for the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Pruett motioned and Councilmember Pruitt seconded. Prior to the vote, Mayor Pro Tem Varner requested that Item E be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Mayor Copeland asked Councilmember Pruett and Councilmember Pruitt if each agreed to amend the motion to remove Item 6E for discussion, and they each agreed to the amendment.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item 6E, to be added as discussion Item 7A. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Pruitt seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

7. Public Comments

Dr. Harold Grier, regarding Grier Manor

Dr. Grier was not in attendance for the meeting.

- 7A. (This item was added through approval of the Consent Agenda)
Discussion of the Adoption of a “Friends of the Courts” Resolution
establishing a committee and placing a specific item regarding the Courts on
the November 5, 2019, ballot; authorization for the Mayor to sign.**

Mayor Pro Tem Varner posed questions about the purpose of the proposed resolution and any related election costs to taxpayers. Attorney, Jim Elliott said the resolution would have persuasive-only authority and the purpose would be to express the will of the people of the City of McDonough. The City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price said she would gather the information about any related election costs and provide that to Mayor and Council. Further discussion ensued.

Councilmember Pruitt motioned to adopt a “Friends of the Courts” Resolution establishing a committee and placing a specific item regarding the Courts on the November 5, 2019, ballot; and authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Elrod seconded. The vote was four in favor and three in opposition. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Councilmember Elrod, Councilmember Pruett and Councilmember Pruitt. Those voting in opposition were Mayor Pro Tem Varner, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Vincent. The motion passed.

Councilmember Vincent stated for the record that her vote in opposition of the Resolution does not mean that she does not support keeping the courthouse on the McDonough square; rather that she believes more conversations need to take place with the County on the subject.

8. Unscheduled Public Comments

(1) Ms. Sylvia Dennis – Walk to End Alzheimer's

9. Community Development **Mr. Rodney Heard**
Code Amendment, Chapter 17.40 RM-75 (Multi-Family Residential), Code
Section 17.40.010(B)(3)

Applicant(s): City of McDonough

Amendment: Addition of site development requirements, as a viable land use, pertaining to a Master Plan, Location, and overall design as part of Mixed Use Development with respect to the Growth Management as well as the 2040 HC & Cities Joint Comp Plan.

Adoption of a Resolution for the City to initiate the statutory process to amend the City's Zoning Ordinance.

Community Development Director, Mr. Rodney Heard reviewed a presentation for the proposed Code Amendment to Chapter 17.40 RM-75 (Multi-Family Residential), Code Section 17.40.40-010(B)(3). The proposed amendment would add site development requirements, as a viable land use, pertaining to a Master Plan, Location, and overall design as part of Mixed Use Development with respect to the Growth Management and the 2040 HC & Cities Joint Comp Plan. After the presentation, discussion ensued. Councilmember Pruett motioned to adopt a Resolution for the City to initiate the statutory process to amend the City's Zoning Ordinance; and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

10. Discussion of potential SPLOST V Projects Mr. Keith Dickerson

City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson discussed potential SPLOST V Projects. Some of the proposed projects are road and intersection improvements, property acquisition, sidewalk connectivity, emergency response vehicles and playground equipment. Mr. Dickerson also provided some deadlines and meeting dates relative to SPLOST V discussions.

11. Approval of the minutes for the May 20, 2019 Council Meeting

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the May 20, 2019, City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Stewart 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 Pruett, Councilmember Pruitt and Councilmember Stewart. Councilmember Vincent did not vote because she did not attend the May 20, 2019, City Council Meeting.

**12. 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.

13. City Administrator and City Clerk Comments

14. Councilmembers and Mayor Comments

15. Adjournment

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Stewart motioned and all stood in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 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 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.