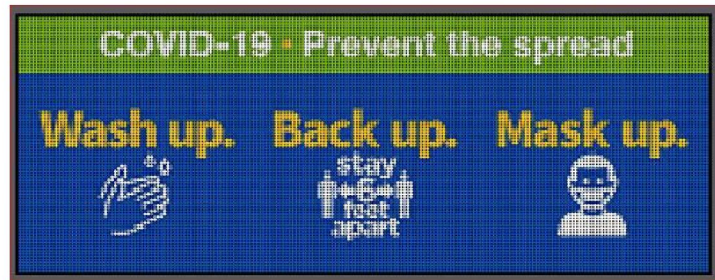




MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY HALL – 136 KEYS FERRY STREET
NOVEMBER 4, 2021
6:00 PM



The Regular Scheduled Workshop of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Copeland

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

2. Roll Call

Interim City Clerk Ms. Christy Taylor called roll for the meeting, as follows:

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

Others in attendance were: City Administrator, Mr. Preston Dorsey; Interim City Clerk, Ms. Christy Taylor; McDonough Mainstreet Director, Ms. Cinderella Bennett; Public Works Director, Mr. Ronnie Thompson; Executive Assistant, Ms. Joani Clemons; Network Administrator, Mr. Brian Linton; Open Records Officer, Ms. Kathy Story; and City of McDonough Police Officer Thomas Hunnicutt.

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 six in favor.

4. Pledge to the Flag

Councilmember Varner led the Pledge to the Flag.

5. Invocation

Councilmember Stewart gave the Invocation.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of October 18, 2021, City Council Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Varner seconded.

Prior to any vote, Mayor Pro Tem B. Pruett asked if a requested change had been made to the minutes to clarify a statement he offered at the October 18, 2021 meeting. Ms. Taylor said that she will make the change and resubmit the Minutes for approval.

There was no vote. The approval of the October 18, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes was postponed to the next meeting.

7. Proclamations:

Extra Mile Day

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to make the Proclamation for Extra Mile Day a part of the minutes of the meeting. Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor.

8. Recognition of 2021 Scarecrow Contest Winners

Ms. Cinderella Bennett

McDonough Mainstreet Director Ms. Cinderella Bennett announced the winners of the 2021 Scarecrow Contest, as follows:

- People's Choice – Southern Grace Hospice
- First Place Business – Story on the Square
- Second Place Business – Brian Brakefield, State Farm Insurance
- Third Place Business – Amber & Company, Creye Leike Realtors
- First Place Non-Business – The Sanders Family
- Second Place Non-Business – Girl Scouts Troop 13106
- Third Place Non-Business – Pregnancy Resource Center of Henry County
- Best of Show Bicentennial – Henry County Government
- Best of Show Bicentennial – Falcon Design Consultants

Ms. Bennett and Mayor Copeland presented each of the winners with awards, and photographs were taken after the presentations.

9. Unscheduled Public Comments

1. Mr. Scott Reeves

- Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Planning Commission.
- I look forward to serving as Councilmember for District 3.
- I'm a lifetime citizen of McDonough and I love this city.
- Thank you all for your hard work and service to the city.

- 10. 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.

11. City Administrator, City Attorney, and City Clerk Comments

Mr. Dorsey offered congratulations to Mayor-Elect Sandra Vincent, Councilmember-Elect Vanessa Thomas, Councilmember Rufus Stewart, Councilmember Jamal Burt and Councilmember-Elect Scott Reeves.

12. Councilmembers and Mayor Comments

Councilmember Vincent discussed receiving a letter from a citizen who lives in Cameron Manor, regarding a stormwater issue on his property. She asked that someone from Public Works visit the property to address the concerns and follow up with her on what is determined.

Ms. Vincent personally thanked Mayor Copeland for his service to the citizens and to the City of McDonough. She commented that even though they have not always seen eye to eye, she has learned a great deal. She also offered her personal appreciation to Councilmember Roger Pruett for his sacrifice and service to the City. Ms. Vincent also welcomed Councilmember-Elect Vanessa Thomas and Councilmember-Elect Scott Reeves, as newly elected members of the Governing Body. Lastly, she said she looks forward to continue working with Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin Pruett and Councilmember Stewart; and she prays God's blessings on all of those who serve the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruett offered his congratulations to those who are newly serving or serving in new roles.

Councilmember Stewart thanked Mayor Copeland for his service. He also thanked the citizens of District 1 for re-electing him to serve the community. He said that after 32 years of service, he is a person of action who will enjoy continuing to serve with the heart of a soldier in the Army of the Lord.

Councilmember Varner said she has been honored to serve with Mayor Copeland; however, as there is still work to do, so she will not say her farewells at this time. She offered her congratulations to Mayor-Elect Vincent, Councilmember-Elect Vanessa Thomas and Councilmember-Elect Scott Reeves, as well. Ms. Varner said that she believes cities change the world, and she would like to see McDonough become a model for other cities to look at.

Councilmember R. Pruitt thanked everyone for their kind words. He offered his congratulations to Councilmember-Elect Thomas, Mayor-Elect Vincent, Councilmember-Elect Reeves and Councilmember Stewart. He said he has been honored to work alongside Mayor Copeland, and he looks forward to his continued friendship for years to come.

Mayor Copeland agreed with Councilmember Varner, and he said that Municipal Government is closest to the citizens. He said he has always enjoyed the close relationships he has formed with citizens through city government; and he thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting.

13. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Christy L. Taylor
Interim 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 30, 2020; and a copy of the schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.