

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING
CITY HALL
MARCH 7, 2016
6:30 PM

The Called Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held Monday, March 7, 2016, at 6:30 PM, with the following members present:

Mayor:	Billy Copeland
Mayor Pro Tem:	Roger Pruitt
Councilmembers:	Craig Elrod
	Benjamin Pruett
	Rufus Stewart
	Kamali Varner
	Sandra Vincent

Others in attendance were: City Administrator, Mr. Keith Dickerson; City Attorney, Ms. Leigh Hancher; City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price; Police Chief, Preston Dorsey; Community Development Director, Mr. Rodney Heard; and City Planner, Mr. Nathan Brown.

Mayor Copeland called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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.

Community Development Director, Mr. Rodney Heard introduced Mr. Caleb P. Racicot with TSW Planners and Mr. Richard Fangmann with Pond & Company. Mr. Racicot gave a Power Point presentation and update on the McDonough Unified Development Code (UDC):

- It will take approximately two months to get the Ordinance written once a draft is approved.
- 95% of work is a clean-up to remove any inconsistencies
- 5% of work is changes of policies and regulations to make code more user and business friendly
- New content is based on the direction of comprehensive plans and LCI Plan.
- New content will include mixed-use districts with appropriate transitions to areas of housing.
- New housing recommendations will include cottage housing, and the creation of accessory dwelling units or granny flats
- Improved building and site standards to include landscaping and architectural requirements
- Adapt the Downtown Code to protect the character of downtown and nearby housing

After the presentation, further discussion took place about the requirements for cottage housing and granny flats; opportunities for areas to be zoned mixed-use districts; and boundaries of the Downtown Code.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

OPEN MEETINGS COMPLIANCE NOTICE: This is a called 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 will be published in the Henry Herald in the March 5, 2016 edition; a copy of the meeting schedule and this agenda is posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.