

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
CITY HALL – MARCH 14, 2020
8:30 AM

The Special Called Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Saturday, March 14, 2020, beginning at 8:30 am.

Mayor Copeland called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

The City Clerk Ms. Janis Price called roll for the meeting, as follows:

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

Others in attendance were: City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price; City Attorney, Mr. Jim Elliott; Human Resources Director, Carla Tuck.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Agenda and adding a discussion of the Corona-19 virus and paying for candidate's mileage. Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Vincent seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were: Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Elrod, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Pruitt, and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Varner were not present for the meeting.

Councilmember Roger Pruitt gave the invocation and Councilmember Sandra Vincent lead the Pledge to the Flag.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to go into Excessive Session for personnel, O.C.G.A. 50-14-3-(b)(2). Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Elrod seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were: Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Elrod, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Pruitt, and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Varner were not present for the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Elrod asked for a motioned to go back into the Special Called Meeting. Councilmember Pruett motioned and Councilmember Pruitt seconded. The vote was four in favor. Those voting in favor were: Mayor Pro Tem Elrod, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Pruitt, and Councilmember Vincent. Mayor Copeland had to depart

early, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Varner were not present for the meeting.

There were no action items to report from Executive Session.

Mayor Pro Tem Elrod presided over the remaining part of this meeting.

Councilmember Vincent lead the discussion concerning the Corona-19 virus outbreak and the necessary precautions that worried all people since the world has taken a “pause” about this global health problem. The City must start thinking about employees teleworking from home, social distancing, view meetings remotely with public safety being a priority. There will be more discussion and decisions will be made as to how best to deal with this virus, the employees and services to the citizens of McDonough.

There was some discussion that the candidates who had to travel here today for the city administrator’s job interview should be paid their travel expenses. Mayor Pro Tem Elrod asked for a motion to pay the travel expense at the IRS rate for those who traveled today to interview for the City Administrator position. Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Pruett seconded. The vote was four in favor. Those voting in favor were: Mayor Pro Tem Elrod, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Pruitt, and Councilmember Vincent. Mayor Copeland had to depart early, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Varner were not present for the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Elrod asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Pruett seconded. All stood in agreement. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Janis E. Price
City Clerk