MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – 136 KEYS FERRY STREET
JUNE 22, 2020
6:00 PM

The Special-Called Meeting of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Monday, June 22, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Mayor Billy Copeland	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Craig Elrod	Present
Councilmember Benjamin Pruett	Present
Councilmember Roger Pruitt	Present
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Kamali Varner	Absent
Councilmember Sandra Vincent	Arrived after the start of the meeting

Others in attendance were: City Administrator, Mr. Preston Dorsey; City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price; Acting Police Chief, Mr. Ken Noble; Finance Director, Mr. Mike Clark; Executive Assistant, Ms. Euretha L. Olokodana; and Network Administrator, Mr. Brian Linton.

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

Councilmember Pruett led the Pledge to the Flag; and Councilmember Pruitt gave the Invocation.

Finance Director Mr. Mike Clark reviewed the FY 2020-2021 Budget. Some of the items he reviewed are listed as follows:

- We have made some changes since the last meeting.
- We are watching employee compensation and deferring hiring until January.
- We are focusing on existing services and projects, and we are deferring future projects as we can.
- We were able to reduce the deficit from $3.3 million in the preliminary proposed budget to $1.8 million

- The budget reflects the millage rate of 3.086 which is expected to remain the same this year.

Mayor Copeland opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in favor; and no one spoke in opposition. City Administrator Mr. Preston Dorsey thanked the staff for their work on the budget, and he said that next year there will be a more detailed document to review. Mayor Copeland closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the adoption of the FY 2020-2021 Budget and to adopt the Resolution adopting the FY 2020-2021 Budget at $31,237,059.00. Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Elrod, Councilmember Pruett, Councilmember Pruitt and Councilmember Stewart. Councilmembers Varner and Vincent were not present.

City Administrator Mr. Preston Dorsey discussed that the County would like to move forward with an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Cities for a T-SPLOST. He said that if all of the Cities agree on the IGA with the County, the County can propose up to a one-cent sales tax over a five-year period.

Mr. Dorsey said if the IGA with the County is approved that the City of McDonough's portion of the money would total approximately $4.7 million per year in road projects. He asked for direction from Mayor and Council regarding the IGA and requested a list specific road projects for the T-SPLOST, if approved. He said that the deadline for the list of road projects is Friday, June 26, 2020; and he noted that there will be a meeting held on June 30, 2020, at 6:00 PM, to discuss the terms of the IGA with the County.

Mayor Pro Tem Elrod stated that the County has tried to pass a T-SPLOST in the past, and it is ultimately up to the citizens to decide if they will support it; so he would like to know what projects the County supports. Councilmember Pruitt said that some of the road projects could be joint projects with the County. Mr. Dorsey said that the County's Public Works Director is preparing a list of projects, and he will request a copy for Mayor and Council. Councilmember Vincent requested that Mayor and Council be provided with a copy of the current transportation plan list as well as the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) project list. She also asked that the County provide the guidelines as they pertain to roads and trails as well as any information relative to road projects that also involve the State.

Mr. Dorsey said that he will continue working with the other City Managers as well as the County Manager to get T-SPLOST projects worked out quickly, and he will keep Mayor and Council informed moving forward. Mayor Pro Tem Elrod reiterated that he would love to see the public involved in determining needed transportation projects in the City.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. All stood in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Janis E. Price, City Clerk