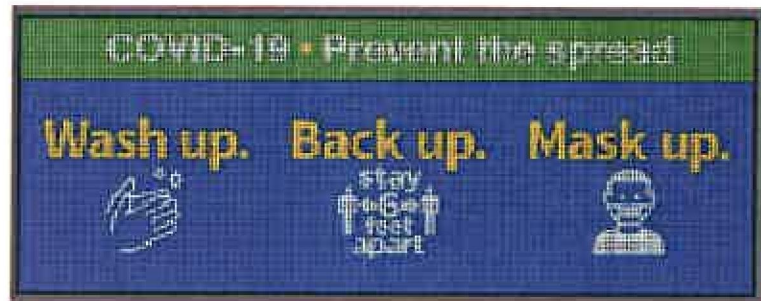




WORKSHOP MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY HALL – 136 KEYS FERRY STREET
JULY 1, 2021
6:00 PM



1. Call to Order Mayor Copeland

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

2. **Roll Call**

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	Present (arrived after meeting began)
Councilmember Sandra Vincent	Absent

Others in attendance were: City Administrator, Mr. Preston Dorsey; City Attorney, Mr. Jim Elliott; City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price; Police Officer; Fire Chief, Mr. Steve Morgan; Deputy Fire Chief, Dave Williams; Finance Director, Mr. Mike Clark; and Network Administrator, Mr. Brian Linton; Open Records Officer, Kathy Story.

Mayor Copeland introduced Ms. Jessica Pollett, our newest employee, and welcomed her to the City.

Mayor Copeland stated that Councilmember Vincent had requested that item #9, the T-SPLOST Discussion, be removed from the agenda tonight, so the Mayor asked for a motion that this item be removed from the agenda. No one motioned, so no action was taken on this request.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the agenda as published. Councilmember R. Pruitt motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Elrod seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Elrod, Councilmember B. Pruett, Councilmember R. Pruitt, Councilmember Stewart. Councilmember Varner and Councilmember Vincent were not present for the vote.

4. **Pledge to the Flag**

Mayor Pro Tem Elrod led the Pledge.

5. **Invocation**

Councilmember Benjamin Pruett gave the Invocation.

6. **Consent Agenda**

Administration

- A. Approval to employ/sanction James L. Whitaker, P.C. Certified Public Account to provide financial services to the City of McDonough for the year ending on June 30, 2022, in the form of year end audit and internal control related report, and other necessary reports to be in compliance; authorization for the Mayor and the City Administrator to sign the engagement letter. This standard estimated fee for these services is expected to range between \$45,000.00 to \$50,000.00 and will be paid from the General Fund.
- B. Approval of Mayor Pro Tem Elrod's appointment of Mr. Matt McCord to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).
- C. Approval of the minutes for the June 21, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Public Safety

- D. Approval for Loudoun Communications, Inc. to provide and install 4 ES-5000DX weather warning sirens with diagnostics battery back-up, RTU activation, voice, and to install 4 poles. This turnkey project, to notify City residents, will be monitored and activated by Henry County 911 Authority; at a cost of \$94,400.00 and will be paid from SPLOST V funds.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember R. Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Elrod, Councilmember B. Pruett, Councilmember R. Pruitt, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Vincent was not present at the meeting.

7. Proclamations
Caribbean Heritage Month
Disc Golf

Both of these Proclamations will be presented at a later date.

8. Unscheduled Public Comments

There were no Unscheduled Public Comments.

9. T-SPLOST Discussion Mr. Preston Dorsey

Mr. Dorsey made a presentation and the highlights are as follows:

- TSPLOST is a Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales tax of 1% used to fund capital outlay projects, for transportation purposed, proposed by County and municipal governments.
- Currently TSPLOST is in effect for 27 counties in the State of GA.
- If an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) is reached for all four cities and Henry County the rate will be 1% over a 5-yr. duration, McDonough would receive approximately \$ \$27,332,655.00; if not reached, the sales tax rate will be .75% reducing the amount McDonough would receive to approximately \$9,106,646.
- Mayor and Council had already received a list of the proposed projects and City Administrator needed approval of the list.
- Councilmember Varner requested that curb and gutter be added to the project list.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Elrod motioned to approve the TSPLOST list as presented tonight with the addition of the curb and gutters to the sidewalk connectivity project on Old Griffin Road. Councilmember R. Pruitt seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copland, Mayor Pro Tem Elrod, Councilmember B. Pruett, Councilmember R. Pruitt, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Vincent was not in attendance at the meeting. (Presentation and list attached).

10. Impact Fee Public Hearings Chief Steve Morgan
Schedule

City Attorney Jim Attorney suggested the dates for the Impact Fees Public Hearings to be held at July 19, 2021 meeting and at the Aug. 5, 2021 meeting. All agreed with these dates for the public hearings.

11. Discussion and adoption of a Resolution to amend the SPLOST V project list Mr. Dorsey

Mr. Mike Clark spoke about the SPLOST V project list, but with the new agreement with the County (SDS) the fire station is not needed at this time and can probably be deferred to a future SPLOST list. Therefore, the request is for these fire station funds to be reallocated differently. Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to do this. Mayor Pro Tem Elrod motioned to approve the Resolution as presented tonight to amend the SPLOST V project list to reallocate funds for other uses from the Fire Station and Equipment, McDonough Parkway to Other Public Safety Facilities and Equipment. The vote was six in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copland, Mayor Pro Tem Elrod, Councilmember B. Pruett, Councilmember R. Pruitt, Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Vincent was not in attendance at the 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 needed.

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

Mr. Dorsey asked for direction as to wearing masks at city buildings. After a brief discussion it was decided to defer this discussion to the retreat meeting. City Attorney commented that regarding Councilmember Vincent 's request for a TSPLOST special called meeting next week, that will not be necessary because of the action taken at the meeting tonight.

City Clerk stated that for the Special Called meeting held on July 14 & 15, 2021, Each day will begin at 9:00 am, and Gordon Maner will be the facilitator.

14. Councilmembers and Mayor Comments
Councilmembers thanked persons attending the meeting and thanked Staff.
15. Adjournment
Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Elrod seconded. All stood in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

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.