MINUTES
City of McDonough
City Council Workshop
McKibben Chambers City Hall
136 Keys Ferry Street
March 3, 2022
6:00 PM

The Regular Scheduled Workshop of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Mayor Sandra Vincent	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Stewart	Present
Councilmember Jamal Burt	Present
Councilmember Benjamin Pruett	Absent
Councilmember Scott Reeves	Absent
Councilmember Vanessa Thomas	Present
Councilmember Kamali Varner	Present

Others in attendance were: City Clerk, Ms. Christy Taylor; Police Chief, Mr. Ken Noble; Fire Chief, Mr. Dave Williams; Community Development Director, Mr. Charles Reese; Diane Johnson, City Planner; Mark Dobson, Building Official; Brandon Williams, Stormwater Supervisor; Brian Linton, Network Administrator; and Executive Assistant, Ms. Joani Clemons.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Varner motioned and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Thomas and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Pruett and Councilmember Reeves were not present at the meeting.

Councilmember Burt gave the Invocation; and Councilmember Varner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

A. **Public Works – Water Distribution/Sewer** **Billy VonDenBosch, Supervisor**
Request to approve emergency repair of pump station at Public Works Building, at a total cost of $15,565.00
Funding Source: Stormwater Management 506-5.4970.52.3850

B. Approval of the February 21, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes

The City Clerk sounded the items on the Consent Agenda. Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Stewart motioned and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Thomas and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Pruett and Councilmember Reeves were not present.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Bill Ross with Ross+ Associates reviewed the process of holding a public hearing in order to adopt a Resolution to transmit the 2021 Draft Capital Improvements Element (CIE) Report to the Atlanta Regional Commission.

Mayor Vincent opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in favor; and no one spoke in opposition. Mayor Vincent closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to adopt the Resolution to transmit the 2021 Draft CIE Report to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). Mayor Pro Tem Stewart motioned and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Thomas and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Pruett and Councilmember Reeves were not present.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of McDonough and Mike Clark to serve as a consultant on finance projects until such time as projects are finished and or Finance Director has been hired and fully transitioned into role. Services will be provided at $55.00 per hour not to exceed 30 hours per week. Rate of pay is comparable to current salary plus fringe and will be paid for under Contracts & Fees. Mayor Pro Tem Stewart motioned and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Thomas and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Pruett and Councilmember Reeves were not present.

Public Works – Highways & Streets **Gerald Brown, Supervisor**
Request approval to purchase (2) two 38 FX SCAG Cheetah Rear Discharge mowers from Vansant's Lawnmower Sales & Service, at a total cost of $23,848.02.
Funding Source: General Fund – Highways & Streets Dept. 100-5.4210.54.2200

Mr. Gerald Brown was not present at the meeting, due to a family illness.

Mayor Vincent reviewed the request to approve the purchase of (2) two 38 FX SCAG Cheetah Rear Discharge mowers, at a total cost of $23,848.02. She explained that one of the mowers included in the request is a replacement purchase resulting from an insurance claim, and is being paid for with funds paid to the City as a result of that claim. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve. Councilmember Varner motioned and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Thomas and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Pruett and Councilmember Reeves were not present.

Public Works – Highways & Streets **Gerald Brown, Supervisor**
Request approval to purchase a 2022 GMC SIERRA 1500 (TC10543) 2WD CREW CAB 147" PRO, at a total cost of $36,105.00.
Funding source: General Fund – Highways & Streets Dept. 100-5.4210.54.2200

Mayor Vincent reviewed the request from Gerald Brown, Supervisor of Highways & Streets, to approve the purchase of (1) one 2022 GMC Sierra 1500 Crew Cab PRO, at a total cost of $36,105.00, to be paid from the General Fund. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Stewart motioned and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Thomas and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Pruett and Councilmember Reeves were not present.

Public Safety – Police Department **Police Chief Ken Noble**
Requesting approval for the purchase of eight (8) 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe's, at a cost of $304,000.00; and approval for the purchase of additional equipment for all vehicles, as listed:

Emergency equipment	*$85,182.40*
In-car radios	*$34,571.60*
Vehicle vinyl stripes (decals)	*$3,160.00*

Total costs of $426,917.00, to be paid from SPLOST V Funds.
Funding Source for two (2) vehicles – SPLOST V Funds - 326-5.3210.54.2200
Funding Source for six (6) vehicles – SPLOST V Funds - 326-5.3520.54.1200

Police Chief Ken Noble presented the request for approval to purchase (8) eight Chevy Tahoe's; and approval for the purchase of additional equipment for all vehicles. Chief Noble explained that the Tahoe's will be purchased to replace aging vehicles in the department, and in accordance with the department's take-home policy. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Stewart motioned and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Thomas and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Pruett and Councilmember Reeves were not present.

Administration – Technology Services **Steve Sikes, Director**
Request approval to purchase Neptune 360 SAS for another year from Delta Municipal Supply, at a cost of $19,425.00. This is the service that automatically retrieves water meter data compiling it for billing.
Funding Source: Planned and funded using General Fund – 100-5.1535.52.1301

Technology Services Director Steve Sikes was unable to attend the Workshop due to illness.

Mayor Vincent reviewed the request for approval to purchase Neptune 360 SAS for another year from Delta Municipal Supply. She noted that this is the service that is utilized for reading the water meters to provide billing information to Customer Service. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve. Councilmember Varner motioned and Councilmember Thomas seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Thomas and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Pruett and Councilmember Reeves were not in attendance.

Community Development **Mark Dobson, Building Official**

A. Case #190302 (Symphony Park)
Preliminary Plat Review, Chapter 16.12 Procedure, Section 16.12.060 (A-D)
Applicant(s): Falcon Design Consultants
Petition Request: Approval of Preliminary Plat
Development: Symphony Park
Location: Racetrack Road and Travis Road
Application is to be processed in accord with schedule herein:
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The request for Case #190302 (Symphony Park) is for a Consensus of the Preliminary Plat as recommended by Staff, for the subject property recognized as Tax Parcel ID #107-01034000, 107-01001000, 107-01034001, located at Racetrack Road and Travis Road.

Building Official, Mr. Mark Dobson reviewed the request for a Consensus of the Preliminary Plat in case number 190302, for the Symphony Park development. Discussion ensued. Community Development Director Mr. Charles Reese explained that the process of approving the preliminary plat is a formality, since this case has been reviewed extensively over the past three years. Councilmember Thomas expressed concerns related to more traffic as a result of more developments in the City. Mr. Reese explained that traffic studies were previously conducted related to this proposed development. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to approve the Preliminary Plat. Councilmember Varner motioned for a Consensus of the Preliminary Plat as recommended by staff, and Mayor Pro Tem Stewart seconded. The vote was four in favor and one in opposition. The motion passed. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Thomas voted in opposition. Councilmember Pruett and Councilmember Reeves were not in attendance.

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)

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to go into Executive Session for Real Estate. Mayor Pro Tem Stewart motioned and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Thomas and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Pruett and Councilmember Reeves were not present.

Mayor Vincent called for a motion to return to Regular Session. Councilmember Thomas motioned and Councilmember Burt seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Vincent, Mayor Pro Tem Stewart, Councilmember Burt, Councilmember Thomas and Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Pruett and Councilmember Reeves were not present.

There were no action items to report.

Ms. Taylor asked Mayor and Councilmembers to review the information provided in their notebooks in planning for the annual Georgia Municipal Association Convention. She asked that everyone fill out their first, second and third choices for classes and hotel preferences, and return the information no later than March 13, 2022.

Councilmember Burt said he is honored to be here.

Councilmember Thomas thanked everyone who was in attendance for the meeting.

Mayor Vincent offered her continued congratulations to Councilmember Kam Varner and Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Stewart on the successful premiere of "The Story of Blacksville". She also thanked staff members who were present at the meeting.

Mayor Vincent adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Christy L. Taylor,
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 29, 2021; and a copy the meeting schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.