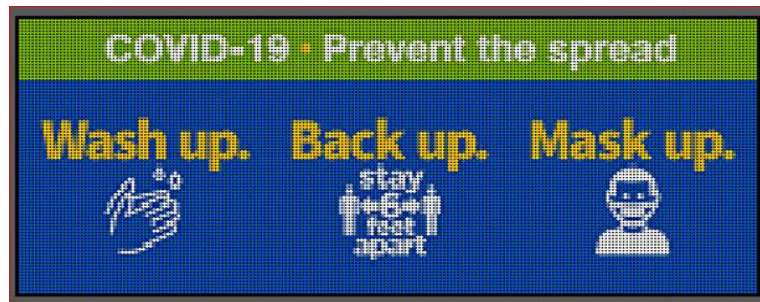




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CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY HALL – 136 KEYS FERRY STREET
JUNE 3, 2021
6:00 PM



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	Present

Others in attendance were: City Administrator, Mr. Preston Dorsey; City Attorney, Mr. Jim Elliott; City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price; Police Chief, Mr. Ken Noble; Fire Chief, Mr. Steve Morgan; Community Development Director, Mr. Charles Reese; Finance Director, Mr. Mike Clark; City Planner, Ms. Diane Johnson; and Network Administrator, Mr. Brian Linton; Public Works Director, Ronnie Thompson; Deputy Fire Chief, Dave Williams, Open Records Officer, Kathy Story.

Mayor Copeland introduced Mr. Nick Calhoun, the new Human Resources Director, and welcomed him to the City.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the agenda with one change, item #10 will be moved to the June 21, 2021 meeting agenda. Councilmember R. Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded the motion. 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 Vincent. (Councilmember Varner had not arrived).

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. Mayor Copeland's appointment of Mr. Ricky Beauchamp to the Planning Commission for the remainder of this year. (Previous appointee moved out of City).
- B. Approval of the May 17, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes
- C. Approval of the May 25, 2021 Special Called Meeting Minutes
- D. Adoption of a Resolution appointing Kathy Story as the Open Records Officer.

Public Safety

- E. Approval to purchase the following equipment for the Police Department:

13 Tasers X26P	13 Batteries XPPM for Tasers
100 X26P Cartridges	100 Ruggedized Training Targets

The cost of the above will be \$19,955.21 and will be paid from the General Fund.
- F. Approval of payment to Williams Fire Apparatus for the repairs to the aerial ladder fire truck in the amount of \$ 13,751.44 which will be paid from the Fire Department's Budget.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, items A – F. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember R. Pruitt seconded the motioned. The vote was seven in favor.

7. **Community Development Items**

Mr. Charles Reese

Preliminary Plat Review, Chapter 16.12 Procedure, Section 16.12.060 (A-D)

Applicant(s): The Reservoir Group

Petition Request: Approval of Preliminary Plat

Development: Geranium Park

Location: 222 Decatur Rd

Mr. Reese presented the preliminary plat for Case # 181009 for Geranium Park and asked for approval. There had been a Development Agreement that Mayor and Council had approved earlier this year and the land space is about 12 acres. Mayor Pro Tem Elrod commented that originally this had been zoned for 39 lots but now the developer had reduced the lots to 19. Councilmember B. Pruett asked about the water line repairs. Mr. Reese stated that all of the repairs will be worked out during the building permit review. Mayor Pro Tem Elrod motioned to approve the preliminary plat for 222 Decatur Road, Geranium Park Development as presented tonight. Councilmember B. Pruett seconded the motion. The vote was seven in favor.

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| 8. | Discussion, Public Hearing, and adoption of a Resolution to adopt the FY 2021-2022 Budget | Mayor Copeland
Mr. Preston Dorsey
Mr. Mike Clark |
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There was a discussion regarding the budget and some councilmembers needed more information. Mayor Copeland opened the Public Hearing, and Ms. Vanessa Thomas was the only person who spoke at the public hearing. Mayor Copeland asked if anyone else would like to speak, they were welcome to come to the podium to speak. No one else spoke. Mayor Copeland closed the Public Hearing. Councilmember Vincent motioned to defer the vote on the 2021-2022 Budget until the June 16 & 17, 2021, Special Called Meeting(s). Councilmember Stewart seconded the motion. The vote was seven in favor.

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| 9. | Discussion to revise the Impact Fees for the City | Mr. Steve Morgan |
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Mr. Steve Morgan made a presentation regarding the City's impact fees. Impact fees were created in the State of Georgia in 1990. City of McDonough adopted the city's impact fee program in 2003 and the fee scheduled has not been reviewed since that date. Mr. Morgan explained three difference fee schedules, at 75%, 100% and 125% increase level. Impact fees help with the growth of the City. Mr. Bill Ross, Consultant on Impact Fees, explained how to update the City Ordinance with a revised fee schedule. There would have to be two advertised public hearings at least twenty days apart before the vote and the Ordinance would state the effective date of the changes. Discussion ensued. Mayor Pro Tem Elrod motioned to proceed with 100% increase of the fees and to make these changes to the Ordinance. Councilmember R. Pruitt seconded the motion. The vote was seven in favor.

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| 10. | Discussion Items
Alexander Park
Caribbean Heritage Month Proclamation
Disc Golf Proclamation, received by Mike Haney | Councilmember Vincent |
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Recognition of Girl Scout Troup 15005
Walk to End Alzheimer's
Parking Ordinance Presentation

This Item #10 was postponed to the June 21, 2021 meeting.

11. **Discussion of a community project with the NAACP** Mayor Copeland
Mr. Dorsey

Mayor Copeland and City Administrator had spoken with Dr. Matthews, President of the local NAACP, regarding a community garden. Dr. Matthews would like the community garden to be at the location of Holly Smith and Philips Drive. Councilmember Vincent was concerned about the disconnect since she had spoken with Dr. Matthews previously but was included in this conversation. This location is currently being used as a garden spot by Mr. Solomon and there would need more discussion with the Solomon Family before a decision could be made for the community garden. Council all agreed that they liked the idea of a community garden and would support the NAACP on this project.

12. **Unscheduled Public Comments**

Ms. Vanessa Thomas:

- Thanked person who helped with the cleanup of the parking lot at Park Place and Avalon
- Appreciated the McDonough Police writing tickets to truckers who have been parking in the area, they are no longer doing this
- Needed a community center and something for the teenagers to do

13. **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)

Executive Session was not needed.

14. **City Administrator, City Attorney, and City Clerk Comments**

- Mr. Dorsey encouraged Mayor and Council to email him their 3 topics of discussion at the Retreat

15. **Councilmembers and Mayor Comments**

Councilmember Vincent

- thanked the City of Stockbridge and Mayor Ford for hosting the District 3 GMA Meeting
- Discussion is needed on how the City's federal funds will be used that

The City will be receiving – not for water but for other uses

- New GMA Building will be opening soon on Prior Street

Councilmember Stewart

- Thanked people for attending the meeting
- Wanted to see about having activities for the youth in the community

Councilmember R. Pruitt

- Thanked the City Administrator for putting together a good budget

16. **Adjournment**

Mayor copeland adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Janis E. Price

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 30, 2020; and a copy of the schedule was posted at City Hall and on the City's website, as required by law.