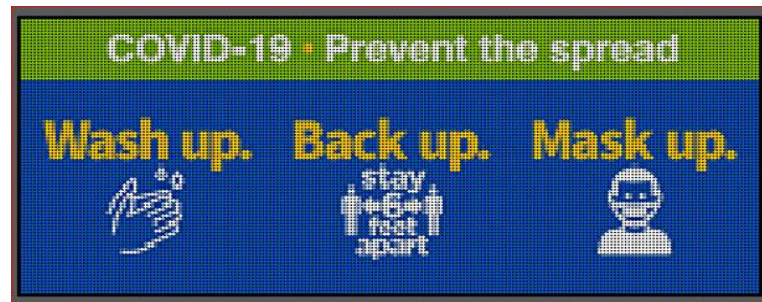




MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY HALL – 136 KEYS FERRY STREET
MAY 6, 2021
6:00 PM



The Regular Workshop of the City of McDonough City Council was held on Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Copeland

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

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
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.

Mayor Copeland welcomed Community Development Planner, Ms. Diane Johnson to the City of McDonough.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Copeland called for approval of the Agenda, with the addition to move Executive Session to Item 7A; and the addition of Item 11H, discussion regarding Hamilton Point. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Varner seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

4. Pledge to the Flag

Councilmember Stewart led the Pledge to the Flag.

5. Invocation

Councilmember Roger Pruitt gave the Invocation.

6. Consent Agenda

Administrative

- A. Adoption of the Resolution and Adoption Agreement for the Restatement of the City of McDonough's Georgia Municipal Association 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan as well as authorization for Mayor to sign the Resolution and Adoption Agreement.

Public Safety

- B. Approval to proceed with GT Restoration, LLC to renovate 88 Keys Ferry Building to include gutter/downspouts replacement, pressure wash, paint, replace gables, materials and labor at a cost of \$25,500.00 which will be paid from SPLOST IV funds

Public Works

- C. Approval to purchase 100 meters, ¾" Neptune T-10 water meters with antennas, at a cost of \$ 20,500.00 which will be paid from the Water Distribution Department's Budget

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Items A, B, and C. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Elrod seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

7. Proclamations:

- Gold Wing Road Ridders Assoc. (GWRRA) Motorist Awareness Program
- Parental Alienation Day & Bubbles of Love Day

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to make the Proclamations for Gold Wing Road Ridders Association. (GWRRA) Motorist Awareness Program and Parental Alienation Day & Bubbles of Love Day an official part of the meeting minutes. Councilmember R. Pruitt motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Elrod seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

**7A. 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 moved to Item 7A, when the agenda was approved.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to go into Executive Session for Litigation, O.C.G.A. 50-14-2; Real Estate O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(1); and Personnel O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(2). Councilmember Stewart motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Elrod seconded. The vote was seven in favor.

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to go back into Regular Workshop Session. Councilmember R. Pruitt motioned and Councilmember B. Pruett seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Elrod, Councilmember B. Pruett, Councilmember R. Pruitt and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Varner left the meeting during Executive Session and were not present for the vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Elrod motioned to approve to create the position of Human Resources Director and Councilmember R. Pruitt seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Elrod, Councilmember B. Pruett, Councilmember R. Pruitt and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Varner were not present for the vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Elrod motioned to hire Mr. Nick Calhoun as Human Resources Director, at a salary of \$75,000 per year. Councilmember Vincent seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Elrod, Councilmember B. Pruett, Councilmember R. Pruitt and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Varner were not present for the vote.

Councilmember Vincent called for a motion for a Special Called Meeting for the purpose of a discussion regarding Hamilton Pointe, on May 25, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.; and Mayor Pro Tem Elrod seconded.

Prior to the vote, Councilmember Vincent stated that the residents of Hamilton Pointe will be invited to attend the Special-Called Meeting, which will be held in Chambers, to discuss ongoing matters regarding Hamilton Pointe.

Mayor Copeland called for the vote. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Elrod, Councilmember B. Pruett, Councilmember R. Pruitt and Councilmember Vincent. Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Varner were not present for the vote.

8. Unscheduled Public Comments

(1) Ms. Diana Batson – Ms. Batson talked about how hurtful it is to the residents of Sara's Bend relative to the recent action taken by Mayor and Council about the new development which will take place behind the Publix Shopping Center.

(3) Mr. Shawn Tatem - Mr. Tatem discussed the need for speed tables in the area of Woodruff, Low and Harris Streets.

(4) Ms. Vivian Thomas – Ms. Thomas spoke about not needing any more multi-family housing at this time. She said that renters do not care for their homes as homeowners do. Mayor and Council should listen and vote the way citizens voted you into office. We do not want any larger apartment complexes or extended stay hotels in the City.

City Attorney Mr. Jim Elliott and Community Development Director Mr. Charles Reese renewed the discussion regarding the amendment of Title 17. Mr. Elliott reviewed and revised the proposed amendment based on the discussion from the previous meeting, and he presented it for Council's review and further discussion. Discussion ensued.

City Administrator Mr. Preston Dorsey discussed the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Atlanta. Mr. Jim Elliott reviewed some requested revisions regarding the term of the agreement. Discussion ensued.

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11. Updates on the following items

Councilmember Vincent

Councilmember Vincent asked for updates regarding the above listed projects. Mr. Dorsey provided the following information regarding each of the projects:

- A. Jonesboro Road Park – a change in the detention pond was the reason for this delay
- B. Workshops – a retreat is needed very soon since there was no 2020 retreat and not one yet as of this year. After discussion, a retreat will be planned very soon. Also more discussion is needed at the Workshop
- C. Woodruff Street Speed Bumps- this issue has already been discussed
- D. T Splost – the list of projects will be emailed out again and the City Administrator requested to send him any additional projects you would like to be added to the list.
- E. Jonesboro Street/Marian's Way/One Way Pairs Traffic Concern
Updates. – Problems have been caused regarding the one-way pairs and GDOT will not add any additional markings, but waiting to hear if GDOT will add any additional lighting.
- F. Project Update – A list is needed of projects for comparison with the upcoming budget to discuss. City Administrator requested that Councilmembers highlight from the 2019 Retreat Minutes any project which needed information for discussion.
- G. Live Streams/City Council Meeting Videos – City is in process of changing vendors and there have been some problems. However, during the actual time of the meeting, it has been broadcast from the website. The problems are expected to be corrected very soon.

12. Approval of April 19, 2021, City Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to approve the April 19, 2021, City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember R. Pruitt motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Elrod seconded. The vote was four in favor. The motion passed. Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Mayor Pro Tem Elrod, Councilmember B. Pruett and Councilmember R. Pruitt. Councilmember Vincent did not vote because she was not present for the April 21, 2021 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Stewart and Councilmember Varner were not present for the vote.

13. Executive Session

This item was moved to Item 7A, when the Agenda was approved.

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

City Administrator– thanked employees who helped with the budget planning process and assembling the budget book.

City Clerk stated that the registration for the August GMA convention will be Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

15. Councilmembers and Mayor Comments

Councilmember Vincent thanked Mayor and Council for their support during her time of illness and her daughter's accident. Also she is in the process of planning the GMA District 3 meeting and will send out notice as soon as the meeting details are finalized.

Mayor Pro Tem Elrod thanked persons for participating in the meeting and thanked Police Department for their presence on the Square, and welcomed the new Planner, Diane Johnson to the City.

Councilmember Roger Pruitt thanked staff for their good job and visitors attending the meeting.

16. Adjournment

Mayor Copeland called for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Elrod motioned and Councilmember B. Pruett seconded. All stood in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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.