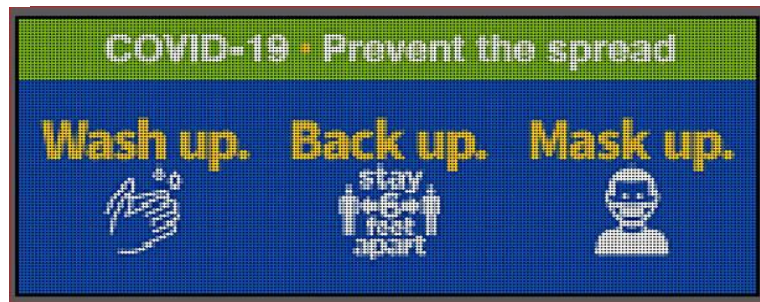




WORKSHOP MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY HALL – 136 KEYS FERRY STREET
SEPTEMBER 2, 2021
6:00 PM
This was a Zoom Meeting



1. Call to Order Mayor Pro Tem Pruett
Mayor Pro Tem Pruett called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM when a quorum was present. Mayor Pro Tem Pruett asked the City Clerk if the meeting was properly advertised and the Clerk responded yes.

2. Roll Call

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

Mayor Billy Copeland	Absent
Mayor Pro Tem Pruett	Present
Councilmember Roger Pruitt	Present
Councilmember Rufus Stewart	Present (arrived after meeting began)
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; Network Administrator, Mr. Brian Linton; IT Director, Steve Sikes

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Pruett asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the following changes: add to item 6D for authorization for the Mayor to sign and add item 7A as a Covid 19 update. Councilmember R. Pruitt motioned and Councilmember Vincent seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor and the motion passes. Those voting in favor were Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember R. Pruitt, Councilmember Varner and Councilmember Vincent. Mayor Copeland and Councilmember Stewart were not present.

4. Pledge to the Flag

Councilmember R Pruitt led the Pledge to the Flag.

5. Invocation

Councilmember Vincent gave the invocation.

6. Consent Agenda

Administration

- A. Approval of the August 3, 2021 Workshop Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the August 12, 2021 Special Called Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the August 16, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the August 23, 2021 Special Called Meeting Minutes

Finance

- B. Approval of a rental agreement/contract between the City of McDonough and NASPO Value Point (Pitney Bowes, Inc.) for 60-month lease of a postage machine in City Hall at a cost of \$247.59 monthly and will be paid from the General Fund; authorization for the Mayor to sign the rental agreement/contract.

Public Safety

- C. Approval to purchase a 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Police Department, replacing a vehicle that was previously totaled. This Bellamy Strickland purchase will cost \$37,710.00 and will be paid from the Police Department Budget. (GIRMA reimbursement check has been received).

Public Works

- D. Approval of a change order recommended by Turnipseed Engineers and requested by Sol Construction LLC. for a Booster Pump at Richard Craig Park at a cost of \$12,921.00 which will be paid from the Water Treatment Plant Budget.

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

7. Unscheduled Public Comments

There were no Unscheduled Public Comments.

7A. Covid – 19 Update

City Clerk Ms. Price and City Administrator Preston Dorsey spoke about the information that Dr. Henson, CEO from Piedmont Henry Hospital stated:

- that they were concerned about the possible of oxygen shortage
- the Hospital's ER is licensed for 55 beds and on one recent occasion they had 171 patients in the waiting room, therefore the ER had to be closed until all of these patients could be worked through to reduce this number of patients
- Hospital had received 19 persons from the National Guard to assist them at Piedmont Henry
- Hospital had the capability to administer the monoclonal antibodies to 8 patients daily at the current time
- A year ago Dr. Henson said that she would be paying a contract nurse \$90.00 hourly, but because of staffing shortages now, if she could find the nurses to hire, she would have to pay them \$240.00 per hour
- Xavier Crockett from the Public Health Department commented that while it would be a good idea to open additional vaccination site, they just did not have the proper amount of staffing to do this
- Xavier stated that they suggest that maybe the Covid-19 virus would peak by the end of September and Dr. Henson commented that they thought it would be probably around the end of November

Mr. Dorsey asked Council to allow for the city public buildings to be closed to the public from September 7 to September 20, 2021, employees are to continue to work on their regular schedule and city business can be conducted by phone, through the drive-in window, and by email. Mr. Dorsey stated that any employee who had spent any money on Covid testing would be reimbursed from the City by turning in their receipts. Councilmember R. Pruitt motioned to close all city buildings to the Public from September 7, to September 20, 2021 and that this would be re-accessed at the September 20th, 2021 meeting; and all employees would continue working on their regular schedule. Councilmember Stewart seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Pro Tem Pruett, Councilmember R. Pruitt, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Varner and Councilmember Vincent. Mayor Copeland was not present.

8. 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)

There was No Executive Session.

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

No Comments

10. Councilmembers and Mayor Comments

Councilmember Stewart commented that the Atlanta Urgent Care is another place that persons can get the vaccinations. Over the next two weeks there will be some cleanup in some neighborhoods.

Councilmember Vincent asked about use of urgent care facilities to assist the hospital. Also she asked about making some policy adjustments to the Personnel Policy regarding donation of time so that employees are not penalized if exposed to the virus and must be required to quarantine at home. The City Attorney stated yes he would work on some changes to the policy to address this specific need. Councilmember Vincent commented on the following: that we are working with Dana Lemon and Brian Strickland, Public Works and GDOT with making the one way pairs and Marians Way safer, there will be a Hamilton Pointe meeting for further discussion, and she is having discussion with City Attorney regarding Overlook about who owns the common area.

Councilmember Roger Pruitt request a listing of testing places for the Covid virus testing.

Mayor Pro Tem Pruett thanked Council and Staff for the work they do.

11. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Elrod adjourned the meeting at 6:44 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.