

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
June 5, 2006
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Copeland opened the meeting. Councilmember Vincent led the prayer and Councilmember Notti lead the pledge.

Mayor Copeland asked for the following modifications to the agenda:

5a. VFW Presentation

12. Mike Crawford— MYA

Councilmember Notti made the motion to approve the modifications and Councilmember Brown seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Councilmembers Smith and Stewart were absent.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilmember Brown made the motion. Councilmember Riffey asked that the consent agenda item pertaining to the water rate increase be removed. Councilmember Brown withdrew his previous motion and made a new motion to approve the consent agenda items, minus the water rate increase item. Councilmember Riffey seconded the motion. Mr. Rodney Heard, Director of Community Development, asked that the consent agenda item relative to the approval of a preliminary plat for North Valley be removed. Councilmember Brown made a motion of this request, as well as the approval of the consent agenda items minus the water rate increase item, and Councilmember Riffey seconded. The vote was four in favor.

Councilmember Notti made a motion to move the preliminary plat approval for North Valley to June 19, 2006. Councilmember Vincent seconded. The vote was four in favor.

Mayor Copeland spoke about local soldiers that have recently returned from Iraq. He also announced his plans to establish a Veteran's Day in McDonough in May of 2007. He read a portion of the letter of which each recently returned soldier was presented. The VFW presented Mayor Copeland with an award for his work with veterans and soldiers. Mayor Copeland thanked them for the honor.

Mike Starns, a representative of the Veteran's Wall, spoke relative to the project and the progress of it. He asked that the council consider supporting the Wall in the upcoming budget. Councilmember Vincent asked what amount was being requested. Mr. Starns responded that that would be left to the decision of the Council, based on the financial position of the City. Mayor Copeland thanked everyone involved with the Veteran's Wall.

Mayor Copeland opened the floor for public comments/ announcements. No one spoke.

Mayor Copeland opened the floor for comments/ announcements from the Council. Councilmember Vincent announced the death of Councilmember Stewart's brother.

Mayor Copeland moved to the item pertaining to The Housing Authority and Mary Williams. Mrs. Williams spoke and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the McDonough Housing Authority. Councilmember Riffey asked about the Housing Authority's waiting list of three to four years and whether there were any plans for expansion to alleviate the wait. Mrs. Williams explained that HUD no longer supports small Housing Authorities. Councilmember Vincent thanked Mrs. William's for her services and emphasized that members of the Council were available to work with her.

Mayor Copeland asked Mr. Lee, City Administrator, to review and explain the proposed water tap fee increase. Mr. Lee reviewed the proposal and recommended a 10% increase effective July 1, 2006. Councilmember Notti made the motion to approve the water tap fee increase, effective July 1, 2006, and Councilmember Brown seconded. Councilmember Riffey asked if the rate increase would be in line with the Coty fees. Mr. Lee answer that the City of McDonough rates would still be less than the County rates. The vote was four in favor.

Mayor Copeland asked Leslie Balog, executive Assistant to the mayor, to read the Proclamation in support of the National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society. Councilmember Vincent made a motion to approve the Proclamation and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was four in favor.

Mayor Copeland moved to the item pertaining to the final plat approval of Green Valley Villages, Phase II – Green Valley Activity Center. Mr. Heard asked for the item to be postponed until June 19, 2006, for further review with the Council and City Attorney. Councilmember Brown asked if the applicant was present and aware of the proposed postponement. Mr. Heard answered yes to both questions. Councilmember Brown made a motion to postpone the item until June 19, 2006, and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was four in favor.

Mayor Copeland opened the floor to Mr. Mike Crawford who gave a presentation relative to MYA Inline Hockey. He presented a trophy to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Heard announced that the DVD that Mr. Crawford brought with him would be shown on June 19, 2006.

Councilmember Brown made a motion to amend the agenda to add the following:

12b. Premiere Centre/ tree removal

Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was four in favor.

Mr. Heard reviewed the Premiere Center item. He presented photographs of the area which is located at Zack Hinton and Racetrack Roads. He announced that consent was needed for the removal of trees for the purpose of storm water drainage. Councilmember Notti asked who was making the request. Mr. Heard answered that Mr. Brent Moye made the request. There were questions and comments from the Mayor and Council. Councilmember Brown asked that the Council be given something from DOT relative the request. Councilmember Brown made a motion to postpone the Premiere Centre tree removal item and place it on the consent agenda of June 19, 2006, contingent on a letter from the DOT. Councilmember Notti seconded the motion. Councilmember Riffey reminded the Council that there would be no consent agenda on June 19, 2006. The vote was four in favor.

NON-RESIDENTIAL REZONING WITH VARIANCE(S):

Michael A. O'Quinn and Donald Cronin

R-100 to C-2 with Variance(s)

103 Keys Ferry Street

Land Lot 134 of the 7th

.604 +/- acres

Mr. Heard reviewed Planning Commission notes relative to the item. He also reviewed notes from the June 1, 2006, City Council workshop. Councilmember Notti asked for specifications relative to the sign requirements and Mr. Heard reviewed. Mr. Mike O'Quinn spoke. Mayor Copeland opened the floor to comments and questions from the Council. Mayor Copeland opened the public hearing; no one spoke in favor or opposition. Mayor Copeland closed the public hearing. Mr. Heard gave a final review for clarification. Mr. Robbie Robinson asked why the requested rezoning was C-2 rather than ONI; Mr. O'Quinn answered that the rezoning is for consistency purposes, as property on both sides of his is zoned C-2. Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the property being rezoned with variances and Councilmember Notti seconded. Councilmember Vincent asked for an amendment of the wording of the motion. Councilmember Notti again seconded. The vote was four in favor.

RESIDENTIAL Zoning Modification w/Variance(s):

John Christian Development, LLC

– Proposed Lakemont Subdivision

Tomlinson Street (County Road #449)/Lakemont Drive/ and State Route 81 East

R-75/85 with Conditions

Land Lot 136 of the 7th District

54.0 +/- acres

Mr. Heard reviewed. Mr. Christian and a representative, Mr. Scott Mayfield, spoke. Mayor Copeland opened the floor to comments and questions from the Council. Mr. Heard provided further review. Mr. Christian made additional comments. Mayor Copeland opened the public hearing; no one spoke. Mayor Copeland closed the public hearing. Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the residential rezoning modification with variances of the proposed Lakemont subdivision, with the conditions and variances of staff and the Planning Commission, as well as that the conditions be included in the official minutes, and that, prior to approval of the façade, there be recommendations by staff and HOK as a condition of zoning. Councilmember Vincent seconded. The vote was four in favor.

NON-RESIDENTIAL Rezoning:

Vipul Patel

Highway 81 East vicinity

RA-200 to C-3

Land Lot 135 of the 7th District

12.160 +/- acres

Mr. Heard reported that he had reviewed requests from the Georgetown community made during a Planning Commission meeting. He also reviewed minutes from the Planning Commission meeting. He further reviewed the project and the recommendations of the Community Development Department and the Planning Commission. He presented and reviewed diagrams. Mr. Patel spoke. Mayor Copeland opened the floor to comments and questions from the Council. Mayor Copeland opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor. Mr. Gerald Alred spoke in opposition. Mayor Copeland closed the public hearing. Councilmember Brown spoke to the residents of Georgetown and then made a motion to approve the non-residential rezoning of Mr. Patel's property in the Highway 81 East vicinity. Mr., Heard asked for a drawing depicting the plans for the area to be included in the minutes, as well as the master development plan to be included in conditions and be reviewed by the Council and the Planning Commission. Councilmember Riffey seconded the motion. Mr. Heard repeated the conditions for clarity. The vote was four in favor.

Mayor Copeland opened the floor for comments/ announcements from the Council.

Councilmember Notti commended Ms. Leslie Chrysler, Director of Tourism, on her monthly brochure.

Councilmember Riffey reminded everyone of the McDonough Moments event on the Square that was being held on June 10, 2006. She recommended that the City purchase a table to support the Main Street program. Mr. Lee asked the amount and Councilmember Riffey stated that she believed the cost to be \$250. Councilmember Riffey made a motion to approve the City purchasing a table at the McDonough Moments event. Councilmember Notti seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor.

Councilmember Riffey also announced that the McDonough Arts Council "Taste of the Arts" events will begin in July.

Mayor Copeland announced that the McDonough Square wireless internet network would be in place by July 1, 2006.

Mayor Copeland also spoke about his concern relative to the financial condition of the City. He spoke on the topic of the general and water and sewer funds needing to stand on their own.

Mayor Copeland also spoke about the City retirement program and announced that he is the interim trustee. He spoke on his concerns with past actions relative to the retirement program.

Councilmember Notti made several statements relative to Mayor Copeland's statements.

Councilmember Vincent announced that May was Older Americans month. She thanked the elderly people in attendance at the meeting.

There being no further business, Mayor Copeland adjourned the meeting.