

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 24, 2006
7:00 P.M.

The called meeting of the McDonough City Council was held on Monday, July 24th, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present:

Mayor:	Billy Copeland
Mayor Pro Team:	Monta Brown
Councilmembers:	Gail Notti
	Gina Riffey
	Wayne Smith
	Rufus Stewart
	Sandra Vincent (arrived at 7:10 pm)

Also present for the meeting were City Administrator, James Lee; City Clerk, Janis Price; City Attorney, Scott Bennett; Community Development Director, Rodney Heard; Public Works Director, Gary Barham; Court Director, Elaine Moore; Economic Development Director, Nan Lee; Mayor's Assistant, Leslie Balog; Tourism Director, Leslie Chrysler; and Assistant City Clerk, Wanda Ricks.

Mayor Copeland opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Councilmember Smith and the invocation was given by Councilmember Stewart.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Community Development Director, Rodney Heard, asked for item 6B to be added, a short video from the Roberto Clemente Little League World Series prepared by the Tourism Director, Leslie Chrysler. Councilmember Stewart motioned for the agenda to be approved with the above amendment and Councilmember Brown seconded. The vote was five in favor. Those voting were Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Notti, Councilmember Riffey, Councilmember Smith, and Councilmember Stewart. (Councilmember Vincent had not arrived at this time.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion for the approval of the May 15th, 2006 minutes. Due to several Councilmembers having not received a copy approval was postponed until the next meeting.

Mayor Copeland opened the floor for public comments/announcements. Ms. Chris Rogers spoke and distributed a detailed report regarding Bridle Wood/Bridle Ridge Subdivision. Ms. Rogers reported that she had also given the same report to the Planning Commission members.

Mr. Richard Schrade spoke about the Nicole Reynolds campaign rally held on the Square a few weeks prior. He praised and thanked McDonough employees for their assistance. Mr. Schrade said that the event had been successful and he thanked the City for the terrific job done.

Councilmember Brown spoke about the Roberto Clemente World Series and thanked the City of McDonough employees for the outstanding job done. He announced that McDonough hosting the event annually was a positive influence for the City.

Tourism Director, Leslie Chrysler, showed a short video highlighting the Roberto Clemente World Series. Mayor Copeland and several Councilmembers praised her work and the success of the Series.

PRELIMINARY PLAY APPROVAL(S): Vote Only – No Public Hearing

Tomlinson Estates: Tomlinson Street/McGarity Road/SR 81E Vicinity

Mr. Heard reviewed the item. Councilmember Brown motioned that Tomlinson Estates preliminary plat be approved with conditions of zoning and lot size, with engineering conditions concerning the detention pond, and also with approval of landscape plans. Councilmember Stewart seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor. Those voting were Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Notti, Councilmember Riffey, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Vincent. (Councilmember Smith did not vote because his company had been involved in the original plans. He excused himself from the room during the discussion and vote.)

Avalon PUD, Pod R: Avalon Parkway Vicinity

Mr. Heard review the item. Mr. Price, an engineer for the project, spoke. Councilmember Vincent motioned that Avalon PUD Pod R, previously zoned as R-M 75 with conditions on February 7, 2005, under Ordinance number 05-02-07-008 (Z), be approved with minor revisions by engineers with respect to storm water management. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The vote was six in favor. Those voting were Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Notti, Councilmember Riffey, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Vincent.

Mr. Heard discussed the need for a visioning session with the Mayor and City Council. He suggested some ideas of improving his Department's customer service and wanted the Mayor and Council to visit HOK facilities in Atlanta. Mr. Heard also requested that his Department be closed the week of July 31st, 2006, through August 4th, 2006, for inventory of plan reviews and general organization. He reported that an associate would be available during this time to handle customer service matters.

Councilmember Vincent motioned to have a visioning workshop at City Hall on Saturday, August 5th, 2006, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm and to also have a workshop visit to HOK headquarters on Saturday, August 19th, 2006, leaving at 8:00 am from City Hall. Councilmember Riffey seconded the motion. The vote was six in favor. Those voting were Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Notti, Councilmember Riffey, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Vincent.

Councilmember Brown motioned for the Community Development Department to be closed July 31st, 2006, through August 4th, 2006, with a Department associate available for customer service needs. Councilmember Stewart seconded the motion. The vote was six in favor. Those voting were Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Notti, Councilmember Riffey, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Vincent.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting were Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Notti, Councilmember Riffey, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Vincent.

Councilmember Brown made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. Those voting were Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Notti, Councilmember Riffey, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Vincent.

Councilmember Brown motioned for the Mayor to proceed with the personnel matter that had been discussed in Executive Session. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The vote was six in favor. Those voting were Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Notti, Councilmember Riffey, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Vincent.

Mayor Copeland advised that he and Council were postponing two items that were to have been discussed in Executive Session until the next meeting.

Mayor Copeland opened the floor for comments/ announcements from the Council. Councilmember Riffey thanked the City employees for their help and support in setting up the Arts Council Festival, which was held on the Square on Sunday, July 24th, 2006. She reported that the event was a success and was very well attended. She also announced that there would be another event in August.

Councilmember Brown commented about a “Jazz on the Lawn” event set for August 20th, 2006.

Councilmember Vincent asked for explanation of the procedure for requesting to have items put on the agenda of City Council meetings and workshops. Mayor Copeland

advised that Mr. Lee was the contact person. Mr. Lee asked to receive items by close of business on Wednesday for Monday night City Council meetings and to receive items by close of business on Monday for Thursday workshops.

Councilmember Vincent requested from Mr. Scott Bennett, City Attorney, place a copy of the City ethics ordinance in the mailboxes of all Councilmembers. She also asked that the McDonough City of Character designation program continue.

There being no further business, Councilmember Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Copeland asked for all in agreement to stand. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

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