

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – FEBRUARY 1, 2010
7:00 PM

The regular City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present:

Mayor:	Billy Copeland
Mayor Pro Tem:	Sandra Vincent
Councilmembers:	Rufus Amis
	Monta Brown
	Gail Notti
	Wayne Smith
	Rufus Stewart

(Councilmember Notti arrived shortly after the meeting began.)

Also present for this meeting was: City Administrator, Billy Beckett; City Clerk, Janis Price; City Attorney, Steve Fincher; Fire Chief, Steve Morgan; Media Relations, Casey Case; Interim Community Development Director, Rodney Heard; and Executive Assistant to Mayor and Council, Leslie Balog.

Mayor Copeland called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilmember Smith led the Pledge to the Flag and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent gave the invocation.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve tonight's agenda. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor (Councilmember Notti was not present to vote).

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Amis motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to include the Proclamation for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the Certificate of Recognition for Glenys & Billy Clemons as part of the meeting's minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned and Councilmember Brown seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the January 11, 2010 minutes. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Community Development Items:

Specialty Item(s):

2009 (FY 2008) Capital Improvements Element (CIE) & Short Term Work Program (STWP)

Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)/Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

- Official *adoption* per the final approval received from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) & Department of Community Affairs (DCA) dated 12-15-09.

PC Meetings (Workshop 01/12/10 and Public Review 01/26/10)

CC Meetings (Workshop 01/28/10 and Public Hearing 02/01/10)

PC Recommendation: Motion for Approval of copy approved by ARC/DCA– Darryl P.;
Second – Eddie E.; Vote = (6-0)

Staff Recommendation: N/A

Mr. Rodney Heard reviewed the 2009 CIE & STWP. The request is to officially adopt and to execute the appropriate paperwork and to transmit to ARC and DCA. Mayor Copeland opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor, and no one spoke in opposition. Mayor Copeland closed the public hearing. Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the official adoption of the 2009 CIE & STWP documents and Councilmember Brown seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Councilmember Brown showed the new Tourism video and commercial to Mayor and Council. This video will be sent to different tourism offices and welcome centers over the state.

Mr. Swain Thompson addressed the Mayor and Council regarding a curb speed hump policy; Title 10.14. He is the President of the Board for the Bristol Park subdivision. Discussion ensued. Mr. Beckett will review the petition issue.

The City Clerk reminded Mayor and Council about the Henry Co Municipal Association dinner in Hampton on Thursday, February 4th and the Henry County Chamber dinner on Saturday, February 6th. State Ethics staff will be visiting City Hall on February 17, 2010.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent appreciated being able to attend the Public Safety event and appreciates Chief Dorsey's hard work.

Councilmember Smith thanked everyone that helped to make the arrangements for the retreat. He appreciated the hard work from his colleagues.

Councilmember Notti spoke about the stop signs and speed humps at College Street and Lowe Street. She also mentioned that the workshop was very positive. She thanked colleagues for hard work and diligence at the retreat.

Mayor Copeland thanked Mr. Beckett for the positive retreat.

Councilmember Stewart asked how to qualify for emergency housing. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent discussed how funds are allocated for entitlement communities and hopefully Henry County can qualify for these funds soon.

Councilmember Brown thanked colleagues for their patience and concern. He felt like a lot was accomplished at the retreat.

Councilmember Amis commented on Mayor's Day and the class he took.

Having no further business Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Janis E. Price,
City Clerk