

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

The regular City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Monday, March 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

Also present for this meeting was: City Administrator, Billy Beckett; City Clerk, Janis Price; City Attorney, Steve Fincher; Fire Chief, Steve Morgan; Police Chief, Preston Dorsey; 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 Notti led the Pledge to the Flag and Councilmember Stewart gave the invocation.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve tonight's agenda. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda with one exception: remove Item #4. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2010 meeting as submitted. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to make the National FFA Week Proclamation a part of tonight's minutes. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mr. Swaine Thompson spoke to Mayor and Council regarding a speed bump request. Mayor Copeland told Mr. Thompson that the city is still evaluating all speed bump requests. Mr. Beckett, City Administrator, explained the proper procedures with installing speed bumps. He

also passed out information to Mayor and Councilmembers regarding liability with installing speed bumps.

Community Development Item:

Special Use Permit(s):

GOD's Healing & Deliverance International Ministry (1605 McDonough Place)

District 2 – Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Vincent

Zoned C-3 (Highway Commercial) per ORD# 97-8-30N

Land Lot(s) 125 of the 7th District 0.6428 +/- total acres

PC Meetings (Workshop 02/23/10* and Public Review 02/23/10* > **Postponed to 03-09-10**)

CC Meetings (Workshop 02/25/10 and Public Hearing 03/01/10* > **Postponement to 03-15-10**)

PC Recommendation: Postponed to 03-09-10 PC Meeting due to neither the applicant nor authorized representative being in attendance at 02-23-10 PC Meeting.

Staff Recommendation: Denial per reference to Chapter 17.112 – Special Uses, Section 17.112.020 Special Use Requirements – Item #2 (a-e).

*Denotes requests for action of postponement by Community Development Director per situations at hand.

Mr. Rodney Heard requested the postponement of this special use permit for God's Healing & Deliverance International Ministry until the March 15, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Notti motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was six in favor.

There were no unscheduled comments.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for two legal matters and one real estate acquisition matter. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to go back into Regular Session. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was six in favor.

There were no action items to report from Executive Session.

The City Clerk, Janis Price, reminded Mayor and Council that she needs GMA Convention forms completed and returned by next Monday, March 8th. Registration is Tuesday, March 9th at 9:00 AM.

Councilmember Brown commented on the Tourism Board making the Welcome Center an updated Welcome Center with games and a social atmosphere.

Councilmember Stewart spoke at Mt. Carmel Church on the Census 2010. He also spoke with Boy Scout Troop 712.

Mayor Copeland also attended a program for the Boy Scouts the previous Saturday evening and commented on how important scouting is to young people.

Councilmember Smith provided an update on exploring design opportunities for McDonough Parkway.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent commented on being excited about being in Henry County. She acknowledged a guest in the audience, Shane, who is involved with the Fuller Center and other programs in the community. She thanked Councilmember Stewart for helping to promote the Census. She also talked about doing more as a city to encourage participation from those from diverse cultures. She would like to put together a resolution at the next workshop for culture diversity recognition.

Councilmember Notti commented on recognizing the diversity within our community. This month is Women's History Month and she requested that Women's History Month be displayed on the Message Board at the Welcome Center for the month of March.

Mayor Copeland mentioned the Healthy Hearts Dance Class at 7:00 PM on Thursday night at the Chafin Building. This is the initial step in the 2010 Wellness Program.

Having no further business Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Smith motioned and all stood in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Janis E. Price,
City Clerk