

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – MARCH 15, 2010
7:00 PM

The regular City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Monday, March 15, 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

(Councilmember Stewart did not attend the meeting, he was out of town.)

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; Interim Community Development Director, Rodney Heard; Public Works Director, Lee Hearn; Special Projects Coordinator, Jestin Johnson; 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 Amis gave the invocation.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve tonight's agenda with the following modifications:

- 1) Delete approval of April 20, 2009 & May 18, 2009 minutes from the Consent Agenda.
- 2) Add item #5A- approval of April 20, 2009 & May 18, 2009 minutes to the Agenda.

Councilmember Notti motioned to approve the agenda with the above modifications and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Mayor Copeland, Councilmembers Notti, Vincent and Amis voted in favor, Councilmember Brown was not present for the vote and arrived shortly thereafter.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda with two modifications: 1) Deleting the minutes from April 20, 2009, and 2) deleting the minutes from May 18, 2009. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned and Councilmember Notti seconded to approve with the above modifications. The vote was four in favor. (Mayor Copeland and Councilmembers Notti, Vincent and Amis voted in favor and Councilmember Brown was not present for the vote and arrived shortly thereafter.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2009 & May 18, 2009 meeting as submitted. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Mayor Copeland and Councilmembers Notti, Vincent and Smith voted in favor and Councilmember Brown was not present for the vote and arrived shortly thereafter.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to make the Georgia Census Week, March 8 - 14, 2010, Proclamation a part of tonight's minutes. Councilmember Notti motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Councilmembers Amis, Notti, Vincent and Smith voted in favor and Councilmember Brown was not present for the vote and arrived shortly thereafter.)

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* > **Postponed 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. Report of PC actions will be reviewed at CC Public Hearing.

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 noted.

Mr. Rodney Heard reviewed the SUP. The applicant, Daphne Patoir, spoke to Mayor and Council. Mayor Copeland opened the Public Hearing. Ms. Fonnelle Benjamin, Ms. Norma Gayle, and Ms. Andria Montague spoke in favor. No one spoke in opposition. Mayor Copeland closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned to approve the SUP for God's Healing & Deliverance International Ministry located at 1605 McDonough Place to run concurrently with the applicant's lease for two years and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmembers Amis, Brown, Notti, Smith and Vincent voted in favor.)

Mr. Jestin Johnson presented an amended Sanitation Ordinance to Mayor and Council. City Administrator, Mr. Billy Beckett, recommended approving the Sanitation Ordinance as it was submitted tonight. Councilmember Notti motioned to accept the City Administrator's recommendation to adopt the Sanitation Ordinance and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmembers Amis, Brown, Notti, Smith and Vincent voted in favor.)

Mr. Johnson presented Mayor and Council with an updated version of the Sanitation Request for Proposal (RFP). There were two modifications, 1) on page 3 change the date for the bid to close on April 22, 2010 and 2) on page 9 under Section 18 under "terms" should be a period of three years instead of four years. Mr. Beckett recommended adopting the Sanitation RFP as presented tonight. Councilmember Smith motioned to accept the City Administrator's recommendation for approval and Councilmember Brown seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmembers Amis, Brown, Notti, Smith and Vincent voted in favor.)

There were no unscheduled comments.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter and a personnel matter. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Amis, Brown, Notti, Smith and Vincent voted in favor.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to go back into Regular Session. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmembers Amis, Brown, Notti, Smith and Vincent voted in favor.)

There was nothing to report from Executive Session.

Councilmember Smith requested to amend the agenda, and he motioned to add item #12A as Lake Dow Sewer Easement. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmembers Amis, Brown, Notti, Smith and Vincent voted in favor.)

Mr. Beckett commented to Mayor and Council regarding the death of Mr. Ted Strickland, City Manager of Stockbridge and what a loss this is to our community. He also mentioned that the Community Development Director position closed on March 12, 2010. Of the approximately 40 applications received, about 30 applicants seemed qualified.

Mayor Copeland shared his condolences regarding the death of Ted Strickland and also Mayor Pro Tem Vincent.

Councilmember Smith spoke to Mayor and Council about securing an easement across the property of Southern Crescent Baptist Church. Councilmember Smith motioned to authorize the Mayor to execute the purchase agreement with Southern Crescent Baptist Church for sanitary sewer easements. Councilmember Notti seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmembers Amis, Brown, Notti, Smith and Vincent voted in favor.)

Councilmember Amis commented on how much he learned from the GMA classes he took in Tifton, GA for newly elected officials.

At 12:30 PM on Saturday, March 20, 2010, at Wesley Lakes Elementary, Commissioner Randy Stamey and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent will be hosting a community forum regarding the Jonesboro Road property that is adjacent to the Kroger's Shopping Center. The intent of this forum is to get community input on the usage of the property.

Having no further business Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded and all stood in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Janis E. Price,
City Clerk