

MINUTES  
CITY OF MCDONOUGH  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL – MAY 3, 2010  
7:00 PM

The regular City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7:00 PM. with the following members present:

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

(Councilmember Monta Brown was not present for the meeting.)

Also present for this meeting was: City Administrator, Billy Beckett; City Clerk, Janis Price; City Attorney, Emilia Walker; Fire Chief, Steve Morgan; Police Chief, Preston Dorsey; Community Development Director, Rodney Heard; Executive Assistant to Mayor and Council, Leslie Balog; HR Director, Carla Tuck; and Media Relations Casey Case.

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

Councilmember Stewart led the Pledge to the Flag and Councilmember Amis gave the invocation.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve tonight's Agenda. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Those voting in favor were Mayor Copeland, Councilmembers Amis, Smith and Stewart. Councilmembers Notti and Vincent had not arrived yet, and Councilmember Brown did not attend the meeting.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda with the deletion of item #1. The City Administrator explained at this time a resolution cannot be adopted until the ordinance has been revised regarding the specific voting places. Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, items #2 and #3, with the omission of item #1 and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Brown did not attend the meeting.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2010 meeting. There was one correction of the spelling of Ms. Katie Glenn's name on page 2 which was brought to the attention of the City Clerk by Councilmember Notti. Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the April 19, 2010 minutes with the one spelling correction and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Brown did not attend the meeting.)

Mayor Copeland presented three Proclamations:  
Police Week, May 10-16, 2010  
National Travel and Tourism Week, May 8–16, 2010  
American Red Cross Month – Month of May

During Police Week, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 was designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day. Before the readings of the Proclamations, Mayor Copeland recognized Mr. Tommy Tomme, State President of the Sons of the American Revolution and the former President, Mr. Hal Dahuff; and Ms. Fabiola Charles, a representative from the American Red Cross.

Mayor Copeland asked that these three Proclamations be made a part of tonight's minutes. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Brown did not attend the meeting.)

Community Development Items:

Special Use Permit(s):

**(A). Karen Jones for Victory Chapel (393 Keys Ferry Street)**

District 3 – Wayne Smith

Zoned C-3 (Highway Commercial) with conds.

Land Lot(s) 135 of the 7<sup>th</sup> District 1.12 +/- total acres (\*Parent Tract)

PC Meetings (Workshop 04/13/10\* and Public Review 04/27/10\*)

CC Meetings (Workshop 04/29/10 and **Public Hearing 05/03/10\***)

PC Recommendation: SH – Motion for Approval of SUP for two (2) years, ST – Sec. Vote: 6-0.

Staff Recommendation: Denial per reference to Chapter 17.112 – Special Uses, Section

17.112.020 Special Use Requirements – Item #2 (a-e).

Action of Precedence:

If the PC elects to approve the requested SUP, then it is recommended that the time interval be for that stated within the tenant lease agreement.

Mr. Rodney Heard presented the petition. Mr. Michael Jones, representative of Victory Chapel Church spoke to Mayor and Council. 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 for Victory Chapel Church at 393 Keys Ferry Street to approve the SUP for two (2) years subject to the terms of their lease. Councilmember Notti seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Brown did not attend the meeting.)

**(B). Michael Turner for Turning Point Church (824-825 Magnolia Office Pavilion)**

District 4 – Monta Brown

Zoned C-2 (Central Commercial)

Land Lot(s) 163 of the 7<sup>th</sup> District 4.280 +/- total acres (\*Parent Tract)

Tenant Space = 672 square feet

PC Meetings (Workshop 04/13/10\* and Public Review 04/27/10\*)

CC Meetings (Workshop 04/29/10 and **Public Hearing 05/03/10\***)

PC Recommendation: BF – Motion for Approval of the SUP with expiration date of April 7, 2011, DP- Second. Vote: 6-0.

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

Action of Precedence:

If the PC elects to approve the requested SUP, then it is recommended that the time interval coincide with that stated approved with Ord.# 06-04-17002(ZSUP). Said expiration would occur on 04-17-2011.

Mr. Heard reviewed the petition. Ms. Michelle Stephens, representative of Turning Point Church spoke to Mayor and Council. 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 SUP for Turning Point Church at 824 – 825 Magnolia Office Pavilion to run concurrent with their existing SUP with an expiration date of April 17, 2011. Councilmember Notti seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Brown did not attend the meeting.)

Human Resources Director, Carla Tuck spoke to Mayor and Council in regard to the new Personnel Policy which had been reviewed at the previous workshop. Discussion ensued and Ms. Tuck and Mr. Beckett answered questions which Councilmembers asked. Mr. Beckett stated that all individuals are covered by the personnel policy with the exception of those three positions stated in the charter which are appointed: City Administrator, City Attorney and City Clerk. Ms. Tuck advised that she is requesting that June 1, 2010 be the effective date of the new policy. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned for the adoption of the proposed personnel policy with the following amendment and that amendment being the deletion of Section 4, No. 2, Political Activities, Item E. Councilmember Notti seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor and one in opposition. The motion passed. (Those voting in favor were Councilmembers Amis, Notti, Stewart and Vincent, and Councilmember Smith voted in opposition. Councilmember Brown did not attend the meeting.)

Ms. Tuck commented that she had had a resolution prepared and that she would request adoption of the personnel policy and the resolution at the next meeting with the effective date of June 1, 2010. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned this evening to authorize the Mayor to execute the resolution approving the adopted personnel policy as amended. Councilmember Stewart seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Brown did not attend the meeting.)

There were no unscheduled comments.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to go into executive session for real estate and legal matters. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Brown did not attend the meeting.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to go back into the regular May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Brown did not attend meeting.)

There was nothing to report from executive session.

The City Clerk reminded Mayor and Council that the Henry County Municipal Association Dinner Meeting will be on Thursday night, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Garden Inn at 6:30 PM and a representative from GMA will be attending the dinner to give a legislative update.

Councilmembers Smith and Stewart commented on how successful Georgia Cities Week was and thanked all city employees involved. Councilmember Stewart invited all to attend a ceremony on May 22 at 5:00 PM at the Legion Hall Post 516 honoring a veteran returning home from Iraq. Councilmember Notti commented that registration has taken place for summer camp.

Having no further business, Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Smith motioned, Mayor Pro Tem Vincent second, and all stood in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Janis E. Price  
City Clerk