

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem:	Sandra Vincent
Councilmembers:	Rufus Amis
	Monta Brown
	Rufus Stewart
	Wayne Smith

(Mayor Copeland and Councilmember Notti were not present for the meeting.)

Also present for this meeting was: City Administrator, Billy Beckett; City Clerk, Janis Price; City Attorneys, Steve Fincher and Emilia Walker; Police Chief, Preston Dorsey; Fire Chief, Steve Morgan; Media Relations, Casey Case; Interim Community Development Director, Rodney Heard; Special Projects Coordinator, Jestin Johnson; Court Director, Iris Sullivan; and Executive Assistant to Mayor and Council, Leslie Balog.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent asked for a motion to approve tonight's agenda. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was five in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was five in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent asked for a motion to make the Proclamation for Mr. Larry Dean Monk Day and the Certificate of Appreciation for Specialist Dimitri Sims a part of tonight's minutes. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor.

The following people addressed Mayor Pro Tem and Council during Public Comments:

Dr. Harold Grier spoke and Mr. Rodney Heard displayed pictures for Dr. Grier and explained the projects associated with the Grier Manor II project.

Ms. Susan Owens of 125 Bryan Street spoke about the Historic Preservation District. Ms. Owens' concern was regarding the division of Bryan Street.

Ms. Susan Copeland of 114 Cleveland Street spoke about the Historic Preservation District. Ms. Copeland requested documents and more information regarding the HPC members and the historic district.

Community Development Items:

Rezoning w/ Special Use Permit(s):

A. William Branham for WRB Diesel (192 Industrial Blvd.)

District 4 – Councilmember Monta Brown

C-3 (Highway Commercial) to M-1 (Light Industrial) with a Special Use Permit

Land Lot(s) 196 of the 7th District 2.2 +/- total acres

PC Meetings (Joint Workshop/Public Review 05/25/10)

CC Meetings (Workshop 06/03/10 and **Public Hearing 06/07/10**)

PC Recommendation: Swaine Thompson – Motion for Approval of Rezoning/SUP per staff recommendations in its entirety, Alan Shackelford – Second. Vote: 5-0.

Staff Recommendation: Approval of the rezoning as noted w/ SUP + stipulated conditions as outlined in Final Staff Recommendation (Refer to said document).

Mr. Rodney Heard reviewed the rezoning and SUP for WRB Diesel located at 192 Industrial Blvd. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor and no one spoke in opposition. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent closed the public hearing. Councilmember Brown motioned to approve the rezoning to M-1 and the SUP for Mr. William Branham for WRB Diesel located at 192 Industrial Blvd with the stipulated conditions outlined by the staff and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor.

Special Use Permit(s):

B. Rev. Cleveland Thomas for New Beginning Baptist Church (188 Washington Street/Road)

District 4 – Councilmember Monta Brown

Zoned R-50 (Single Family Residential)

Land Lot(s) 156 of the 7th District .75 +/- total acres

PC Meetings (Joint Workshop/Public Review 05/25/10)

CC Meetings (Workshop 06/03/10 and **Public Hearing 06/07/10**)

PC Recommendation: Bill Fort – Motion for Approval for three (3) years, Eddie Elliott – 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 be for three (3) years.

Mr. Rodney Heard reviewed the SUP for Rev. Cleveland Thomas for New Beginning Baptist Church located at 188 Washington Street/ Road. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor and no one spoke in opposition. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent closed the public hearing. Councilmember Brown motioned to approve the SUP for New Beginning Baptist Church located at 188 Washington Street/ Road for duration of 3 years and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was five in favor.

City Attorney, Ms. Emilia Walker, spoke to Mayor Pro Tem and Council regarding the proposed ordinances for designation of the McDonough Historic District and the Lawrenceville Street Historic District. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor. The following persons spoke in opposition:

Mr. James Moss, Attorney, lives at 118 Cleveland Street

Mr. Jim Sherling, President of the Genealogical Society of Henry County located at 71 Macon Street

Reverend Lee, Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, located at 262 Macon Street

Mr. William E. Harding of 63 and 69 Keys Ferry Street and 225 Rodgers Street

Ms. Jean Hanger, a HPC member and lives at 135 Lawrenceville Street spoke to the audience regarding some the comments that were made by people speaking in opposition. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent closed the public hearing. The next public hearing is scheduled for July 6, 2010.

There were no unscheduled public comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for a real estate matter. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was five in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent asked for a motion to go back into Regular Session. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was five in favor.

Councilmember Smith motioned to authorize Mayor Pro Tem Vincent to execute an acquisition contract for property located on Jonesboro Road and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was five in favor.

The City Administration did not have any comments, and the City Clerk advised Mayor and Council of the due dates for their Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report and Personal Finance Statement. The Clerk also advised them of the new Senate Bill 17 that will go into effect January 10, 2011.

Having no further business Mayor Pro Tem Vincent adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Janis E. Price, City Clerk