

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – SEPTEMBER 20, 2010
7:00 PM

The regular City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Monday, September 20, 2010 at 7:00 PM 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; Interim Community Development Director, Rodney Heard; Finance Director, Bonnie Kline; Court Supervisor, Iris Sullivan; Nick Nichols; Executive Assistant to Mayor and Council, Leslie Balog; and Media Relations Casey Case.

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

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

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the agenda. (Councilmember Notti commented on the Adult Entertainment item being removed from the agenda and that she was not aware it had been removed.) Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve the agenda and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Mayor Pro Tem Vincent was not present for the vote.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve August 16, 2010 meeting minutes. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Brown seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to make the Proclamation of “Constitution Week” a part of tonight’s minutes. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland attended an event with members of the USS Enoree at the Fairfield Inn on last Thursday evening. On behalf of the citizens of McDonough and the City Council, Mayor Copeland presented each veteran with a Certificate of Recognition. Councilmember Smith motioned to make these Certificates of Recognition a part of tonight's minutes and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Members that received the certificates were:

Russell Adam	John Looney
Marvin Alport	Anthony Luongo
Philip Bingham	Anthony Magnanti
David Cline	Robert Mason
Robert Cope	Ronald Nelson
Frank Croker	David Neuenschwander
Richard Duncan	Adam Russell
Bert English	Cesar "Bud" Santos
Gordon French	Robert Steinauer
Robert Harwood	Gerald Wheeler

Mr. Jim Howell was present at the meeting and spoke to Mayor and Council. Mr. Howell's father (Mr. Ed Howell) was in the Navy and on the USS Enoree.

Public Comments:

Mr. Mike Hall, the Store Manager of JC Penney's, spoke to Mayor and Council regarding the "Huffin for the Stuffin" event. Last year 1300 people participated in the event. They are raising money for two charities that focus on health, welfare, and quality of life for seniors. The two charities are Henry County Senior Services (Meals on Wheels program) and Project Life Saver. Mr. Hall presented Mayor Copeland with a pink shirt representing the Real Men Wear Pink campaign and thanked him for supporting the "Huffin for Stuffin" event. Councilmember Brown challenged colleagues and Department Heads to participate in the race.

Community Development Items:

Qualified Local Government Requirement(s):

A. City of McDonough > 2010 CIE/STWP Preparation & Transmittal

PC Meetings (Workshop 09/14/10 and Public Review 09/16/10: SPCM)

CC Meetings (Workshop 09/02/10 and **Public Hearing 09/20/10**)

PC Recommendation: Report to be provided per the PC Vote on 09-16-10

Staff Recommendation: Approval in accord with the continual updates for the McD CIE/STWP

Interim Community Development Director, Mr. Rodney Heard, reviewed the CIE/STWP project. Informational packets were distributed to Mayor and Council. Discussion ensued. 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 authorize the Mayor to execute the transmittal resolution for the 2010 CIE/STWP update with the one (1) additional project which is the Jonesboro Road corridor landscape project and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Zoning Condition Modification (ZMOD): Residential

B. Randy Hayes on behalf of Callaway Park, LLC (Callaway Park Subdivision – Bridges Road)

District 2 – Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Vincent

R-50 (SFR) w/ conditions & variances per Ord. #04-03-01008(Z)

Land Lot(s) 131 of the 7th District

29.954 +/- acres (Parent Tract)

PC Meetings (Workshop 07/13/10 and Public Review 08/31/10)

CC Meetings (Workshop: Mediation Meeting to be conducted and **Public Hearing 09/20/10**)

PC Recommendation: Stanley H. > Motion for approval w/ staff recommendation. Eddie E. >

Second. Vote: 4 (Yea)-1 (Nay) -1(Abst.)

Staff Recommendation: Approval with stipulations as a means of “corrective action” for economic re-start + sustainability of the proposed development located within the Bridges Road corridor.

Mr. Heard reviewed the zoning modification request for Callaway Park, LLC. They are requesting to approve six (6) modifications. Mr. Randy Hayes spoke to Mayor and Council on behalf of Callaway Park, LLC. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent commented. Discussion ensued. Mayor Copeland opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in favor. Mr. David Myers and Mr. Christopher spoke in opposition. Mayor Copeland closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent requested to delete Item #3 of the original outline that references 2- story homes. More discussion ensued between Mayor Pro Tem Vincent and Mr. Randy Hayes. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned to deny the zoning condition modification for Callaway Park, LLC and Councilmember Amis seconded. Councilmember Brown asked if the applicant could withdraw the petition before the vote was cast. City Attorney, Mr. Steve Fincher responded yes, and also reminded Mayor, Council and Applicant that if the petition was denied the applicant would have to wait six (6) months before a subsequent modification could be requested. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent withdrew the motion and Councilmember Amis withdrew the second. At the request of the applicant, Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned to postpone the Callaway Park, LLC zoning condition modification until the October 4, 2010 City Council meeting and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mr. Jestin Johnson spoke to Mayor and Council requesting acceptance of the recommendation for hiring Pieper O’Brien Herr Architects to design the new Police/ Court facility. Mr. Johnson introduced Mr. Charles O’Brien, Mr. Anthony Turpin, and Mr. Jeff Loman from Pieper O’Brien and Mr. Steve Moore of Moore Bass Consulting. Councilmember Brown commented that he was once employed with Moore Bass Consulting in 2008. He is no longer affiliated with the company. Councilmember Smith motioned to accept the recommendation by staff to hire Pieper O’Brien Herr Architects to design the new Police/ Court facility and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was six in favor.

City Administrator, Mr. Billy Beckett, commented on the reorganization of the Municipal Court. The Court Supervisor, Ms. Iris Sullivan, will be retiring in October 2010. Mr. Beckett stated that it is important to attend to security issues and the supervision of staff and the allocation of resources. Mr. Beckett recommends Chief Preston Dorsey to assume supervision of the administrative functions of the court. Councilmember Brown motioned to accept the

recommendation of the City Administrator and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mr. Beckett spoke to Mayor and Council regarding the Occupational Business Licenses and Regulations Ordinance. Councilmember Smith motioned to postpone the public hearing for the adoption of the Occupational Business Licenses and Regulations Ordinance until the October 4, 2010 City Council Meeting and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded. The vote was six in favor.

There were no unscheduled comments.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel items. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was six in favor.

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

Mr. Beckett requested of Mayor and Council to approve the employment of Ms. Kathleen Field as the Community Development Director. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent thanked the Main Street Program and staff for their hard work on this past weekend's Music on the Square. She received a lot of positive feedback from citizens.

Councilmember Smith thanked the city for allowing him to participate in the Municipal Leadership Institute on last week.

Having no further business Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:01 PM.

Janis E. Price
City Clerk