

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL/SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
CITY HALL – JANUARY 18, 2011
7:00 PM

The City of McDonough Organizational/ Special Called Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 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 were: City Administrator, Billy Beckett; City Clerk, Janis Price; City Attorney, Emilia Walker; Fire Chief, Steve Morgan; Police Chief, Preston Dorsey; Community Development Director, Kathy Field, and Media Relations Specialist, 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 Stewart motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was six in favor.

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

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the following meeting minutes:

December 6, 2010, December 14, 2010, December 21, 2010, January 6, 2011.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent requested that on the December 21, 2010 minutes on page 1 after the statement Mayor Pro Tem Vincent being absent from the meeting that the words “due to sickness” be added.

Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the minutes as submitted for the meetings of December 6, 2010, December 14, 2010, January 6, 2011 and for the December 21, 2010 minutes to be approved as revised. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to make the following Proclamations a part of tonight’s minutes- Tommie Lillian Glover Day and Haley Diane Eason Day.

Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Dr. Harold Grier was not present at the meeting.

Mayor Copeland opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem for 2011. Councilmember Amis nominated Sandra Vincent. Councilmember Smith nominated Monta Brown. Councilmember Stewart motioned to close the nominations for Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was six in favor. Mayor Copeland called for the vote for Monta Brown. There were three votes cast. Mayor Copeland called for the vote for Sandra Vincent. There were four votes cast. Sandra Vincent was elected Mayor Pro Tem for 2011. (Those voting in favor of Monta Brown were Mayor Copeland,

Councilmembers Brown and Smith. Those voting in favor of Sandra Vincent were Councilmembers Amis, Notti, Stewart and Vincent.) Mayor Pro Tem Vincent expressed her appreciation to colleagues for their support and looks forward to a new year.

The 2011 Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) appointments from Mayor and Council were recommended as follows:

Mayor Copeland-	Jean Hanger
Mayor Pro Tem Vincent-	Linda McDaniel
Councilmember Amis-	Gina Riffey
Councilmember Brown-	Jean Bell
Councilmember Notti-	Angelic Muhammad
Councilmember Stewart-	Solomon Barge

Councilmember Brown motioned for the Mayor to accept the individuals recommended by Councilmembers as 2011 appointments to the HPC, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor. (Councilmember Smith will recommend his appointment at a later meeting.)

There were no unscheduled comments.

City Administrator, Mr. Billy Beckett submitted proposed work schedule dates to Mayor and Council. Mr. Beckett gave the available dates for Mr. Gordon Manor (facilitator with the University of Georgia System). Councilmember Smith suggested having the retreat on March 11th & 12th and all were in favor of these dates. All were also in favor for having the retreat in Peachtree City again. Mr. Beckett discussed the adult entertainment moratorium that was drafted by City Attorney, Steve Fincher. Mr. Beckett met with the Henry County Manager and Henry County's Attorney regarding this issue and then Henry County Commission Chairman BJ Mathis called a meeting for the four cities and the county to discuss. The Chairman is requesting a 90 day moratorium so that a committee can be formed so various parties can work together. Councilmember Brown has concerns because of a moratorium being in place since 2003. He would like research to be done to know when the moratorium was lifted and how long it was in place. His other concern was that Council was instructed to have an Adult Entertainment Ordinance on the books. Councilmember Smith commented concerning the moratorium. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent would like to serve on the committee as a public official as it relates to a policy making body. Councilmember Notti is also interested in serving on this committee. Discussion ensued. It was requested that this item be discussed at the workshop. Mr. Beckett also discussed the concept of a high speed rail. The high speed rail would be on the east side of I-75. Mayor and Council will let Mr. Beckett know if they would like to set up a meeting to discuss this further with Mr. Todd Ernest who was present at the meeting, and spoke to Mayor and Council.

City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price provided information to Mayor and Council regarding Georgia Cities Week, April 17-23rd. Mayor Copeland will contact Councilmembers to discuss further. Ms. Price also reviewed information regarding the Mayor's Day weekend.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent complimented the Mayor and Councilmember Stewart both on their speeches at the Martin Luther King Day Celebration. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent encouraged Mr. Beckett and Ms. Fields to contact Todd Ernest regarding Brainstorming Henry.

Councilmember Stewart commented that the Public Safety and Public Works departments did a great job during the snow storm last week.

Councilmember Brown distributed the Hospitality/ Tourism annual report to Mayor and Council.

Councilmember Amis complimented Mayor Copeland and Councilmember Stewart for a great Martin Luther King Day program.

Having no further business Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Amis motioned and all stood in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Janis E. Price
City Clerk

(This City Council Meeting had previously been scheduled for January 10, 2011. Due to inclement weather conditions City Hall was closed on January 10, 2011 and the meeting was postponed until January 18, 2011.)