

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – FEBRUARY 7, 2011
7:00 PM

The regular City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Monday, February 7, 2011, at 7:00 PM with the following members present:

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

(Councilmember Gail Notti was not present at the meeting.)

Also present for this meeting were: City Administrator, Billy Beckett; City Clerk, Janis Price; City Attorney, Steve Fincher; Fire Chief, Steve Morgan; Police Chief, Preston Dorsey; Environmental Engineer, Emily Raby; Executive Assistant to Mayor and Council, Leslie Balog; Media Relations, Casey Case; Finance Director, Bonnie Kline; Planning and Zoning Director, Rodney Heard; and Public Works Director, Lee Hearn.

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

Councilmember Amis led the Pledge to the Flag and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent gave the invocation.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Notti was not present.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Notti was not present.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the January 18, 2011 minutes. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Notti was not present.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to make the following Proclamation and Certificate of Recognition a part of tonight's minutes:

Proclamation – Career and Technical Education Month of February
Certificate of Recognition- Higher Living Christian Church

Councilmember Stewart motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Notti was not present.)

The following two persons who spoke during Public Comments:

Dr. Harold Grier addressed Mayor and Council and advised that the Grier Manor Project Manager could not attend this evening. Mr. Earl Davidson did not speak. Dr. Grier distributed a report that was put together by Henry County Residential Housing. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent complimented Dr. Grier on being the forerunner in his community efforts and recognized that Dr. Grier should be applauded for his affordable housing contributions within the city.

Mr. Steve Gafford who lives at 37 Low Street, spoke and gave a handout to Mayor and Council. Mr. Gafford recognized his neighbor, Ms. Sarah Hill who lives at 36 Low Street. Mr. Gafford commented on the speed hump located in the driveway across the street from Ms. Hill. He also commented on the drainage problems in the area. Mr. Gafford requested that the city remove the speed hump from the driveway in question.

Mayor Copeland recognized the City's Finance Director, Ms. Bonnie Kline, for her designation as a Level I Certified Finance Officer from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government.

Community Development Item:

Zoning Condition Modification (ZMOD): Residential

A. 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 (Public Hearing Held on 09/20/10; Vote postponed from 11-01-10 to 12-06-10)

***Staff requests item be postponed from 12-06-10 to 02-07-11** to allow for a follow-up meeting with applicant; generate a revised enumerated list of conditions, and discussions with concerned citizens.

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.

PC Recommendation: Stanley H. > Motion for approval w/ staff recommendation. Eddie E. > Second. Vote: 4 (Yea)-1 (Nay) -1(Abst.)

Mr. Rodney Heard reviewed this ZMOD request for Randy Hayes on behalf of Callaway Park, LLC. This is a “vote” only issue; the Public Hearing has already taken place. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned to adopt the requested modifications plus the \$25,000 developer contribution toward recreation amenities. There was not a second to the motion - therefore the motion died. Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the zoning modification for Randy Hayes on behalf of Callaway Park, LLC based on staff recommendations and the recommendations by the Planning Commission to include the requested items A-J as presented at the workshop including the combination of ten (10) lots (#70 thru #79) into five (5) larger lots along the north property line abutting the Wesley Lakes PUD and also to include the construction of an additional ingress/egress that shall serve as the gateway entrance for the development; location of said

entrance will be per an engineering review of the as-built conditions on-site and along Bridges Road corridor; existing entrance shall be recognized as a secondary entrance and this is not to include the additional \$25,000 contribution. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor and one in opposition. A roll call vote was requested by Mayor Pro Tem Vincent. – Councilmember Amis announced yes, Councilmember Brown announced yes, Councilmember Stewart announced yes, Councilmember Smith announced yes, and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent announced no.

Police Chief, Preston Dorsey presented a proposal for a new cell phone vendor for city employees and elected officials. He reviewed the benefits of going with Verizon for service. Currently with Nextel the city has 58 phones; he is requesting 63 new phones with Verizon. Currently the city pays \$1800-2000 per month for service with Nextel. Verizon will cost the City approximately \$2999 per month but that will involve more phones and more features on the some phones. City Administrator, Mr. Billy Beckett commented on this being a good return on the investment. Councilmember Brown motioned to approve the recommendation by Chief Dorsey to switch over to Verizon Wireless and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Notti was not present.)

Mr. Beckett commented on discussing the water and sewer rates at the Mayor and Council retreat this upcoming weekend.

There were no unscheduled comments.

City Administrator, Mr. Billy Beckett made comments about the Mayor and Council retreat that will be this upcoming weekend, February 11th & 12th.

Councilmember Smith commented on Public Works Director, Lee Hearn presenting some information on the transportation needs and priorities of the City at the next Council Meeting.

Councilmember Stewart asked for a status report on the Jonesboro Road Park joint venture with Henry County. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent gave an update to Mayor and Council.

Councilmember Brown commented about the upcoming meeting to discuss the automation of the water system/ meters.

Mayor Copeland commented on the Metropolitan Mayors Association participation with special needs kids going to the circus on February 18th. Mayor Copeland also commented on receiving tickets for a special program in Alpharetta in which the First Lady, Mrs. Michelle Obama will be speaking.

Having no further business Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. All stood in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Janis E. Price
City Clerk