

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – APRIL 4, 2011
7:00 PM

The regular City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Monday, April 4, 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, Steve Fincher; Fire Chief, Steve Morgan; Police Chief, Preston Dorsey; Media Relations, Casey Case; Community Development Director, Kathy Fields; Planning and Zoning Director, Rodney Heard; Special Projects Coordinator, Jestin Johnson; 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 Councilmember Stewart gave the invocation.

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

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

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the March 21, 2011 Council Meeting and September 2, 2010 Council Workshop minutes. Councilmember Smith motioned and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to make the following Proclamations a part of tonight's minutes:

Henry Co. Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #2170
Confederate History and Heritage Month

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

Community Development Items:

Special Use Permits:

Case # 11-01-04

A. Otis Lee Crawford for Crawford Plaza (15 Racetrack Rd.)

District Monta Brown

Rezone property from R-50 (Single Family Residential) to C-2 (Central Commercial) with a Special

Use permit to allow a taxi cab business.

Land Lot(s) 165 of the 7th District

0.867 +/- total acres

City Council Meeting (Workshop 03/31/11 and **Public Hearing 04/04/11**)

Staff Recommendation: Approval of the Rezoning from R-50 (Single Family Residential) to C-2 (Central Commercial) with requested Special Use Permit (SUP) per the stipulations noted (Refer to Final Staff Report).

Planning Commission Recommendation (03-22-11 Mtg.): Darryl Payton - Motion to approve the rezoning from R-50 (Single Family Residential) to C-2 (Central Commercial) to include a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a taxi service for three (3) years and with staff recommendations, Swaine Thompson - Second. Motion Passed (6-0).

Ms. Field reviewed the SUP request to rezone property from R-50 to C-2 and to approve a SUP for a taxi cab service. The subject property is zoned R-50 (Single Family Residential) and located along the Old Griffin Road corridor. This land use prompted the rezoning and special use permit request as outlined herein and would be compatible with the redevelopment occurring along the Old Griffin Road corridor. The applicant, Mr. Otis Lee Crawford spoke to Mayor and Council. Mayor Copeland opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in favor. No one spoke in opposition. Mayor Copeland closed the Public Hearing.

Modified stipulations from Staff recommendations:

- Exterior of all existing/ re-built/ new structures on-site shall remain residential in appearance (i.e. pitched roofs, window shutters) with neutral paint colors per Ord. 06-07-10B;
- Time interval for the Special Use Permit (SUP) for operating a taxi cab service, including parking of no more than four (4) taxi cab vehicles on-site; shall not exceed three (3) years;
- No temporary signage allowed on-site. All signage shall be wall and/or located on a monument style ground sign. Said ground sign shall be monument style with a maximum height of eight (8') feet and constructed w/ materials (i.e. wood + brick and/or stone) having compatibility with primary/ secondary building exterior materials.

Councilmember Brown motioned to approve this request for Otis Lee Crawford for Crawford Plaza located at 15 Racetrack Road for rezoning from R-50 to C-2 with the Special Use Permit allowing a taxi cab business with modified staff conditions and conditions of the Planning & Zoning Commission and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Case # 11-01-05

B. William Morlu for Eccentric Auto Recovery (75 Racetrack Road)

District Monta Brown

Zoned M-1 (Light Industrial)

Land Lot(s) 167 of the 7th District

0.612 +/- total acres

City Council Meeting (Workshop 03/31/11 and **Public Hearing 04/04/11**)

Staff Recommendation: Approval of the Special Use Permit (SUP) per the stipulations pertaining to the time interval; screening; modular structure and exterior lighting (Refer to Final Staff Report).

Planning Commission Recommendation (03-22-11 Mtg.): Swaine Thompson – Motion to approve the special use permit with staff recommendations with a time limit to run concurrent with the lease/purchase, but not to exceed five (5) years, Darryl Payton - Second. Motion Passed (6-0).

Ms. Field reviewed this SUP and the staff recommendations. The applicant, Mr. William Morlu spoke to Mayor and Council. Mayor Copeland opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in favor. No one spoke in opposition. Mayor Copeland closed the Public Hearing.

Staff recommendations are as follows:

- Time interval for operations shall run concurrent with the lease/ purchase and shall not exceed five (5) years;
- Vinyl slats consisting of a black, non-reflective finish shall be inserted into the existing chain link fence to provide an opaque screening mechanism.
- Modular building that is proposed to be used for an office shall be placed on a permanent foundation per the review/ approval of the McDonough Building Official.
- Exterior lighting is required to be erected on-site for use with the operations of the SUP. It shall be of a downcast type with illumination directly on-site so as not to create any adverse impact to adjacent developed properties. Also, vertical support mechanism (i.e. light pole) associated with said lighting shall not exceed thirty (30') feet in height. This will allow for harmony along the existing roofline of the structures present on adjacent, developed properties.

Councilmember Brown motioned to approve this SUP request for William Morlu for Eccentric Auto Recovery located at 75 Racetrack Road with staff recommendations and the recommendations of the Planning Commission and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Mr. Jestin Johnson commented that the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Asbestos Abatement & Demolition Services is not ready at this time and will be presented at a future meeting. However the asbestos testing has been completed on all of the properties.

Mr. Johnson discussed the National Citizen Survey. The survey will sample 1200 people. The total cost will be \$15,100.00. The time frame is approximately 18 weeks. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned to approve of the National Citizen Survey as specified by staff and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was six in favor.

City Administrator, Mr. Billy Beckett discussed hiring Ms. Linda Meggers for consultant services for redistricting. Ms. Meggers will work on the following:

- 1) Create a one person; one vote report based on the 2010 Census for the existing districts
- 2) Develop a working alternative plan that corrects the population deviations that serves as the beginning point of Council's work
- 3) Work with Council members to develop an alternative that can be adopted by Council
- 4) Produce a variety of maps of the adopted plan that will be appropriate for public information, elections administration, US Department of Justice voting rights submission and various needs of the Council members and city's administration

- 5) Provide the City Attorney with maps and statistics description and an electronic copy of the same for use in drawing up the ordinance for the new districts as well as an electronic submission to the US Department of Justice.

Ms. Meggers will spend approximately 16-20 hours on this project at a rate of \$50/ hour and \$25 for traveling. Mr. Beckett will ask if Ms. Meggers is available to attend the April 18, 2011 City Council Meeting to give a short presentation to Mayor and Council regarding the redistricting process. Councilmember Smith motioned to accept the recommendation by Staff to engage Ms. Linda Meggers for consulting services for Redistricting, and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Police Chief, Preston Dorsey, presented an Alcohol and Liquor License request to Mayor and Council. Chief Dorsey recommended approval of this license request. Councilmember Brown motioned for the approval of the alcohol license for Iqbal Akhtar Junjua of Lucky Store located at 298 Racetrack Road in McDonough and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was six in favor.

There were no unscheduled comments.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for a real estate matter. 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 Notti motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Councilmember Smith motioned to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for the acquisition of part of lot six (6) of Rainer Park to be used as a neighborhood pocket park and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was six in favor.

Councilmember Amis complimented Mayor Pro Tem Vincent on her good work on the house on King Boulevard.

Councilmember Notti commented on the memory walk in front of her house that will be on this Saturday.

Councilmember Smith invited Mayor and Council to come out to support the 3rd annual Pregnancy Resource Center 5K Run on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 4:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent invited Mayor and Council to come out to the Miracle's Mile Memorial Service event on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 11A.M. The ceremony will take place on the square at noon.

Mayor Copeland introduced Mr. Army Robinson. Mr. Robinson helped to organize the Miracle's Mile Memorial Service. Mayor Copeland thanked Mr. Robinson for his hard work.

Having no further business Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. All stood in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Janis E. Price
City Clerk