

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – JUNE 20, 2011
7:00 PM

The regular City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Monday, June 20, 2011 at 7:00 PM with the following members present:

Mayor Pro Tem:	Sandra Vincent
Councilmembers:	Rufus Amis
	Monta Brown
	Gail Notti
	Rufus Stewart

(Mayor Copeland and Councilmember Smith were not present for the meeting, and Councilmember Amis arrived shortly after the meeting began.)

Also present for this meeting were: City Administrator, Billy Beckett; City Clerk, Janis Price; Fire Chief, Steve Morgan; Police Chief, Preston Dorsey; Wastewater Manager, Keith Dickerson; Media Relations, Casey Case, City Attorney, Leigh Hancher and her associate, Jessica Whatley; and Executive Assistant, Leslie Balog.

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Brown seconded. The vote was four in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Pro Tem Vincent and Councilmembers Brown, Notti and Stewart. (Councilmember Amis was not present for the vote, and Councilmember Smith did not attend the meeting.)

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Notti motioned and Councilmember Brown seconded. The vote was four in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Pro Tem Vincent and Councilmembers Brown, Notti and Stewart. (Councilmember Amis was not present for the vote, and Councilmember Smith did not attend the meeting.)

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent asked for a motion to approve the June 6, 2011 City Council Meeting minutes. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was four in favor. Those voting in favor were Mayor Pro Tem Vincent and Councilmembers Brown, Notti and Stewart. (Councilmember Amis was not present for the vote, and Councilmember Smith did not attend the meeting.)

City Administrator, Mr. Billy Beckett reviewed the 2011- 2012 proposed budget beginning with the summary of funds:

FUND SUMMARY

FUND	PROJECTED REVENUE	PROJECTED EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND	10,606,375	10,606,375
CONFISCATED ASSETS	3,600	3,600
FLINT RIVER DRUG TASK FORCE	80,100	80,100
HOTEL MOTEL TAX FUND	422,377	422,377
SPLOST 2 FUND	493,767	493,767
SPLOST 3 EXCESS FUNDS	2,500,000	2,500,000
SPLOST 3 BOND FUNDS	2,794,554	2,794,554
IMPACT FEE FUND	1,348,950	1,348,950
WATER & SEWER FUND	4,083,026	4,083,026
STORM WATER UTILITY FUND	735,000	735,000
SANITATION SERVICES	1,457,924	1,457,924
CEMETERY TRUST FUND	NA*	NA*
TOTAL	24,525,673	24,233,126

- The Cemetery Fund consists of a non-expendable perpetual trust. This fund will be accounted for but generates no earnings other than a small (very small) amount of interest.

The proposed budget is available online and copies are available at City Hall in the City Clerk’s office. In the 2011-2012 proposed budget, there is a primary which keeps the City as it is today, status quo, without raising the millage rate. Also there is a proposed supplemental budget which requests a one (1) millage rate increase. The purpose for this increase is to fund additional personnel in the police, fire, public works (permanent and temporary) departments; and a manager position to promote and revitalize the downtown activity. More discussion and questions ensued between Councilmembers and the City Administrator.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent opened the Public Hearing for the proposed budget. Mr. Corey Thompson spoke in favor. No one spoke in opposition. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent closed the Public Hearing.

Ms. Leigh Hancher discussed the Sunday Sales Ordinance. Councilmember Brown and Councilmember Notti stated that this decision will be voted on by the citizens at the November election and that this is not a decision made by City Council. Councilmember Brown motioned for the approval to send this Sunday Sales Ordinance to the Department of Justice and then on to the Board of Elections; and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Smith was not present for the meeting.)

Police Chief, Preston Dorsey, reviewed the following alcohol license requests. Councilmember Stewart motioned to accept the recommendation of Chief Dorsey for approval for the alcohol licenses and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Smith was not present for the meeting.)

(Beer and Wine- Retail Package)

Mr. Jayeshkumar N. Rawal	Ghantakar Inc. D/B/A Parkview Food Mart	243 Atlanta Street McDonough, GA 30253
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Mr. Fazal Ali Ladha	Marathon Food Mart	269 Keys Ferry Street McDonough
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(Distilled Spirits, Beer and Wine-Restaurant)

Mr. Harold E. Jones	Soho Grand LLC	716 Hwy 155 South McDonough
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Unscheduled Public Comments

Mr. Ronald Tucker of 1104 Whispering Drive spoke regarding the water problems in his yard. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent asked Mr. Tucker to communicate with the City Administrator, Mr. Beckett about these water problems.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal and real estate matters. Councilmember Amis motioned and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Smith was not present for the meeting.)

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent asked for a motion to return to Regular Session. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmember Smith was not present for the meeting.)

There were no action items to report from Executive Session.

City Clerk, Janis Price reviewed the upcoming GMA Convention activities and information. Also, Ms Price invited all to attend the District III Town Hall Meeting which is scheduled for the following night at 6:30 PM at the Henry County High School.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent thanked Staff for a successful Community Downtown Visioning Session.

Having no further business all stood in favor and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Janis Price
City Clerk