

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – SEPTEMBER 12, 2011
7:00 PM

The City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Monday, September 12, 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
	Rufus Stewart

(Councilmember Smith was not present for the meeting.)

Also present for this meeting were: City Administrator, Billy Beckett; City Clerk, Janis Price; City Attorney, Jessica Whatley from the Whalen Law Firm; Fire Chief, Steve Morgan; Media Relations, Casey Case; Planning and Zoning Director, Rodney Heard; and Interim Community Development Director, John Cheek.

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

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

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Notti motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Those voting in favor were: Councilmembers Amis, Brown, Stewart Notti and Vincent.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Brown motioned and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Those voting in favor were: Councilmembers Amis, Brown, Stewart, Notti and Vincent.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the July 19, 2011, 9:00 AM Public Hearing meeting minutes. Councilmember Amis motioned and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Those voting in favor were: Mayor Copeland, Councilmembers Amis, Brown and Notti). Mayor Pro Tem Vincent abstained from voting because due to work obligations, she could not attend the meeting.

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the August 15, 2011 Council meeting minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was four in favor. (Those voting in favor were: Mayor Copeland, Councilmembers Amis, Stewart and Vincent.)

Mayor Copeland recognized the Proclamations for Constitution Week for the Henry County Chapter and for the Atlanta Chapter. Councilmember Brown motioned to make these Proclamations a part of tonight's minutes and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Those voting in favor were: Councilmembers Amis, Brown, Stewart Notti and Vincent.)

Mayor Copeland introduced Lieutenant Eric Farland and read aloud the Proclamation for Naval Sea Cadet Corps Month. The Cadets were presented to Mayor and Council; and pictures were taken by some Cadet's family members and by the City's Media Specialist. Lieutenant Farland thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and he expressed their willingness to serve in the community. Councilmember Stewart motioned to make this Proclamation a part of tonight's minutes and Councilmember Amis seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Those voting in favor were: (Councilmember Amis, Brown, Stewart, Notti and Vincent.)

Case #110601 > Special Use Permit No. 11-08-01003 (SUP)

A. Rodney Garrett on behalf of Closer Look Christian Academy (1107 McDonough Place)

District 2 – Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Vincent

Zoned C-3 (Highway Commercial)

Land Lot(s) 125 of the 7th District

Tenant Space: 1,000 square feet

2.83 +/- total acres

City Council Meeting (Workshop (7/28/11) and **Public Hearing (9/12/11)***)

(*Note: Case re-advertised per discussions that ensued on time limitations.)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (per City Attorney: any and all time limitations to be removed; invalid condition).

Planning Commission Recommendation (9/23/11): Stanley Head - Motion to approve the Special Use Permit (SUP). Swaine Thompson - Second. Motion Passed (5-0); (per City Attorney: any and all time limitations to be removed; invalid condition)

Interim Community Development Director, Mr. John Cheek, reviewed the Special Use Permit (SUP) for Mr. Rodney Garrett. Mrs. Garrett spoke to Mayor and Council. Mayor Copeland opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in favor and no one spoke in opposition. Mayor Copeland closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned to approve the request for Case #110601; Special Use Permit No. 11-08-01003 for Rodney Garrett on behalf of Closer Look Christian Academy located at 1107 McDonough Place and Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Those voting in favor were: Councilmembers Amis, Brown, Stewart, Notti and Vincent.)

Case #110701 > Special Use Permit No. 11-09-12002 (SUP)

B. Alicia McIver for the Right Turn DUI School (1324 McDonough Place)

District 2 – Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Vincent

Zoned C-3 (Highway Commercial)

Land Lot(s) 125, 126 and 132 of the 7th District

Tenant Space: 1,200 square feet

12.0 +/- total acres

City Council Meeting (Workshop (9/1/11) and **Public Hearing (9/12/11))**

Staff Recommendation: Approval (per City Attorney: any and all time limitations to be removed; invalid condition).

Alternate Recommendation: (per City Attorney: any and all time limitations to be removed; invalid condition).

Planning Commission Recommendation (9/23/11): Stanley Head - Motion to approve the Special Use Permit (SUP). Eddie Elliott - Second. Motion Passed (5-0); (per City Attorney: any and all time limitations to be removed; invalid condition)

Mr. Cheek reviewed the SUP for Alicia McIver. Ms. McIver spoke to Mayor and Council. Mayor Copeland opened the Public Hearing. Ms. Vivian Pinkett spoke in favor. No one spoke in opposition. Mayor Copeland closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent motioned to approve the request for Case #110701; Special Use Permit No. 11-09-12002 for Alicia McIver for the Right Turn DUI School located at 1324 McDonough Place and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Those voting in favor were: Councilmembers Amis, Brown, Stewart, Notti and Vincent.)

Mr. Cheek gave Mayor and Council a brief update on the LCI Study Bid Proposals. Nine proposals were received. Mr. Cheek will review each proposal and will report back to Council with his recommendations.

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent thanked Mayor and Council for their help and support with the project at 347 Simpson Street. On the previous Saturday many volunteers worked on this housing project..

Having no further business Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Stewart motioned and all stood in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Janis E. Price
City Clerk