

MINUTES
CITY OF MCDONOUGH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – OCTOBER 17, 2011
7:00 PM

The City of McDonough Council Meeting was held on Monday, October 17, 2011, at 7:00 PM with the following members present:

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

(Councilmember Amis was not present for the meeting.)

Also present for this meeting were: City Administrator, Billy Beckett; City Clerk, Janis Price; City Attorney, Leigh Hancher; Police Chief, Preston Dorsey; Interim Community Development Director, John Cheek; Planning and Zoning Director, Rodney Heard.

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

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

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

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

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2011 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmembers voting in favor were Brown, Notti, Smith, Stewart and Vincent.)

Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to make the “Red Ribbon Week” Proclamation, the Certificate of Appreciation for Mr. Kevin Craig Longino, and the Certificate of Recognition for Pastor Albert Baker, Jr. a part of tonight’s minutes. Councilmember Stewart motioned and Councilmember Smith seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmembers voting in favor were Brown, Notti, Smith, Stewart and Vincent.)

Mr. Kevin Longino was present and was recognized.

Zoning Modification and Special Use Permit:

Case #11-08-09

ORD 11-10-17001 (ZM) and Special Use Permit No. 11-10-17001(SUP)

A. Vic Shull for Vitalabs, Inc. (130-136 Richfield parkway a.k.a 1451 Hwy 20)

District 4 – Monta Brown

Zoned C-3 (Highway Commercial) with conditions per ORD 06-10-30002(Z)

Land Lot(s) 191 of the 7th District

Tenant Space: 48,000+ square feet

5.43 +/- total acres

City Council Meeting (Workshop (9/29/11) and **Public Hearing (10/17/11)***)

*Note: Case had to be re-advertised due to discovery of stipulations associated w/ initial re-zoning.

Staff Recommendation: *Approval with stipulations* (Refer to Final Staff Report)

Planning Commission Recommendation (10/11/11 Meeting):

- Zoning Modification: Stanley Head - Motion to approve Zoning Modification with Staff Recommendation, Swaine Thompson - Second. Motion Passed (6-0).
- Zoning Modification: Swaine Thompson - Motion to approve Special Use Permit with staff Recommendation, Stanley Head - Second. Motion Passed (5-1).

Interim Community Development Director, Mr. John Cheek reviewed this re-zoning request. The applicant, Mr. Vic Shull was present and 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. Councilmember Brown motioned to approve this rezoning request from C-3 (Highway Commercial) to M-1 (Light Industrial) for Case #11-08-09 for Vic Shull for Vitalabs, Inc. located at 130-136 Richfield Parkway a.k.a. 1451 Hwy 20 with the following staff stipulations:

- A. Existing landscaping along north property, and abutting proposed loop road, shall remain undisturbed, except for necessary seasonal pruning.
- B. Built Environment (#8)- Ground mounted signs shall be monument style with brick and/or stone base, maximum 12 feet high from finished grade.
- C. Built Environment (#12) - Temporary signs including but not limited to banners, temporary/portable signs, pennants, and streamers shall be prohibited. Balloons and other inflatable devices shall be prohibited. At no time shall vehicles, including delivery trucks, be utilized as a means of advertising.
- D. Upon commencement of construction of the adjacent retail development, the exterior elevations of the subject property shall be cosmetically upgraded per a façade review. The Community Development Director and/or his/her designee shall review and approve the updated modifications. Updates shall include exterior painting of façade, and improvements to building entry that complement the architectural design standards of the adjacent retail development.

Councilmember Notti seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmembers voting in favor were Brown, Notti, Smith, Stewart and Vincent.)

Specialty Item(s):

**B. 2011 Capital Improvements Element (CIE) & Short Term Work Program (STWP)
Update**

City Council Meeting (Workshop 9/29/11 and *Final Adoption* 10/17/11)

*Note: ARC approved and pre-cleared documents for adoption per notification on 08-05-11. City may adopt after 9-16-11 with respect to the close of the Regional Review Period.

Mr. Cheek recommended adopting the final 2011 Capital Improvements Element (CIE) & Short Term Work Program (STWP). Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the adoption of the final 2011 CIE & STWP and authorization for the resolution to be signed and transmitted and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmembers voting in favor were Brown, Notti, Smith, Stewart and Vincent.)

City Administrator, Mr. Billy Beckett, spoke to Mayor and Council on behalf of Human Resources Director, Ms. Carla Tuck, regarding the Health Insurance Renewal. Ms. Tuck recommends moving the City's Life Insurance/ Short Term Disability/ Long Term Disability from Lincoln Financial Group to Blue Cross Blue Shield. The new quote will save the City approximately \$2,000 annually. Also Blue Cross Blue Shield agreed to give a premium reduction on the health insurance which will save the city an additional \$8,000 annually. Another recommendation from Ms. Tuck is to change the City's dental insurance from Lincoln Financial Group to Delta Dental in which there will be no premium increase and is expected to give better service. Ms. Tuck would also like to establish a wellness program with goals and buy-in from city employees. Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve the following recommendations: (1) move Life Insurance/ Short Term Disability/ Long Term Disability from Lincoln Financial Group to Blue Cross Blue Shield, (2) change the dental insurance from Lincoln Financial Group to Delta Dental; and approval of Ms. Tuck to establish a wellness program with goals and buy-in from city employees. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmembers voting in favor were Brown, Notti, Smith, Stewart and Vincent.)

Councilmember Notti discussed the Recreational Trails Application. She asked that Special Projects Coordinator, Mr. Jestin Johnson, work with Bron Cleveland in writing the grant for the application. The deadline for the application is November 30th. The grant will require an 80/20 match. Councilmember Notti motioned to allow Mr. Johnson to be a part of the process to prepare the application along with Bron Cleveland; Mr. Johnson will do the application with the assistance of Bron Cleveland and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent seconded. Discussion ensued regarding whether Mr. Johnson was to be the primary writer with Bron Cleveland's assistance; or if Bron Cleveland was to write the grant with Mr. Johnson's assistance. Since the cost which would be charged by Bron Cleveland was unknown Councilmember Notti and Mayor Pro Tem Vincent withdrew the motion and the second. Mayor Pro Tem Vincent then motioned to authorize legal council to compile a memorandum of agreement between the City of McDonough and Bron Cleveland which outlines specifications for roles and responsibilities of key personnel as well as the scope of services for the development of the Recreational Trails

application. Councilmember Notti seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmembers voting in favor were Brown, Notti, Smith, Stewart and Vincent.)

Mr. Beckett discussed increasing the business license fees of insurance companies from \$50.00 to \$75.00 and also increasing the fee from \$17.50 to \$26.25 for financial institutions that lend money. If these increases do not occur this year, the city will have to wait another 10 years, when another census is taken, before another increase could be adopted. Councilmember Brown motioned to approve the amended ordinance with the above mentioned increased fees effective January 1, 2012 and Councilmember Stewart seconded. The vote was five in favor. (Councilmembers voting in favor were Brown, Notti, Smith, Stewart and Vincent.)

During unscheduled comments Mr. Barry Harkness spoke to Mayor and Council about not having cross walks on the corner of Philips Dr. He commented that there are many kids walking in the area and there are no sidewalks or cross walks. Mayor Copeland commented that the City would move forward to see what could be done about this and he thanks Mr. Harkness for bringing this to their attention.

There was no Executive Session this evening.

Councilmember Notti commented that the first meeting of the Council for Performing Arts was held earlier tonight.

City Clerk, Ms. Janis Price, commented on the Henry County Municipal Association dinner will be held at Eagles Landing County Club on November 1, 2011 @ 6:00 PM. She also commented on (1) the good response regarding the Job Fair which will be held on Friday, October 21st and (2) the Christmas Parade which will be December 3, 2011 is full, and that the waiting list will soon be cut off also.

Mayor Copeland commented on the upcoming Cemetery Tours on Saturday night from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM and over 300 tickets have been sold. There will be 30 tours. There are some tickets still available and the cost is \$10.00 each.

Having no further business Mayor Copeland asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Smith motioned and all stood in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Janis E. Price
City Clerk