

CITY OF DUNWOODY
May 26, 2009
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The Mayor and Council of the City of Dunwoody held a City Council Meeting on Monday, May 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The Council Meeting was held at Dunwoody United Methodist Church, 1548 Mount Vernon Road, Dunwoody, Georgia 30338. Present for this meeting were the following:

Mayor	Ken Wright
District 1, Post 1	Denis Shortal, Council Member
District 3, Post 3	Tom Taylor, Council Member
At Large, Post 4	Robert Wittenstein, Council Member
At Large, Post 5	Danny Ross, Council Member
At Large, Post 6	John Heneghan, Council Member
Staff Present:	Brian Anderson, City Attorney Warren Hutmacher, City Manager Sharon Lowery, City Clerk Jennifer Peterson, Director of Community Development Richard Meehan, Public Works Director Billy Grogan, Chief of Police

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Wright announced that Council Member Bonser was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA:

Council Member Heneghan requested that the Proclamation for Dr. Robert Albin be tabled until Dr. Albin arrived at the meeting. Council Member Shortal to attention that the meeting was not a special called meeting. Mayor Wright said he would like to change the Proclamation “Automated External Defibrillators” to a Resolution. Mayor Wright called for a vote and the amended agenda passed unanimously (6-0).

Proclamation: “Dunwoody United Methodist Church”

Mayor Wright presented the Proclamation and Key to the City to Dr. B. Wiley Stephens of Dunwoody United Methodist Church, thanking him and the Dunwoody United Methodist Church congregation for providing meeting space to the City until City Hall was ready for occupancy.

INVOCATION: led by Council Member Ross.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Council Member Shortal.

MINUTES:

Council Member Shortal motioned to approve the April 20, 2009 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes. Council Member Ross seconded. Mayor Wright called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Wright requested public comment.

Lynn Deutsch – stated that festivals should be spaced throughout the year and urged Council to look at having a policy to address festivals.

Mayor Wright closed public comment.

PRESENTATION:

Dr. Kevin Harris, Dunwoody High School Principal

Dr. Harris presented Mayor Wright with the Key to the School for his untiring efforts and support to the community. He invited Mayor and City Council to participate in the Homecoming Parade on October 8, 2009.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT:

Council Member Heneghan announced that the “Safe Routes to School” grant was awarded to the City of Milton. He mentioned that the “Dunwoody North Fins” swim team has a swim meet tonight and there are swim meets being held all over the city. Council Member Heneghan congratulated the Dunwoody Police Department for their Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. He said they held an event with a Special Olympics athlete, Wesley Mosley, leading the way. He added that that Dunwoody resident Julia Dennis will compete this week in the Scripts National Spelling Bee.

Council Member Ross announced that his oldest son, Dale, played in the Colonial Pro Am in Dallas on Sunday, and had invited him to be his bag boy.

Mayor Wright thanked all our veterans and tipped his hat to Council Member Denis Shortal, who was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club meeting on Friday. Mayor Wright read excerpts from a few emails in reference to citations issued, fine amounts, etc. and said the City’s fine amounts are in line.

Council Member Shortal thanked the Dunwoody Women’s Club for sponsoring the Memorial Day ceremony at Brooke Run. He gave an update on Council Member Bonser and said she continues to recovery and asked everyone to continue to keep her in their thoughts and prayers. He added that Lt. Hegwood attended a meeting with him on Thursday night and did a great job.

Council Member Taylor said he was the official starter Saturday morning for the Run for the Cure for skin cancer and was joined by Council Member Shortal, Council Member Wittenstein and State Representative Harry Geisinger. He urged everyone to have annual skin checks by their physicians.

Mayor Wright reminded that the Soap Box Derby will be held Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. at the Baptist Church off North Peachtree; the Dunwoody Police Department will have a car entered in the race.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution adopting a license fee for door-to-door salesmen and solicitors in the City of Dunwoody (RESOLUTION 2009-05-30)

Resolution adopting Lights Off/Power Down policy (RESOLUTION 2009-05-31)

Council Member Wittenstein motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Taylor seconded. Mayor Wright called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SECOND READ: Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2: Administration (ORDINANCE 2009-05-31)

City Clerk Sharon Lowery read Ordinance 2009-05-31, an Ordinance to amending Chapter 2 by changing the membership requirements for City advisory committees. Council Member Shortal motioned to adopt as read. Council Member Taylor seconded. Mayor Wright called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Status Report on New School Traffic

Public Works Director Richard Meehan gave an update on the new school traffic and the efforts of the Public Works Department with the opening of Dunwoody Elementary in August. He estimated the cost for the work for Dunwoody Elementary to be \$18,000. Council Member Ross commented that he would like to see funding set aside for each school to have a radar sign.

Council Member Heneghan expressed concern that there is no crossing guard scheduled for Womack Road. Council Member Heneghan commented that if there is no crossing guard within the 1 ½ mile walk route the City may want to start dialogue for buses to be made available.

PUBLIC HEARING – Resolution to transmit the Comprehensive Plan Community Assessment and Community Participation Plan to the Atlanta Regional Commission and State Department of Community Affairs

Community Development Director Jennifer Peterson said Staff recommends Council approve the Resolution to transmit the Comprehensive Plan Community Assessment and Community Participation Plan documents to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the State Department of Community Affairs. Michelle Alexander of Pond & Company gave a presentation outlining the components of the Comprehensive Plan Community Assessment and the Community Participation Plan by the consultants.

Mayor Wright opened the Public Hearing and opened Public Comment. There was no Public Comment.

Mayor Wright closed Public Comment and closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Wittenstein made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Council Member Heneghan seconded. Mayor Wright called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Proclamation: “Dr. Robert Albin”

City Clerk Sharon Lowery read the Proclamation recognizing Dr. Robert Albin for his heroic actions in saving the life of his neighbor, Mr. Jim McNab. Mayor Wright presented Dr. Albin with the Proclamation.

PUBLIC HEARING – FIRST READ: Ordinance to amend Chapter 27: Zoning - An amendment to the text of the Zoning Ordinance to clean-up certain language, reinstate certain provisions, and amend certain requirements

City Clerk Sharon Lowery read the Ordinance to amend Chapter 27: Zoning. City Planner Howard Koontz gave a presentation on the amendment, pointing out that the majority of the changes modify the county staff titles of the department administering the code to Dunwoody city titles. He

said the Community Council is in favor of the changes and that they also sought to make the applicants attendance mandatory. The Planning Commission motioned to approve with a series of recommended changes.

Mayor Wright opened the Public Hearing and opened Public Comment and requested those in favor come to the podium. There was none. Mayor Wright requested those in opposition come to the podium.

Jim Maloney – stated that he did not think the applicant should be required to attend the meeting.

Page Olson – said she is a member of the Community Council and her opinion is that if a requirement is made that the applicant be present that they should be required to attend all five meetings of the process and leave the Community Council out of it.

With no objections Mayor Wright closed Public Comment.

With no objections Mayor Wright closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING – FIRST READ: Ordinance to amend the text of the Zoning Ordinance, specifically Section 3C, the “Dunwoody Village Overlay District”

City Clerk Sharon Lowery read the Ordinance to amend the text of the Zoning Ordinance, specifically Section 3C, the “Dunwoody Village Overlay District”. Community Development Director Jennifer Peterson gave the presentation on the proposed text amendment. She said the text amendment was initiated as a result of the recommendations by a task force that was formed to review, revise and modernize the standards found in the city’s Zoning Ordinance related to the Dunwoody Village Overlay District.

Mayor Wright opened the Public Hearing and opened Public Comment and requested those in favor come to the podium. There was none. Mayor Wright requested those in opposition come to the podium. There was none.

With no objection Mayor Wright closed Public Comment.

With no objection Mayor Wright closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING – FIRST READ: Ordinance to rezone the Dunwoody United Methodist Church property to remove it from the Dunwoody Village Overlay District Designation

City Clerk Sharon Lowery read the Ordinance to rezone the Dunwoody United Methodist Church property to remove it from the Dunwoody Village Overlay District Designation. City Planner Howard Koontz gave the presentation on the Ordinance and said Staff has no objections to the realignment of the Dunwoody Village Overlay District boundary to remove residential property from the district.

Mayor Wright opened the Public Hearing and opened Public Comment and requested those in favor come to the podium. There was none. Mayor Wright requested those in opposition come to the podium. There was none.

With no objection Mayor Wright closed Public Comment.

With no objection Mayor Wright closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution: “Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs):

Mayor Wright read the Resolution supporting the cause to raise funds to purchase Automated External Defibrillators for the City of Dunwoody.

Mayor Wright opened Public Comment and requested those in favor come to the podium.

Bill Lundsten – said he had already had a conversation with Dunwoody United Methodist Church and they have offered to put up their non-profit status and will purchase the first 3 AEDs.

Mayor Wright requested those in opposition come to the podium. There was none.

With no objection Mayor Wright closed Public Comment.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Council Member Ross seconded. Mayor Wright called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Wright requested public comment. There was none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Wright made a motion to recess to move into executive session to discuss real estate. Council Member Taylor seconded. Mayor Wright called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

The regular meeting was reconvened.

ADJOURN

Council Member Taylor motioned to adjourn. Council Member Wittenstein seconded. Mayor Wright called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously (6-0).

There being no further business the Meeting was adjourned.

Approved by:

Ken Wright, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk