

CITY OF DUNWOODY
January 11, 2009
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Mayor and Council of the City of Dunwoody held a City Council Meeting on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The Council Meeting was held in the City of Dunwoody City Hall, 41 Perimeter Center East, Dunwoody, Georgia 30346. Present for the meeting were the following:

Mayor	Ken Wright
District 1, Post 1	Denis Shortal, Council Member
District 2, Post 2	Adrian Bonser, Council Member
District 3, Post 3	Tom Taylor, Council Member
At Large, Post 4	Robert Wittenstein, Council Member
At Large, Post 6	John Heneghan, Council Member
Staff Present:	Warren Hutmacher, City Manager Sharon Lowery, City Clerk Brian Anderson, City Attorney Lenny Felgin, Assistant City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Wright announced that all members were present except Council Member Ross.

The Oath of Office was administered to Council Members Bonser, Shortal and Taylor by the Honorable J. Antonio DelCampo.

Chief Grogan said four members of the Dunwoody Police Department have been selected as members of the North Metro SWAT Team. He introduced Team Leader Lt. William Hegwood, who introduced the other three members: Officer Patrick Krieg, Officer William “Blake” Yeargin, and Officer Dale Laskowski. Chief Grogan said the North Metro SWAT Team is a result of a Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Dunwoody, the City of Sandy Springs, and the City of Johns Creek, and that the team has participated in two events since December 3, 2009. Chief Grogan presented photo books of the Inaugural Ceremony for the Dunwoody Police Department to the Mayor and City Council.

INVOCATION: led by Council Member Wittenstein.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Council Member Bonser.

MINUTES:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from the December 14, 2009 City Council Special Called Meeting, Meeting Minutes from the December 14, 2009 City Council Meeting, and Meeting Minutes from the December 21, 2009 City Council Work Session Meeting.

Council Member Wittenstein motioned to approve all three meeting minutes as presented. Council Member Shortal said that the minutes should include the words “per week” after the reference to the additional five hours worked and seconded the motion, subject to this change. The motion was voted and carried unanimously (6-0).

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Council Member Taylor motioned to add as item “L5” discussion of El Reventon Restaurant. Council Member Wittenstein motioned to approve the agenda. Mayor Wright seconded. The motion was voted and carried unanimously (6-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Wright opened public comment.

Michael Connolly - of La Grotta restaurant spoke regarding his request for a Sunday sales pouring permit.

Bob Lundsten - said the DeKalb County Planning Commission voted unanimously to deny the SLUP application by El Reventon Restaurant. He said that the vote by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners is January 26, 2010.

Mayor Wright closed public comment.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT:

Council Member Heneghan said the DeKalb County Advisory Board for Peachtree-DeKalb Airport discussions will be discussing the FAA’s proposed changes, and that we should monitor these discussions.

Council Member Wittenstein said that tomorrow evening, at Marcus Jewish Community Center, there will be another Comprehensive Land Use Plan meeting at 7:00 p.m. focusing on the Tilly Mill/Jett Ferry area.

Council Member Shortal said that the Community Council meeting this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. will be held at City Hall, and that on January 21, 2010, there will be a Comprehensive Land Use Plan meeting.

Council Member Taylor said that the January 21, 2010 Comprehensive Land Use Plan meeting will cover the Winters Chapel area. He stated that the first meeting of the 2010 Legislative Session is today, and that SB58 regarding the City of Dunwoody property transfer will be discussed in 2010.

Mayor Wright said that on January 25, 2010 there will be a public hearing regarding Georgia Perimeter College. Dr. Tricoli, President of Georgia Perimeter College, will be meeting here at 7:00 p.m. He said that the next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday January 19, 2010, due to the City's observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 18, 2010.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Volunteer Coordination Committee Annual Report.

Bill Tobin presented the annual report for Volunteer Coordination Committee and gave highlights of what the volunteers did. In 2010, he said they will be working with the churches. He encouraged the public to fill out an application to volunteer.

Council Member Shortal commended Mr. Tobin for all of his efforts, and encouraged people to contact Mr. Tobin to volunteer, and that the information is on the City's website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Wright motioned to nominate Council Member Shortal as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Bonser seconded. The motion was voted and carried unanimously (6-0).

FIRST READ: Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the 2010 Tax Anticipation Note. (ORDINANCE 2009-XX-XX).

City Clerk Sharon Lowery conducted a first read of the ordinance. City Manager Warren Hutmacher presented the ordinance and stated that the TAN is in the amount of \$3,600,000.00, that the City needs to borrow funds for cash flow purposes at the beginning of the year, and that with the TAN, the City can take the funds on a draw basis and only pay interest when the City draws down on the TAN.

Council Member Wittenstein recused himself from discussion, stating that he is a SunTrust shareholder, and left the dais.

Golf cart discussion.

Council Member Wittenstein suggested the City research the feasibility of allowing golf carts on city streets. He stated the City may need to reduce the speed on Ashford-Dunwoody Road from 45 mph to 35 mph. City Attorney Brian Anderson said this would require a traffic study first. Mayor Wright said that driving golf carts on sidewalks should be prohibited.

Initiation of text amendments. None.

El Reventon discussion.

Council Member Taylor suggested that the Mayor and Council pass a Resolution opposing the application at a Special Called Meeting on January 19, 2010 prior to the Special Called Work Session.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Wright motioned to break for Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Council Member Shortal seconded the motion. The motion was voted and carried unanimously (6-0).

The City Council Meeting was reconvened.

Council members discussed the retreat in Franklin, Tennessee. City Manager Warren Hutmacher explained the benefits of going to Franklin, pointing out its similarities to the City of Dunwoody. He said he feels the retreat will be of tremendous value to the Council.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned. (Council Member Wittenstein motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Shortal seconded. The motion was voted, and carried unanimously (6-0).)

Approved by:

Ken Wright, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk