

**CITY OF DUNWOODY**  
**February 8, 2010**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Dunwoody held a City Council Meeting on Monday, February 8, 2010. The Meeting was held in the City of Dunwoody City Hall, 41 Perimeter Center East, Dunwoody, Georgia 30346. Present for the meeting were the following:

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| 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      |

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order. All members were present except Council Member Bonser.

**INVOCATION:** led by Council Member Ross.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** led by Council Member Wittenstein.

**MINUTES:**

Approval of Meeting Minutes from the January 19, 2010 City Council Special Called Work Session Meeting.

Council Member Ross motioned to approve the minutes. Council Member Wittenstein seconded. The motion was voted and carried unanimously (6-0).

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:**

Council Member Shortal motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Mayor Wright seconded. The motion was voted and carried unanimously (6-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Wright opened public comment.

Bob Lundsten – spoke regarding the recent house fire in which a resident perished. Mr. Lundsten said that he heard of a lot of negative comments being made to members of the DeKalb County Fire Department, and he feels this is unfair.

Joe Hirsch – spoke regarding lettering on City of Dunwoody public notice signs. He said that it does not make sense to remove the wording “traveling public” from the proposed language

regarding sign requirements because it needs to be visible to the traveling public. He also suggested improving the City of Dunwoody's website's public notice announcements.

Mayor Wright closed public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**SECOND READ: Ordinance to grant a Special Land Use Permit to All Saints Catholic Church for construction of a columbarium and memory garden. (ORDINANCE 2010-02-05).**

The Ordinance was read by City Clerk Sharon Lowery. City Planner Howard Koontz presented the ordinance. Council Member Ross recused himself and sat with the public during this presentation and discussion. Carl Trevathan, representing the Catholic Archdiocese and Todd Fuller from HGOR Architects made a presentation with a site survey. Mr. Trevathan said that only one neighbor has raised stormwater concerns, and he said the Catholic Archdiocese commits to bringing in a Civil Engineer to look at this matter, and to come up with a plan to solve these matters. Mayor Wright motioned to pass the Ordinance. Council Member Shortal seconded. The motion was voted and carried unanimously (5-0).

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

DeKalb Fire Update.

DeKalb County Fire Department Director Miller presented, and introduced the Acting Chief Eddie O'Brien and the Acting Deputy Chief Bill White. Mayor Wright said he requested this internal debriefing to find out what the DeKalb County Fire Department is doing to prevent another fatality similar to the one in the recent home fire in Dunwoody from happening again. Director Miller said that, to his knowledge, nothing like this has ever happened before in Dunwoody, and that Chief Foster stepped down immediately, and other Fire Department employees were fired as a result of this occurrence. He said the firefighters did not do what they were trained to do, and the department is looking at their policies and training to make sure this does not happen again. Council Member Shortal said that "knock on door" should be written in the firefighters' instructions; Director Miller said this will be included in their instructions. Council Member Ross requested that the DeKalb County Fire Department submit reports to the City of Dunwoody on a monthly basis showing the department's responses. Director Miller said that the department is working on staffing for 911 dispatchers. There was discussion regarding pinpointing the exact location of a cell phone caller to 911. Director Miller said the department will look into this.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT:**

Mayor Wright congratulated Public Safety Officer of the Year Officer Maldonado; Employee of the Year, Katharine Kramer, and Marksman of the Year Officer Espinoza. He thanked Edie Damann for coordinating the City of Dunwoody's First Annual Celebration.

Council Member Taylor said that May 1, 2010 at Calvary Church on Chamblee Dunwoody Road, there will be a statewide office seekers debate. Dick Williams of *The Crier* will moderate the debate for the office of Governor.

Council Member Shortal said that there will be a Class B Airspace proposed changes discussion by the FAA at the Chamblee Work Session this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. He said representatives from Peachtree DeKalb Airport will be present at the February 22, 2010 Dunwoody City Council Meeting to give an update on the proposed Class B Airspace changes. He mentioned that the annual Taste of Dunwoody was held last Friday at the W Hotel. Council Member Shortal said that March 3, 2010 is Safe Walk to School Day, and he will be participating.

Council Member Ross said that he and John Heneghan attended the recent all day seminar at Kingsley Elementary School regarding their Safe Walk to School program. He also mentioned that the Boy Scouts started a program that Pattie Baker has termed "Bridge to the Future."

Council Member Heneghan said that on February 20, 2010, the Dunwoody Police Department and Council Member Shortal will participate in the Polar Plunge at Lake Lanier, which is a fundraiser for Special Olympics Georgia. The Dunwoody Police Department has raised \$4,000.00 to date for this cause.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution to re-appoint members to Board of Ethics. (RESOLUTION 2010-02-XX)

- a. Janet Webb – Term to expire on 01-26-2013
- b. Wade Wright – Term to expire on 01-26-2013

Council Member Shortal motioned to approve the Resolution. Council Member Wittenstein seconded. The motion was voted and carried unanimously (6-0).

**PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the City of Dunwoody Code of Ordinances by amending certain public notice signage requirements for zoning actions.**

The Ordinance was presented by City Planner Howard Koontz. Council Members discussed the Ordinance with Mr. Koontz.

Mayor Wright opened public comment.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Wright closed public comment.

**FIRST READ: An Ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the City of Dunwoody Code of Ordinances by amending certain public notice signage requirements for zoning actions. (ORDINANCE 2010-XX-XX)**

The Ordinance was read by City Clerk Sharon Lowery.

**PUBLIC HEARING** – Ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the City of Dunwoody Code of Ordinances by amending composition of the Design Review Advisory Committee.

The Ordinance was presented by Howard Koontz.

Mayor Wright opened for public comment.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Wright closed public comment.

**FIRST READ:** An Ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the City of Dunwoody Code of Ordinances by amending composition of the Design Review Advisory Committee. (ORDINANCE 2010-XX-XX)

The Ordinance was read by City Clerk Sharon Lowery.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Wright motioned to break for Executive Session for purposes of discussing legal matters. Council Member Taylor seconded. The motion was voted and carried unanimously (6-0).

**ADJOURN:**

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

Approved by:

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Ken Wright, Mayor

Attest:

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Sharon Lowery, City Clerk