

CITY OF DUNWOODY
February 15, 2010
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

The Mayor and Council of the City of Dunwoody held a Work Session on Monday, February 15, 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:

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 5	Danny Ross, Council Member
At Large, Post 6	John Heneghan, Council Member

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Shortal called the meeting to order. All members were present except Mayor Wright.

INVOCATION: led by Council Member Wittenstein.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Council Member Heneghan.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Shortal opened public comment.

Joe Seconder – spoke about the benefits of providing incentives to citizens to encourage them to recycle.

Bob Lundsten – asked City Council to adopt policies and procedures for rezoning and special land use permit public hearings and follow those procedures all of the time.

Mayor Pro Tem Shortal closed public comment.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT:

Council Member John Heneghan announced that “PDK Watch” will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Clairmont Baptist Church, to talk about the proposed Class B airspace changes at Hartsfield-Jackson Airport. Council Member Heneghan said Google has released a Request for Information for locations where they could install high speed interconnectivity infrastructure. He asked that the City take a look at this and provide feedback from the City Manager and the I.T. staff to determine if it’s something that could be put into play. Council Member Heneghan said his idea is to approach other neighboring cities about submitting information to Google as a conglomerate after first receiving feedback from our city.

Council Member Taylor said that last week DeKalb County began the installation of a 96” raw water supply line pipe from the Chattahoochee River to the reservoirs on Peeler Road. He said the project will be ongoing for about 18 months.

Council Member Shortal said that the Polar Plunge is five days away, and is a fundraiser for Special Olympics Georgia. He mentioned that there will be a Class B Airspace presentation on February 22, 2010 at the City of Dunwoody City Council Meeting, in which representatives of DeKalb Peachtree Airport will discuss the proposed Class B Airspace changes. Mr. Shortal said that the City of Dunwoody received an \$80,000.00 Livable Center Initiative grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission. He stated that there will be a Marta Community Forum on Saturday, February 20, 2010, with two sessions: one from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., and one from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. He said that MARTA is considering cancelling certain bus routes which affect the City of Dunwoody.

CITY BUSINESS:

EMS response discussion.

Council Members agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next City Council Meeting.

Solid Waste Management Plan discussion.

Special Projects Manager Jeff Timler presented this matter. He said that we could join with DeKalb County's plan, or the City of Dunwoody could have its own plan. He said that if the City were to join with DeKalb County's plan, the City could go beyond DeKalb's plan with regard to recycling. There was discussion among the Council members regarding this matter.

Recycling options discussion.

Special Projects Manager Jeff Timler presented this matter, and gave options for recycling. Ted Rhinehart of DeKalb County Sanitation Services also made a presentation regarding this matter. Council Member Wittenstein suggested attaching a small fee to all citizens' sanitation bills. Council Member Shortal said that the City should begin a long range public relations program regarding recycling. He said that he thinks education is a significant factor in whether or not people choose to recycle. Council Member Shortal suggested that Pattie Baker be selected to assist in making the City's recycling decisions. City Manager Warren Hutmacher said he will have the Sustainability Commission come up with some ideas to increase participation at no cost.

Appointment of four additional members to Design Review Advisory Committee.

City Planner Howard Koontz presented this matter, explaining that the text amendment will expand the membership by four members.

Wintercrest subdivision street renaming discussion.

City Planner Howard Koontz presented this matter. He said that on the East side of the City off of Winters Chapel Road, there are four streets in close proximity to each other named Wintercrest Drive. He made staff recommendations on how to change the street names to resolve this problem, stating that public safety is the primary reason for the proposed street name changes.

Residential fire suppression sprinkler systems discussion.

Community Development Director Mike Tuller and Chief Building Inspector Michael Nier presented this matter. There was discussion among the Council Members regarding this matter.

FIRST READ: Ordinance to amend Chapter 16 Offenses and violations re: Noise.

City Clerk Sharon Lowery conducted a first read of the Ordinance. City Manager Warren Hutmacher presented this matter. There was discussion among the Council Members regarding this matter. Council Member Shortal said that the City needs to provide for exceptions to the Ordinance for emergencies.

Discussion of text amendment for regulation of taxi cabs.

City Manager Warren Hutmacher presented this matter. He recommends, for safety purposes, that the City add an additional pick up fee for taxi cab drivers whose businesses are not located in the City, with a First Read of the Ordinance to be conducted on February 22, 2010.

Town and Gown discussion.

City Manager Warren Hutmacher presented this matter. There was discussion among the Council Members regarding this matter. Council Member Heneghan said that the City needs to have current Dunwoody High School student on the committee. There was a recommendation for the size of the committee to be smaller. Mr. Hutmacher said that the number of committee members could be lowered to 7, with a focus on community members, including a Dunwoody High School student who would soon be attending Georgia Perimeter College.

2010 City Council Meeting Schedule.

Council members discussed the proposed 2010 City Council meeting schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Seconder – spoke in favor of recycling, and offered suggestions about how the City can promote recycling through community outreach. He also asked the City to better publicize public meetings, and mentioned the Ride to the Capitol to support House Bill 998 to support a minimum 3 foot passing distance for bicyclists on streets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURN:

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

Approved by:

Ken Wright, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk