

CITY OF DUNWOODY
April 29, 2010
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

The Mayor and Council of the City of Dunwoody held a Special Called Meeting on Monday, April 29, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. 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:

Mayor	Ken Wright
District 1, Post 1	Denis Shortal, Council Member
At Large, Post 4	Robert Wittenstein, Council Member
At Large, Post 5	Danny Ross, Council Member
Also present:	City Manager Warren Hutmacher City Attorney Brian Anderson Kimberly Greer Marketing and Public Relations Manager Edie Damann

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wright.

INVOCATION: led by Council Member Ross.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Council Member Shortal.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Robinson – spoke regarding the sign ordinance.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT:

Mayor Wright requested that Item F1 on the agenda be moved to become Item F3, and Item F3 to Item F1. There were no objections.

CITY BUSINESS:

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with MARTA to use MARTA-ARC offset funds for the Dunwoody Village Parkway project. (Public Works)

Public Works Director Michael Smith presented this matter. He said that City staff recommends that the Mayor and Council approve this agreement, and to authorize the City to sign the necessary documentation. For the total project, there is \$275,000.00 available for this project from MARTA, the City will pay \$225,000.00 and \$500,000.00 for construction through the Georgia Department of Transportation Enhancement Grant. Council Member Ross motioned to approve the agreement. Mayor Wright seconded. The motion was voted and carried unanimously (4-0).

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed text amendments to Chapter 21, Signs, and Chapter 27, Zoning, Article III, Overlay District Regulations, §3 -13, Sign Regulations. (Community Development)

Mayor Wright opened the public hearing without objection.

City Planner Howard Koontz presented the text amendment. He said that City staff recommends that if Mayor and Council approve the proposed text amendments, the following significant items should be noted: 1) in Section 20, pole banners are allowed in the right of way, and 2) in Chapter 27, 3C-13(d), in the overlay district, there is a relaxation of the sign code which staff recommends not be allowed, therefore, the language has been stricken, and 3) on the next to last page which reads as follows: “ground signs for 1 or 2 tenants in the same building shall be either monument with a base and framework made of brick or supported by two six by six (6x6) square posts.” Mr. Koontz said that if this language is left in the document it would violate the tenets of our ground signs which are required to be monument style.

Mayor Wright opened public comment without objection.

Bill Robinson – said that other than the comments that the Sign Committee will make, the Sign Committee concurs with City staff’s recommendations.

There were no public comments against the proposed text amendments.

Mayor Wright closed public comment without objection.

Mayor Wright closed the public hearing without objection.

FIRST READ and discussion of – Ordinance to amend Chapter 21, Signs, and Chapter 27, Zoning, Article III, Overlay District Regulations, §3C-13, Regulations. (**ORDINANCE 2010-XX-XX**) (Community Development)

City Clerk Sharon Lowery conducted a first read of the ordinance. Howard Koontz presented the ordinance. Council Member Wittenstein requested that staff work on the language regarding “animated signs” on page 3 so that hand carried signs containing no electronic or mechanical parts or elements are excluded. Council Member Shortal requested that on Page 10, Section 6(c), the language “shall be considered a separate violation . . .” be changed so that the ordinance gives the citizen a couple of days to correct the issue. Council Members, as well as Bill Robinson and Bill Grant, requested that staff consider prohibiting vehicles with signs from parking on the side of a road in order to advertise a business. City Manager Hutmacher said that he will direct City staff to work on the ordinance so that it reflects Council’s intent to allow the signs on vehicles, but not allow them at the roadway. Council Member Ross questioned the definition of “traditional” on Page 1, section b, and Mr. Koontz recommended that this matter be addressed carefully. There was discussion regarding the number of signs allowed on building facades. Mr. Robinson said a business should be allowed to place up to two signs on a building if it has double facades. Council Member Wittenstein said this should be limited to buildings under 12 stories. Mr. Koontz said staff will need to evaluate this matter further.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hayward Wescott – voiced concerns regarding certain sign ordinance language.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. (Council Member Shortal motioned to adjourn. Council Member Ross seconded. The motion was voted and carried unanimously (4-0)).

Approved by:

Ken Wright, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk