

CITY OF DUNWOODY
August 9, 2010
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

The Mayor and Council of the City of Dunwoody held a Work Session on Monday, August 9, 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
District 2, Post 2	Adrian Bonser, Council Member
District 3, Post 3	Doug Thompson, 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

Also present:

City Manager Warren Hutmacher
City Clerk Sharon Lowery
City Attorney Brian Anderson
Assistant City Attorney Lenny Felgin
Finance Director Chris Pike
Chief of Police Billy Grogan
Director of Public Works Michael Smith
Deputy Director of Public Works Chuck Davis
Community Development Director Michael Tuller
City Planner Howard Koontz
Kimberly Greer

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 Bonser.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peter Petrecca – expressed concern regarding the residential parking requirements discussion.

Don Converse – spoke on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Dunwoody Community Garden, and thanked Parks and Recreation Manager Brent Walker and his staff for their hard work. Mr. Converse reported that the Dunwoody Community Garden was on the American Association of Community Gardens tour this year.

Lindsay Ballow – thanked Council for taking the residential parking discussion off of the agenda. He said that the Special Olympics Car Show will be held on August 14, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church Atlanta on N. Peachtree Rd.

Mike Lober – spoke on behalf of Peachtree Convenience. He suggested to Council that instead of the proposed 50% language, that the alcohol ordinance read “less than 50% of annual gross revenue is derived from the sale of beer and wine.”

Bill Bulpitt – voiced concern regarding the residential parking discussion.

Patrick Horgan – expressed concern regarding the proposed residential parking regulations.

Tad Allen – spoke about concern he has regarding the residential parking regulations.

Ken Yokelson – thanked Council for taking the residential parking discussion off of this agenda, and requested that this matter not be brought before Council again.

Ric Woroniecki – voiced concern regarding the proposed residential parking ordinance amendments.

Nikk Rogers – voiced concern regarding the proposed residential parking ordinance amendments, and requested that this matter not be brought before Council again for consideration. He also expressed concern regarding a new parking light pole going up in front of his residence in his yard at the corner of Vermack and Chamblee Dunwoody.

Joe Seconder – spoke in favor of the Master Transportation Plan, and spoke of the benefits of planning before funding the implementation of changes.

Gerri Penn – voiced concern regarding the alcohol amendment, and recommended that these matters go through a variance application or a Special Land Use Permit application rather than a blanket change in the ordinance.

Joe Hirsch – spoke in favor of the proposed residential parking ordinance amendments, and voiced concern regarding the noise ordinance.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT:

Council Member Heneghan said that he is looking for someone with expertise in special needs/ADA compliance to volunteer for a post on the Comprehensive Transportation Plan Advisory Committee.

Council Member Ross said that the first annual Economic Summit for the City of Dunwoody will be held this weekend at Ravinia. He said that today’s newspaper reported that the Sandy Springs tax digest indicates that their millage rate is 4.73, and that the millage rate for the City of Dunwoody is 2.74.

Mayor Wright reported that the Police Explorers banquet was held Friday night at Ravinia, and that some Police Explorers graduated and received badges and awards. Mayor Wright thanked Officers

Espinoza and Furman, Sgt. Carlson and Deputy Chief Sides who were present at this event, and all of the Dunwoody Police Department for their involvement with this program.

Council Member Shortal said that he attended the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Dunwoody meeting last Wednesday, and that there are many talented people working for the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Dunwoody. He reminded that November 6, 2010 is annual "Clean, Fix and Shine-Up Dunwoody Day," and the City is formulating a list of volunteers. He asked anyone wishing to volunteer for this event to contact Bill Tobin.

Council Member Bonser reminded that the Special Olympics Car Show is this Saturday. She encouraged everyone to purchase raffle tickets for this event. She encouraged everyone to vote tomorrow.

Council Member Thompson reported that the City began repaving roads today with fresh asphalt.

CITY BUSINESS:

City of Dunwoody Quarterly Financial Statements for Period Ended June 30, 2010. (Chris Pike)

Finance Director Chris Pike presented this matter. He reported that revenue was higher than budgeted, and that expenditures were under what was budgeted, and that the City received the H.O.S.T. calculation from the State, and the City will receive approximately \$2,400,000.00 in H.O.S.T. funds.

Fire Services Discussion. (Warren Hutmacher)

City Manager Warren Hutmacher presented this matter, and reported that the City has met with Chief O'Brien regarding fire services. Council Member Wittenstein said that DeKalb County added a third ambulance to the City of Dunwoody, so that every fire station in the City now has an ambulance. City Manager Hutmacher said that the City has a couple of options with regard to EMS: to have Regional Council assign the City as a service deliverer for the region, or to have DeKalb County allow the City to service our area. If DeKalb County does not agree to allow the City to service our area, then the City can request that Regional Council rebid the entire service for Region 3. However, Mr. Hutmacher said that the Regional Council designation if for transport only.

Residential Parking Requirements Discussion. (Community Development)

This item was removed from the agenda by consensus of Council.

FIRST READ – Proposed Text Amendments to Chapter 27, Zoning, Section 27-809-810, Retail, Service and Restaurant Uses in the O-I Zoning District. (ORDINANCE 2010-XX-XX) (Community Development)

City Clerk Sharon Lowery read the ordinance. City Planner Howard Koontz presented the ordinance. Mr. Koontz said that staff recommends if Council adopts this ordinance, that Council limit the retail, service and restaurant uses to the first and second floors only, with no drive through capability. Council Members discussed the ordinance. Mayor Wright requested that a Special Land Use Permit be required for retail.

FIRST READ – Proposed Text Amendments to Chapter 27, Zoning, Section 27-1, “Definitions,” to Address the Definition of “Paved” and “Pervious Surface.” (ORDINANCE 2010-XX-XX) (Community Development)

City Clerk Sharon Lowery read the ordinance. City Planner Howard Koontz presented the ordinance. Mayor Wright requested that staff look into allowing pete gravel. Council Member Wittenstein requested that staff look into utilizing pervious surfaces for the City’s new sidewalks.

FIRST READ – Proposed Text Amendments to Chapter 27, Zoning, Section 27-1576, Scheduling Requirements for Public Hearings Related to Zoning Actions. (ORDINANCE 2010-XX-XX) (Community Development)

City Clerk Sharon Lowery read the ordinance. City Planner Howard Koontz presented the ordinance. Mr. Koontz explained that sixty days may not be enough time for some matters to go through the entire process, and said that staff recommends changing the time period to seventy-five days.

FIRST READ – Proposed Text Amendments to Chapter 27, Zoning, Section 27-1575, Withdrawal Requirements for the Zoning Board of Appeals. (ORDINANCE 2010-XX-XX) (Community Development)

City Clerk Sharon Lowery read the ordinance. City Planner Howard Koontz presented the ordinance. Mr. Koontz said that staff recommends that applicants in Zoning Board of Appeals cases not be allowed to rescind their application after it has been advertised.

Impact Fees Discussion. (Community Development)

Community Development Director Mike Tuller presented the results of the Request for Proposal, with the committee recommending the firm of Ross & Associates, Inc., whose proposal was just over \$40,000.00.

Master Plan Public Involvement – Dunwoody Village and Georgetown. (Warren Hutmacher)

A presentation was given by Eric Bosman of Urban Collage, Inc. Each member of Council will submit two nominees for consideration for appointment to the Dunwoody Village Sounding Board and two nominees for consideration for appointment to the Georgetown Sounding Board. Mr. Bosman said that there will be one on one interviews at four public workshops in each of the two areas. He reported that there will be an interactive website with issues mapping, use of graphic tools and illustrations, with a focus on implementation. The three phases of the plan are: inventory and assessment; conceptual master plan; and action plan. He estimates that it will be an eight month process, and that a full schedule of public meetings will soon be available.

Master Transportation Plan Public Involvement. (Public Works)

A presentation was given by Tim Preece of Arcadis. Each member of Council will submit a nominee to be appointed to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan Advisory Committee. Mr. Preece said that this should be a twelve month process, but Arcadis has set a goal of ten months, with a final plan projected next May.

Update on Stormwater Inventory. (Public Works)

Deputy Director of Public Works Chuck Davis gave an update on stormwater inventory, and reported that 40% of the inventory has been completed (approximately 3,600 acres, and approximately 3,958 structures have been inventoried.) Next steps are to continue the inventory with 20% this year, and the remaining 40% next year. He said that this GPS data will help the City assess how long a structure will last, enabling the City to address problems before they become obvious and before they are reported. He said that 85% of the inventoried structures are in fair to good condition, but most of the structures are old and will need replacement. City Manager Hutmacher said that the City has planned to have approximately \$1,500,000.00 in reserve over a five-year period to spend on significant repairs, and the City hopes to get that reserve up to a multi-million dollar reserve for significant repairs. Mr. Hutmacher said that the City needs to establish a rate structure, which staff will bring before Council next year.

Emergency Notification Sirens Update. (Warren Hutmacher)

City Manager Warren Hutmacher provided an update on emergency notification sirens. Mr. Hutmacher reported that Kimberly Greer has worked with DeKalb Emergency Management and FEMA, and is planning to make the City eligible for grants for emergency notification sirens. Mr. Hutmacher said that the cost estimates range from four sirens to twenty-eight sirens to cover the entire City. The next step is hazard mitigation planning.

Discussion of Amendment to Chapter 26, Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places, Section 26-265 Definitions of Special Events. (Kimberly Greer)

Kimberly Greer presented the amendment, and Mayor Wright directed the initiation of a text amendment for the definition of a Special Event. There will be a First Read on August 23, 2010, and a Second Read on September 27, 2010.

Discussion of Amendment to Chapter 4, Alcohol, for Modifying the Requirements Relating to Package Sale Distances from Private Dwellings. (Adrian Bonser)

Mayor Wright directed the initiation of a text amendment to Chapter 4, and it will go through the Community Council, Planning Commission and the City Council.

Initiation of text Amendments. None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Lundsten – reported that he has resigned from the Planning Commission due to a conflict. He agrees with Council that the proposed alcohol ordinance should go through the entire process. Mr. Lundsten expressed concern regarding the proposed O-I amendments and the proposed withdrawal requirements for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Gerri Penn – voiced concern regarding withdrawal requirements. She thanked Council for making the proposed alcohol ordinance a Special Land Use Permit process.

Ric Woroniecki – voiced concern regarding the Master Plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURN:

Mayor Wright motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Shortal seconded. The motion was voted and carried unanimously (7-0).

Approved by:

Ken Wright, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk