

CITY OF DUNWOODY
JULY 13, 2020
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Dunwoody held a Meeting on July 13, 2020 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held in the City of Dunwoody City Hall, Dunwoody Hall, 4800 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, Georgia 30338 and via Zoom. Present for the meeting were the following:

Voting Members: Lynn Deutsch, Mayor
Stacey Harris, Council Member
John Heneghan, Council Member
Tom Lambert, Council Member
Jim Riticher, Council Member
Joe Seconder, Council Member
Pam Tallmadge, Council Member

Also Present: Eric Linton, City Manager
Jay Vinicki, Assistant City Manager
Bill Riley, Assistant City Attorney
Billy Grogan, Chief of Police
Linda Nabers, Finance Director
Sharon Lowery, City Clerk
Jennifer Boettcher, Communications Director
Ginger LePage, Information Technology Director
Britney Davis, Assistant to the City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Deutsch called the meeting to order. All members were in attendance. Council Members Riticher and Tallmadge participated via Zoom teleconference.

INVOCATION

1. Invocation (John Heneghan)

Council Member Heneghan provided the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (John Heneghan)

Council Member Heneghan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DUNWOODY POLICE OFFICER SWEARING IN/DUNWOODY POLICE RECOGNITION

2. Presentation of Award to DPD 2020 Officer and Employee of the First Quarter Officer Kasey Martin and Police Service Representative Lynndora Anderson (Chief Grogan)

Chief Grogan stated that the two employees due to be recognized were not able to attend the Council meeting, and will be presented with their awards at another time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Public Comment allows the City Council the opportunity to listen to the public (3 minutes per speaker/30 minutes total).

Ryan Molton commented on agenda item 11. and said that the emergency ordinance wasn't clear if there were penalties for violations. He said his concern was businesses reporting or accused of improperly calling 911 and the police responses. Mr. Molton also stated that he felt that it could be problematic that there wasn't an exception for philosophical conviction or religious beliefs.

Tory McGee voiced her concern about mandating of wearing masks. She said there is a lot to consider as business owners.

Billy Kramer, a Dunwoody restaurant owner, said that it is unreasonable to ask business owners to mandate use of masks. He also stated that he nor his employees are equipped to handle situations like that.

Joe Hirsch commented on agenda item 10. He stated that per the charter the commission is required to be formed by July 1, 2020. He also stated there are over 500 visible code violations ignored every day and that no members of council have publically addressed the idea of a citizens review board. Mr. Hirsch said that just because an attorney likely told you not to make public comments, it doesn't prohibit you from doing so. He stated that the city deserve council members that do their best. Mr. Hirsch expressed to the council not to be disingenuous when picking and choosing which code and rules to follow then claim they can't violate what the governor has said. Mr. Hirsch concluded his comment by adding that council need to uphold their oath and do their best for the residents of Dunwoody.

Lydia Singleton Wells, stated that she was passionate about supporting Dunwoody leadership. Mrs. Wells petitioned members of council to consider her for a community liaison position. She said, she would like to aid the citizens and city officials in their quest for diversity and inclusion and she would like to be a voice for the underrepresented and bring their needs and concerns to the City's attention.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

3. City of Dunwoody Audit Results and Report for Year Ended December 31, 2019 (Yogesh Patel of Warren Averett)

Linda Nabers introduced Yogesh Patel.

Yogesh Patel presented the audit results for the year ended December 31, 2019.

The audit resulted in unmodified opinions on governmental activities, business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit and each major fund. Compliance was identified as a result of their audit.

4. SPLOST Financial Update (Linda Nabers)

Finance Director Linda Nabers provided the SPLOST financial update.

Ms. Nabers stated that collections started in May 2018 and total SPLOST revenues are \$14,680,006.20. The SPLOST fund was set up to account for receipts of sales tax levied in the County of DeKalb and related expenditures for road improvements, public safety projects and repairs of capital outlay projects. Ms. Nabers stated that during this current year, a total of \$2,533,266.42 has been collected through June as compared to \$2,833,763.30 collected June of 2019.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Resolution Establishing the City of Dunwoody 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate (RESOLUTION 2020-07-XX) (Linda Nabers, Finance Director)

Linda Nabers presented the proposed millage rate at a levy of 2.74 mills, \$2.74 for every \$1,000 of the assessed value of property about 40% of the fair market value. The rate applies to both real property and personal property for businesses. Ms. Nabers said the Ad valorem would go to general fund for all departments.

Staff requests Council's approval to adopt resolution establishing the 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate.

Open Public Hearing (10 minutes)

Mayor Deutsch opened the public hearing without objection.

- Public comments from those in favor of the Resolution

Nina Edelstein spoke in favor of the millage rate.

- Public comments from those in opposition of the Resolution

None.

Close Public Hearing

Mayor Deutsch closed the public hearing without objection.

Council Member Heneghan moved to approve the Resolution establishing the 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate. Council Member Harris seconded.

Passed: For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Heneghan moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Lambert seconded

Passed: For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

6. Approval of June 15, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes
7. Approval of July 1, 2020 City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes
8. Approval of a Construction Contract with SD&C for the Georgetown Gateway Project (Michael Smith)
9. SECOND READ: Text Amendment Regarding Bicycles on Sidewalks (Chapter 30) (ORDINANCE 2020-XX-XX) (Richard McLeod)

BUSINESS ITEMS (ACTION ITEMS)

10. Resolution Appointing Members of the City of Dunwoody Charter Commission (RESOLUTION 2020-07-XX) (Mayor Deutsch)

Council Member Harris moved to approve the resolution appointing members of the Charter Commission. Council Member Seconder seconded.

Passed: For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

11. Emergency Ordinance CODW Face Masks (ORDINANCE 2020-07-XX)
(Cecil McLendon)

The City Clerk read the ordinance for the record.

Assistant City Attorney Bill Riley answered questions of Council.

12. Resolution to Support the Use of Face Coverings During the COVID-19
Pandemic (RESOLUTION 2020-07-XX) (Mayor Deutsch)

Tallmadge seconded.

Council Member Heneghan moved to approve. Council Member Seconder seconded.

Heneghan motioned to amend the resolution by removing the last, striking. Council Member Riticher seconded.

Council Member Heneghan moved to remove, mirroring. Council Member Seconder seconded.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

13. Discussion of Flock Group, Inc. Additional Services Agreement to Lease
Additional LPRs and Security Cameras in Parks (Chief Grogan)

Chief Grogan presented and answered questions of council. Mr. Grogan stated that this additional services agreement will add 4 license plate readers and 20 security cameras to Dunwoody Park properties through a monthly lease program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Public Comment allows the City Council the opportunity to listen to the public (3 minutes per speaker).

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Eric Linton provided a departmental update to Mayor and Council.

He said an executive session is needed for litigation and personnel discussion.

COUNCIL COMMENTS**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Member Harris motioned to enter into executive session for the purpose of litigation and personnel discussion. Council Member Tallmadge seconded.

Passed: For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

ADJOURN

Council Member moved to adjourn. Council Member seconded.

Passed: For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0