

City Council of Peachtree City
Minutes of Meeting
June 21, 2007
7:00 p.m.

The City Council of Peachtree City met Thursday, June 21, 2007, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Logsdon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Council Members present: Steve Boone, Stuart Kourajian, Cyndi Plunkett, and Judi Rutherford.

Announcements, Awards, Special Recognitions

Mayor Logsdon recognized Cheryl Fortner of the Fire Department as the Employee of the Month.

Public Comment

Anne Jaeckel, Larry Overton, Kristina Zuppan, and Robert Amalfitano addressed Council regarding access to fields for the lacrosse program.

Minutes

Rutherford moved to approve the June 5, 2007, workshop minutes and the June 6, 2007, workshop minutes as written. Kourajian seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Consider Budget Adjustments – Fiscal Year 2007

Rutherford moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Plunkett seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Agenda Items

05-07-05 Consider Installation of Speed Cushions in Planterra Ridge Subdivision

Logsdon noted there was an additional document on the dais – the traffic counts. City Engineer Dave Borkowski reported that an additional traffic study requested by Council had been completed. (A copy of the study is included in the official meeting file.) He continued that the drivers appeared to be reducing their speed because of the bumps, but the most recent study had not been conducted in the same locations used in previous studies. The speed bumps appeared to be working. Borkowski said they had also looked at the speed bump locations again. Engineering guidelines recommended the bumps be placed a maximum of 600 feet apart. Some were 700 to 750 feet apart. Staff recommended that the speed bumps be replaced one for one in the same locations.

Due to a theft issue with the speed bumps, Rutherford asked if they were all in place for this study. Borkowski said that they were all in place.

Boone asked what the total cost of the speed cushions would be. Borkowski said the total was \$36,092.60. The City was responsible for half the cost (\$18,046.30), and the Planterra Ridge Homeowners Association (HOA) would be responsible for the other half.

Logsdon asked if there had been a suggestion to take up the speed bumps for 30 day and do another study since the homeowners had not been unanimous in the desire for the speed bumps. HOA President Manny Guerrero said the homeowners' vote had not been unanimous, but the majority had supported some type of traffic-calming device. Many of the residents were opposed to the temporary devices because of the noise and the vehicles going around the devices into lawns. He noted that the speed cushions would cut down on the noise and people driving on lawns to avoid the bumps.

Rutherford noted that the study showed a significant decrease in traffic. She said \$18,000 was a significant amount of money. She was also interested to see what happened if the speed bumps were

removed. Speed was more the issue now than traffic volume. If speed became the issue again, then the bumps could be put in again. Guerrero said the speed bumps were now glued to the road. He asked Borkowski if the asphalt would come up along with the bumps. Guerrero said the speed cushions would cover any issues with the road. Borkowski said the asphalt could be patched.

Boone said the cost bothered him. He said there was already request for traffic control devices from another subdivision. The City was not in the business of putting in speed bumps in every subdivision and village. He recommended leaving the speed bumps until they deteriorated, then they could be pulled up.

Guerrero said he was approaching the issue from a safety standpoint. If one child were hurt, it would be too many. Rutherford asked how many children had been hurt by cars prior to the road widening. If the amount of traffic was the problem, and that problem had stopped, then the people speeding in the neighborhood now were the residents. She did not want to put children at risk either. Guerrero said there was not as much traffic on either SR 54 or SR 74 10 years ago. Now there was a major shopping center and more construction on SR 74. If Council was hesitant about the cost, Guerrero said the HOA would pay the entire cost. They were serious about the matter. Just because something had not happened yet did mean it would not happen in the future.

Logsdon noted that the traffic counts today were almost equivalent to what they were prior to the construction of Wal-mart and Home Depot, even though there was more traffic on SR 54 and SR 74. Kourajian attributed the drop in traffic to the speed bumps. Guerrero said the HOA would pay for the speed cushions; they just needed Council's permission.

Rutherford asked if Council would put the traffic-control devices all over the City if every subdivision was willing to pay for the installation. Borkowski said the traffic-calming ordinance was in place that any new requests had to follow. They could not just jump to speed bumps. Rutherford said any neighborhood interested would do what they had to do to get it done. Plunkett noted that there had to be the ability to speed in a neighborhood. Part of Planterra's problem was the long straightaway on Terrane Ridge.

Boone said they had talked about a reduced number of the devices in strategic places. The devices could be placed in strategic locations at the bottom or top of hills, which would reduce the number. Guerrero said they would take anything. Boone suggested leaving the speed bumps in during the interim and look at it down the road.

Kourajian moved to approve the installation of the nine speed cushions in Planterra Ridge in the same location as the speed bumps, and that the Planterra Ridge HOA would assume the cost. Plunkett seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

New Agenda Items

06-07-11 Public Hearing – Consider Amendments to Home Occupation Ordinance

City Planner David Rast noted that work on the ordinance began several months ago. There were some issues with some of the home-based business owners. Staff had worked with some of the owners, as well as with Code Enforcement, to look at the citations written over the last several years. Very few had been given for violations of the home occupation ordinance. He continued that, for the most part, the ordinance stayed the same, but some areas had been updated. Some of the language had been changed to better define what could or could not be done as a home occupation. Rast went over

each change and the reasoning behind it. The changes included allowing some activities to take place outside (some lessons, day care play activities), the percentage of floor area increased from 15% to 25%, a clarification of who could work in a home-based business, parking, day care certification requirements, and a requirement to verify zoning.

Rutherford asked Rast if a fee had been considered to cover the additional work required from staff. Rast said they had found that some jurisdictions did charge a fee for services such as the zoning verification letter. Staff planned to bring any recommended fee change to Council in the next four to six weeks. The intent was to ensure the business was appropriate for the zoning. Rutherford asked how the parking ordinance came into play. Rast said the parking ordinance required so many spaces for off street parking for people living in the home. Some subdivisions did not allow on street parking through their covenants. Staff's intent was to ensure there was parking provided according to the ordinance, hopefully off street.

Plunkett asked if the state regulations allowed someone to help the business owner with a day care. She asked whether a home-based day care provider would do the work on their own or if they would have someone come help. Rast said the state mandated the maximum number of children. The ordinance did not allow someone who did not live in the home to be an employee of the business. Rast said he did not know what the state allowed as far as home day care employees. Plunkett said someone else might be needed to help out during specific periods, such as lunch time. Rast indicated that, once a daycare business reached the size of needing outside help, it was no longer appropriate for a neighborhood and should be in a commercial location.

Kourajian referred to the definition of family. He asked if two people who were not married but lived in the same house were considered a family. Rast said that was covered in the ordinance. The ordinance defined family as "one or more persons occupying a single dwelling unit, provided that unless all persons are related by blood or marriage, or are lawful wards, no such family shall contain more than two persons." Rast clarified that two roommates that shared a home could both work in the business, but a third roommate could not.

Rast said the parking ordinance required a minimum of two off-street parking spaces for both single-family attached and detached dwellings. He continued that Planning Commission had voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the amendments.

Kourajian referred to the requirement regarding outside storage of materials. He asked whether people who gave swimming lessons or day care providers could store toys outside. Rast said those were considered normal activities, but a construction company would not be allowed to store construction materials. Kourajian asked if a garage or a shed was considered part of a dwelling. Rast said a garage was part of a dwelling. A shed was permitted as an accessory use on the property.

Logsdon asked if anyone had any comments regarding the proposed amendments.

Robert Brown suggested that, in relation to the storage of materials outside, adding the words "to include storage of any materials for use off the property" under "Storage of Materials." He said that would take care of anything used on site, such as pool toys. Kourajian said that was a good suggestion, but it might allow people with home workshops to store materials outside.

The public hearing closed.

Plunkett asked if the proposed amendments met the needs of the music teachers. Public Information Officer/Deputy City Clerk Betsy Tyler said that she had e-mailed the proposed changes and to their spokesperson, and the changes met their needs once the limitation on the number of students was taken out.

Rutherford moved to approve the changes for the home occupation ordinance. Boone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

06-07-12 Consider Request to Use City Logo

Tyler and Library Administrator Jill Prouty addressed Council regarding a request to use the City logo from the Peachtree City Library Corporation (Friends of the Library Association).

Rutherford moved to approve the request to use the logo from the Library Association. Kourajian seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

06-07-13 Consider Request from Heritage Christian Church for Sewer Connection

Reverend Greg Marksberry and Joe Strack addressed Council regarding the request. Marksberry explained that Strack, a member of the church, had done all the piping work for the church. The 77-acre church campus was located approximately one-half mile outside the City limits. They were finishing the worship and children's center and had discovered that 10 acres would be needed for the septic field. The facility was actively used to serve the community. The area that would serve as the septic field had been designated in the plans as recreation fields. According to their research, the number one need in the community was recreation, and the church wanted to provide that area for softball, soccer, flag football, and lacrosse. Marksberry said they had spoken to WASA, and WASA had the capacity, but the church would be responsible for transporting the flow. The church was willing to do that.

Rutherford asked WASA General Manager Larry Turner where the closest sewer was located. Turner said it was on Peachtree Parkway near The Estates subdivision, and there was a pump station off Peachtree Parkway in the Timberlake subdivision. Plunkett asked if any of the houses the line passed would be able to connect to sewer at a lesser cost. Turner explained it was a pump station and a force main. Other things could not be connected to a force main. The force main directed the flow from one pump station to the point of discharge. Strack said they would install only a two-inch line. Turner added that the church would bear all the expense. Marksberry said that, if the City approved the connection, the next step would be to get approval from Fayette County.

Kourajian asked Turner if there was another church outside the City limits on the sewer system. Turner said Dogwood Church in Tyrone was connected to the system.

Logsdon noted that the Board of Commissioners had turned down a previous request from the church. Marksberry said that the commissioners at the time had been concerned about a bleedover to the residential areas and how it would affect the overall plan.

Rutherford moved to give the church permission to connect to the sewer. Boone seconded.

Rutherford said she wanted to ensure no homes would be built on the property. Marksberry said their overall plan called for more buildings, but he did not know when that would occur. There was a great opportunity to use this area to serve the recreational needs of the community. Rutherford and Plunkett said they were not concerned about more church buildings.

City Manager Bernard McMullen suggested that Council add a condition restricting the sewer to non-residential use. Rutherford amended her motion to include the condition. Plunkett seconded the amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

07-06-14 Consider Bond Referendum on November 2007 Ballot for Expansion of Baseball Soccer Complex and The Gathering Place

Leisure Services Director Randy Gaddo said the proposed bond referendum would include two new multi-purpose fields at the Baseball Soccer Complex (BSC) and The Gathering Place expansion. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is included in the official meeting file.) Gaddo said staff, if directed to do so, would bring the resolutions to Council for approval at the July 19 meeting, which met the deadline to get the referendum on the November 6 ballot. The resolutions had to be submitted to the Justice Department at least 60 days prior to election. The goal was to have the resolutions to the Justice Department by August 1.

Gaddo continued that the plan for the BSC included moving the growing football program from Riley Field to the BSC. Riley Field would be used for the lacrosse program. A natural running path was planned to go around the entire facility, plus a total of 346 new parking spaces. The path would be constructed using the mulch ground from the lumber on site. Rutherford asked if pervious or impervious parking was planned. Gaddo said the plan was for asphalt, but they would look at pervious parking as things moved on since it had been successful at library and it would help with stormwater issues.

Gaddo continued that there were two options for Council to consider for the BSC. The first option for the two fields included using artificial turf with a drainage system on one field. The total cost would be \$3,651,570. The second option was to use real Bermuda grass on both fields for a total cost of \$2,283,870. The totals included all general conditions, site work, construction and consulting fees, and bond closing costs. The difference in the cost was the initial construction cost, which was \$1.4 million for the artificial field, including the drainage system, compared to \$161,000 for real Bermuda. The artificial turf should last eight to 10 years and was warranted for eight years. The replacement cost for the artificial turf was \$629,000. In order to have a top quality multi-purpose field, real turf had to be totally replaced every year. Right now, the fields were patched. When two sports used a field, the seasons overlapped. There was not a lot of time to let the turf regenerate. The cost to replace the turf was between \$160,000 and \$200,000 annually.

The annual debt service would be \$348,927, and the annual O&M cost was \$28,048 for Option 1. The total annual cost would be \$376,975. The estimated tax was 0.195 mills for 2008 or \$7.79 for a \$100,000 fair market value home. For Option 2, the total annual cost would be \$454,955 – \$218,236 annual debt service and \$236,719 annual O&M cost. The estimated millage rate for 2008 was 0.234 mills, or \$9.40 for a home valued at \$100,000.

Rutherford asked how long the bond would last. Finance Director Paul Salvatore said the bonds would be for 15 years. Rutherford questioned bonding something for 15 years when it would only last for eight years. Salvatore said the fields would be there forever. They could structure the bond so more principal was paid in the first eight years. The remaining principal would be for the other items. Gaddo said that approximately \$600,000 of the initial construction was the underground drainage system, which would stay when the turf was replaced. Plunkett asked if the City always went with a 15-year bond and whether there was a 10-year bond. Salvatore said there were 10 and 20-year bonds. Fifteen years was selected to get a better rate and to spread the cost out. Plunkett said the City would

save on interest costs if they went with a 10-year bond. She asked how much that would save. Salvatore said he would need to re-calculate those figures.

Gaddo went over the options for The Gathering Place. Option 1 was an expansion of 6,725 square feet, which included one large room that would seat 150 people (or three small rooms), a standard or commercial kitchen, restrooms, a new entrance and lounge, and a conference room and office. A commercial kitchen would be larger and would have commercial-grade equipment. A standard kitchen would basically augment what was already in place. Option 2 was 11,375 square feet and included Option 1 plus five multi-purpose rooms that could be reconfigured, a game room, class room, card room, and outdoor programming space. There would be additional parking and a rear loading dock. Gaddo said both options allowed the facility to be segmented so the sections could be used independently of each other without access to the entire facility. Rutherford asked what happened with the old space. Gaddo said the current administrative area would be used for storage and as a volunteer area, with the meeting rooms remaining in use.

Gaddo had the costs broken down into sub-options (a) commercial kitchen and (b) standard kitchen. The costs included general construction, site work, construction and consulting fees, and bond closing. The total cost for Option 1(a) was \$1,472,991, annual debt service – \$140,752, annual O&M – \$153,072, total annual cost – \$203,824, and an estimated 2008 millage rate of 0.152 mills or \$6.07 for a home valued at \$100,000. Option 1(b) had a total project cost of \$1,362,991, annual debt service of \$130,241, annual O&M of \$139,156, total annual cost of \$269,397, and an estimated 2008 tax millage of 0.139 mills or \$5.57 for a home valued at \$100,000. Option 2(a) had a total project cost of \$2,300,466, annual debt service – \$219,822, annual O&M – \$210,269, total annual cost – \$430,091, and an estimated 2008 millage rate of 0.222 mills or \$8.99 for a home valued at \$100,000. Option 2(b) had a total project cost of \$2,190,466, annual debt service of \$209,311, annual O&M of \$196,353, total annual cost of \$405,664, and an estimated 2008 millage of 0.210 mills or \$8.38 for a home valued at \$100,000.

Rutherford asked Salvatore for information regarding the total debt service for each option.

Gaddo said the potential for revenue at the BSC was negligible. There were occasional rentals, and the artificial turf could draw tournaments. Kourajian asked how a tournament would help the City. Gaddo said it would help local businesses. Fees were charged for tournaments outside of the normal playing season hosted by a third party or a City association. The fees were calculated per game per field. The Gathering Place grossed approximately \$11,000 per year from classes, and they might be able to double that. It would depend on the normal use of the facility. Rutherford asked if they anticipated offering more classes because there would be more space. Gaddo said most of the classes were held Monday through Friday. There was a lot of space available on the weekend. Rutherford asked why more classes were not available if there was space available. Janet Warner, leisure program coordinator at The Gathering Place, said the baby boomers were becoming elder boomers. The population would demand more classes. Currently, the majority of use was for non-revenue producing interest groups. Some of the groups had been relocated recently to the Southern Conservation Trust area, which had freed up space that was already scheduled. There was mix of no charge and fees for special interest groups. Rutherford said the revenue projection had doubled, and she asked how that would happen. Warner noted that she already had 11 new instructors lined up for the fall, but she did not know how many more requests would come in or how the classes would go. Gaddo said classes were built over time. The projection was a goal.

Plunkett asked how much of the current program was non-revenue producing. Warner said approximately 75%. Plunkett asked how much other recreation was non-fee based. Gaddo said a fee was not charged to non-profit groups. Plunkett noted that clubs met at The Gathering Place, as well as different clubs and activities that were not fee-based. Gaddo said classes would be fee-based. He said the new classes could be offered with new space. Plunkett asked if a sorority would be charged to use The Gathering Place. Gaddo said fees were not charged to non-profit groups; it was the way The Gathering Place had developed. They could certainly look at that. Plunkett asked if the same sorority group would be charged to rent a field at the BSC. Gaddo said yes. He said they had run some numbers based on one of card groups with a high percentage of out-of-town players. If a nominal fee of \$5 were charged, they could take in as much as \$30,000 annually from the one group. Plunkett said the facility should be like everything else – pay to play. The people using The Gathering Place the most were not paying the most. Plunkett said maybe other facilities were not charging enough either. There was some validity to charging fees for the expanded facility. Logsdon agreed the fees were something Council should look at. Gaddo said they could look at the fee structure independently. Gaddo said they earned about \$5,000 annually from room rentals. He added that if they could serve alcohol in the facility then the rentals would increase.

Gaddo continued that generally 50% to 60% of football program participants were Fayette County/Peachtree City residents. Soccer had 90% or more City/County residents participating in the program. Lacrosse was at about 95%.

Gaddo said the vast majority of The Gathering Place users, 85% or more, were either City or County residents. Some of the more recent groups had higher out-of-county numbers. Many City residents got involved in other groups with out-of-county residents and brought them in. Rutherford asked how many participants were City residents and County residents. She noted that the County was building a new senior center, so it would be interesting to see if the numbers changed when that center was completed. Gaddo said the numbers were a few years old, but the numbers were predominantly City residents. Gaddo also went over the programming hours. All but two hours of the 120 hours available Monday through Friday were scheduled. There were 90 total hours during the evenings on Monday through Friday. Twenty hours were scheduled with classes and reservations. There approximately 90 hours available on the weekends, and 10 hours were consistently scheduled. Gaddo pointed out that The Gathering Place was only one facility in a complex that hosted events that drew large crowds. He said staff had to be very conscious of that when scheduling events at the facility, especially with the parking limitations. The two rooms at the Southern Conservation Trust (SCT) building had been available since May. There were 80 programming hours available during the week, and 53 hours were already scheduled. There were 60 hours available on weeknights, and 12 hours were consistently scheduled. The weekends had 60 hours available, and four hours were consistently scheduled.

Gaddo continued that it would be impossible to use real turf fields at the BSC as multi-purpose fields and expect any degree of satisfaction. Plunkett asked how many athletes were involved in the football program. Gaddo said 520. Plunkett asked how many cheerleaders participated. Gaddo said 80. Plunkett asked how many played soccer. Gaddo said approximately 1,300. Gaddo said Council could consider using real turf fields strictly for football. Staff recommended going with artificial turf for longevity and customer satisfaction. Gaddo noted that lacrosse season was January through mid-May, and the fall season started in September and ended in November. Soccer started in March and ended in June. Soccer also had summer camps, which used some of the fields and allowed the others to rest. Soccer started again in August and went through November. Football started in mid-July and ran through November.

Gaddo continued that, historically, The Gathering Place had been unstaffed after hours, which he did not like. If the facility was expanded and if alcohol were allowed, then this policy had to change. Anytime the facility was open it should be staffed. If Option 1 were approved, then one full-time leader, two part-time leaders, and two part-time maintenance people should be added to cover the weekends and evenings. For Option 2, they would need the same staff required for Option 1 plus an additional full-time maintenance person to help keep things clean and to set up rooms.

Residents who spoke concerning the possible bond referendum included Anne Jaeckel, Nancy Brender, Larry Overton, George Kadel, Tim Lydell, Richard Spain, and Ed Toth. Their comments and concerns included the following:

- There was a need for artificial turf fields.
- More fields were needed for lacrosse.
- The Gathering Place needed to be bigger; seniors were being pushed out for other things.
- The brand of artificial turf staff presented was the most expensive. There were other products that were less expensive and were made in Georgia, which would allow the City to do more fields for the same amount of money.
- The Gathering Place was never looked at as a revenue-maker, but it should be a place residents would be proud of.
- There would be more demand for activities at The Gathering Place with the West Village senior development.
- The Fred permitted liquor so why not allow beer and wine in controlled situations at The Gathering Place.
- There were questions as to whether the replacement cost for the artificial turf was in today's dollars or in 2015 dollars.
- There were questions regarding the impact on water usage for the Bermuda turf.
- There was a question on whether there was an accurate number on people who used The Gathering Place.
- There were concerns that the City planned to spend money on recreation when it was overfunded compared to other Class B cities, and the Fire and Police Departments needed more people.
- The residents agreed that the issues should go on the ballot.
- There was a preference for the artificial turf over real turf due to maintenance and watering issues.

Rutherford questioned whether Council was doing its job asking the people to decide when Council was elected to make the hard decisions. She asked Salvatore if he had the information on the debt. Salvatore said an approval of the referendum would bring the City's annual bonded debt maintenance from \$1,014,000 to \$1,503,000. The total debt would increase to \$3,877,000. The current debt was \$3,387,000. Rutherford said the City would need \$3.75 million just to pay the debt service every year before anything else was done. She said the decision should be made by the elected Council. The comments she heard had been neither pro nor con, but that she had been elected to make the decisions and was expected to do so.

Plunkett said that, if the bond passed, then the millage rate would be raised accordingly. People needed to be aware of that when they voted. Kourajian said it would be a separate issue that had nothing to do with the assessment of homes. If the bond did not pass, then it would not be collected.

McMullen clarified that the bond money and the associated millage rate to pay the annual debt service would be listed separately on the tax bills. The O&M cost would show up in the General Fund millage rate.

Logsdon said Rutherford had made a good point – Council was elected to make hard decisions. Council made a hard decision last year and pushed out The Gathering Place expansion. He did not see putting The Gathering Place expansion in the budget in the foreseeable future, but the seniors were willing to put it on a ballot and allow the citizens to vote it up or down. With a commercial kitchen and artificial turf, the citizens would pay an extra \$41.58 per year for a \$300,000 home just for the bond. He did not have a problem putting the items on the ballot. They would not be funded any other way.

Plunkett said she had suggested earlier that the City look for private/public partnerships, outside sources, and grants, but that was not feasible either. She said there could be a combination of tax dollars and other funding.

Rutherford asked Meeker to explain why the decision had been made to consider a referendum. Meeker said the City could not borrow money without the approval of the citizens. This was not a revenue bond, but a general obligation bond. Rutherford said the City could also put money away every year to pay for it. Meeker said the City could build up the capital to do it.

Logsdon said that if Council agreed to put the issues on the ballot, then they must agree on the questions. The seniors had to decide on which option to put on the ballot for The Gathering Place. Plunkett said the sports associations needed to do the same thing for the BSC. Meeker said there would be two separate bond questions, but a consensus was needed on which options to go with. Council could get advice from the organizations, but Council had to make the decision on the options.

Boone agreed with the Mayor, and added that staff and citizen input was needed to come up with the options. Meeker said that a staff recommendation had been made on the BSC, but not The Gathering Place. A decision had to be made on July 19 regarding what would go on the ballot. The resolutions had to include what would go on the ballot. He had not heard a clear consensus from Council on the BSC. Council preferred the artificial turf option. Meeker clarified that, between this meeting and July 19, Council was asking staff and the various organizations to come back with a solid recommendation for The Gathering Place. Council agreed. McMullen added that what was planned for the existing facilities was not included in the bond. There would be some creep in that cost.

Plunkett clarified that she was not suggesting The Gathering Place become a money-maker, but that the fees offset the cost of the operation. Rutherford said the fees would not offset the costs 100%. None of the fees for any of the facilities did that, but the fees should be equitable across the board. The City should not unfairly charge some groups fees and not others.

McMullen said the decrease in interest for a 10-year bond for the BSC versus a 15-year bond was \$548,000, and the increased cost per year for the 10-year bond would be an additional \$120,000. Boone said he preferred to go with a 10-year bond if it saved the City money. He supported putting the items on the ballot.

Rutherford asked Salvatore to project the costs of the facilities and factor them into the operating budget. Kourajian said he would like both the 10-year and 15-year bond figures.

Meeker clarified what was expected at the July 19 meeting – Option 1 for the BSC, the staff and organizations were to discuss their recommendations for The Gathering Place, and the financing options for a 10-year bond and a 15-year bond. Rutherford added a more detailed projection on the O&M costs was also needed.

06-07-15 Consider Local State Route Acceptance Resolution

Borkowski said that the resolution boiled down to accepting the realigned portion of Rockaway Road for maintenance once it was completed. The resolution was combined with the County because a portion of the widening project was in the County.

Kourajian moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution stating that the City would accept the realigned portion of Rockaway Road for maintenance when it was completed. Logsdon seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

06-07-16 Consider Approval of the Solid Waste Management Plan and Resolution

Rast noted that the 2007-2017 Solid Waste Management Plan for Fayette County was required by the state's minimum planning standards and procedures for solid waste management. The reported was a combined report prepared by the County's planning department with input from the different jurisdictions.

Rutherford moved to officially adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan 2007-2017 for Fayette County. Boone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

06-07-17 Consider Bid for Natural Gas Supplier Contract

Assistant Finance Director Janet Camburn said staff recommended approval of a one-year agreement with Coweta-Fayette EMC Natural Gas for the natural gas for City facilities. Boone moved to approve Coweta-Fayette EMC Natural Gas for a one-year agreement. Kourajian seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

06-07-18 Consider Approval of Service Delivery Strategy with Fayette County Board of Commissioners

Logsdon noted there was an additional document on the dais – a copy of the changes to the agreement.

McMullen said all of the city managers and the county administrator met earlier in the week to look at the changes and all were in agreement. The other jurisdictions would be proposing the same changes. The most significant change was the funding for the EMS. The County would fund the EMS through a designated tax district, which would resolve the City's issues. The tax district would begin on July 1.

Rutherford noted that the County, Fayetteville, Tyrone, Brooks, and Woolsey would assess a fire impact fee for all new construction. She said the sentence that noted that what the fee would be used for had been crossed out. McMullen said the sentence was an inaccurate statement for what the impact fees could be used for. Rutherford asked if the City charged impact fees for commercial projects. McMullen said it did not. Rutherford asked if the City had ever considered it. McMullen said he did not know.

Rutherford moved to approve the revised service delivery strategy document and authorize the Mayor to sign with the additional modifications. Boone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

06-07-19 Consider Cancelling July 5th Regular Meeting

Rutherford said she thought the cancellation was because there would not be a quorum. If everyone was in the City, she preferred to meet rather than having a packed agenda on July 19. McMullen said he understood it was Council's desire to cancel the meeting. There were only three or four items that could be moved to July 5. Rutherford said packing an agenda was not the best way to do town business.

Plunkett asked if a 30-minute meeting was anticipated on July 5. Logsdon noted that a lot of the public would be on vacation. McMullen read the items on the July 19 agenda and noted that two of the items could move to July 5. Rutherford asked if future meetings with only two items of business should be cancelled. Kourajian and Plunkett said they should. Rutherford said maybe they should look at meeting only once a month long term. Logsdon said there was usually enough business to meet twice a month, but occasionally there was not.

Plunkett moved to cancel the July 5th regular meeting. Kourajian seconded. The motion carried 4-1 (Rutherford).

06-07-20 Consider Street Light Installation for Phase 1 SR 74 Widening

Logsdon noted there was an additional document on the dais – a memo to Mayor and Council from the City Engineer dated June 18, 2007, with the subject, "Street Light Installation for Phase 1 SR 74 Widening."

Borkowski said staff recommended Council approve the proposal from C.W. Matthews Contracting Company for an amount not to exceed \$46,612.90 for the installation of the street lights on SR 74. Rutherford clarified that these were the street lights, not the signal lights. Borkowski said that was correct.

Rutherford moved to approve the street light installation for Phase 1 SR 74 widening. Boone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council/Staff Topics

WASA Update

Wade Williams, the secretary/treasurer of WASA, introduced the board members attending the meeting. General Manager Larry Turner gave a presentation on WASA's budget. (A copy of the PowerPoint is included in the official meeting file.) He said they were right on target as far as projections and expenditures. He noted that WASA received the gold award for complete and consistent NPDES permit compliance for calendar year 2006 from the Georgia Association of Water Professionals for both the Line Creek and Rockaway Road wastewater treatment facilities. Asset management was an ongoing project, and they were in the process of building a database tied to the GIS system that tracked customer complaints and maintenance issues. The problem areas would be shown graphically. WASA was also looking at putting in lines to the West Village for residential reuse water. Residents would have unlimited irrigation water for a flat fee per month, which was beneficial to WASA and conserved water. Boone asked if that could be done in other subdivision. Turner said it would not be economically feasible since they would have to retrofit older subdivisions with reuse lines. There would be little or no expense to put in the lines for new areas. Rutherford asked if the reuse water was used on the athletic fields. Turner said that while the water was totally

acceptable for use on athletic fields, there was a psychological problem to overcome. It had been discussed. The reuse water could be provided at minimum expense, and WASA would like to do that. Rutherford said she would like further discussion on the topic. Turner said that Planterra Golf Course watered with the reuse water.

Recycling Program Update

Public Services Director Tom Corbett said he had good news. He found that the current recycler would accept pizza box cardboard, thin cardboard (cake boxes, cereal boxes), and steel and tin cans. They were getting a lot at the Recycling Center and the Public Works yard. They were also getting a lot of electronics. The cardboard recycling would be added at the Public Works yard, but had to build a trailer first. There was a good price on cardboard now. The magazine recycler now paid \$10 per ton for magazines. Braelinn Village had a private program that accepted aluminum cans, plastics, newspapers, magazines, cardboard, and mixed paper. Corbett said they were still investigating additional recycling sites. The obstacles included the reluctance of the recyclers to add another site and the use of space. Rutherford asked Corbett to look at the access to the electronics trailer. She noted that it was tilted, and someone could get hurt. Corbett said the recycler had been alerted and was aware of the problem. Plunkett said the program needed to be advertised. Corbett said there was something going in the next **Update**. Rutherford asked Corbett to continue looking into glass. Corbett said the problem with glass was that it could not be mixed and a site would have to be monitored. Rutherford said that might be a way to earn stormwater credits and volunteers could be recruited.

Update on Tourism Association – Minutes & Events

Executive Director Lauren Yawn said the board's meeting agendas were normally sent to the Board of Directors and the media. Agendas were posted at City Hall. The minutes were sent by e-mail and hard copy to the Board of Directors and the recording secretary at City Hall. Per Council's request, Council would also be sent the agendas and minutes in the future.

Yawn continued that the second Southside Slugfest was scheduled for June 23. Individual ticket sales for the second concert series would begin on June 25. There were a lot of summer activities at the Tennis Center. A free movie, *Dr. Dolittle*, was scheduled at The Fred on July 3.

Kourajian said if he were in town for the Slugfest that he would go again. He asked Yawn if she recalled Council's request to bring future such events to the Council. There was a lot of concern in the community. The last one was successful, the recap was good, and the crowd was well-behaved. However, Council had specifically asked that Yawn come to Council prior to putting on another event. Kourajian noted that he had been contacted by another promoter, and Kourajian told him nothing was planned. Yawn said that promoter was working with the Slugfest promoter on the upcoming event. Corey Nestlehutt said he had attended the May 3 meeting to touch base with the Council Members. He continued that he had spoken to Kourajian and Rutherford that night. He also called the Mayor. Rutherford noted that it had not been on the agenda and was never voted on. Plunkett said that members could not speak for each other. In the future, it should be on an agenda. Nestlehutt said the date was locked down late. They only had four weeks to promote the event and had sold 2,000 tickets to date. Rutherford said the public did not have an opportunity to be part of the decision either, and it was their amphitheater.

Rutherford moved to convene in executive session for threatened or pending litigation and personnel. Kourajian seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rutherford moved to reconvene in regular session. Plunkett seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rutherford moved to extend the Council meeting past 11:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Kourajian moved to appoint Betsy Tyler as the Acting City Clerk while Jane Miller was on leave. Boone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

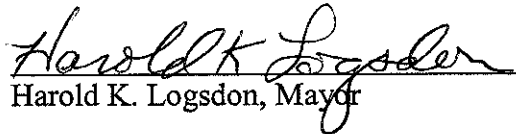
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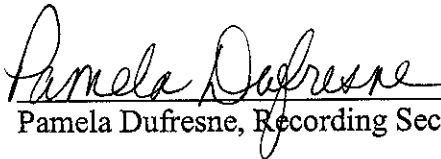
There being no further business to discuss, Rutherford moved to adjourn. Kourajian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.



Betsy Tyler, Acting City Clerk



Harold K. Logsdon, Mayor



Pamela Dufresne, Recording Secretary