

City Council of Peachtree City
Minutes of Special Called Meeting
June 6, 2006
6:30 p.m.

The City Council of Peachtree City met in a special called meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 2006, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Logsdon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Other Council Members present were: Steve Boone, Stuart Kourajian, and Judi Rutherford. Cyndi Plunkett was out of town.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider intersection improvements for GA 74 and Georgian Park/GA 74 and Ardenlee Parkway.

City Manager Bernard McMullen said that staff recommended that Council authorize a reimbursement agreement with Faison Development for the Kedron Shopping Center addition for an amount not to exceed \$303,812 for the construction of left turn lanes on Georgian Park at GA 74 and on Ardenlee Parkway at GA 74, and that Council authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of agreement between the City and Faison to be approved by the City Attorney. He continued that, while the developer agreement for the first phase of the shopping center required a traffic signal at the intersection, no intersection improvements had been required. When the permit was submitted to the Department of Transportation (DOT) in December, the response in April required the two left turn lanes. McMullen noted that the landscaped islands would have to be moved, as well as the stormwater structures. There would be a two-foot wide concrete divider.

McMullen said the state would not permit the signal unless the lanes were installed. Kourajian asked why the turn lanes were needed. McMullen said DOT looked at the traffic study and the number of left turn movements and made the determination on the intersection requirements. Logsdon clarified that the City really had no choice. McMullen said he met with DOT, the traffic consultants, and Faison, and this was basically what the DOT said had to be done. Rutherford asked if DOT would eventually put a light at the intersection. She asked if the City was being held hostage to get the light sooner rather than later. She recalled that the first time the City had asked about a signal, DOT said the intersection did not meet the warrants. McMullen said that was correct, and that DOT had not included the Target traffic at the time.

McMullen said, since he had been with the City, the only other light he had worked on had been the one at Stevens Entry/GA 54. DOT was not going to pay for any lane improvements at that intersection, but none were needed. The City had to pay for the lane improvements at Cooper Lighting.

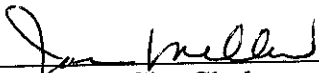
Kourajian asked if the City could do the project without going out for bid. McMullen said he had spoken with City Attorney Ted Meeker, and he indicated it was fine to pay for the project on a reimbursement basis.

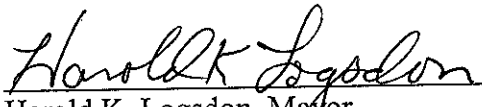
Kourajian asked about the handicapped ramps. He asked where they would go at that intersection. Rutherford said it was a requirement. McMullen recounted that they were told at the December meeting with DOT that they would have approval in 30 days. He said he told DOT at that time that the crosswalks made no sense at this particular intersection, and the City did not receive approval until April. Their position was that if a handicapped person had car problems and had to get to the gas station, there would be a liability problem if the handicapped person got hurt trying to cross the highway.

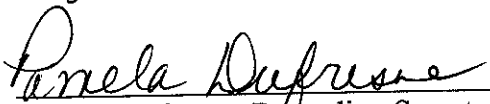
Rutherford moved to approve an amount not to exceed \$303,812 for a left turn lane on Georgian Park at GA 74 and a left turn lane on Ardenlee Parkway at GA 74, in addition that Council authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of agreement between the City and Faison to be approved by the City Attorney. Kourajian seconded. Rutherford added that the funding would be as indicated in the staff memo for this meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Rutherford moved to adjourn the meeting. Kourajian seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.


Jane Miller, City Clerk


Harold K. Logsdon, Mayor


Pamela Dufresne, Recording Secretary