

City of Peachtree City
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Minutes of Meeting
May 22, 2002
7:00 p.m.

The City Council of Peachtree City met in a Special Called meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2002, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Council Members attending were: Mayor Steve Brown, Steve Rapson, Dan Tennant and Murray Weed. Council Member Annie McMenamin was absent.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. He said the purpose of the meeting was to select Special Counsel.

City Clerk Jane Miller read the following statement from McMenamin, provided in a memo to her on May 22, 2002 (included in meeting file): "It would be inappropriate for me to attend the Special Called Meeting tonight. It is my opinion that the actions taken by the Council at the May 16 meeting that supported this called meeting possibly violated the spirit of the city's open meeting requirements."

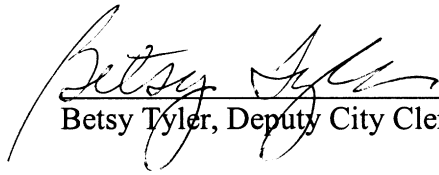
Brown noted that the Councilmembers had a memo before them from Councilmember Weed, dated May 22, 2002, regarding the appointment of Special Counsel. Weed said that, after the meeting on May 16, Council asked him to look into various candidates that would be appropriate for appointment to Special Counsel. He continued that, after making numerous phone calls, he reduced the candidate list to three: Winston Denmark with David Couch and Associates, Laurel Henderson of Laurel Henderson and Associates, and Drew Whalen of Whalen and Westbury. Weed said each of the candidates was prepared to take on the project for \$150 per hour. Weed said with 11 years of practicing law, of which eight focused exclusively on local government, he could in good conscience recommend all three candidates.

Weed then made a motion, read from a prepared statement included in the meeting file, to appoint Winston Denmark of David Couch and Associates as independent Special Counsel to:

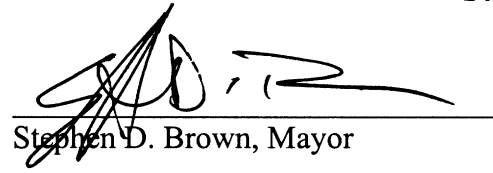
1. Investigate and review all facts leading up to the execution of the relevant Development and Airport Authority contracts allegedly approved on June 7, 2001;
2. Determine if the alleged contracts described above are valid or not; and
3. Make recommendations regarding any actions that may be taken regarding these matters including but not limited to: no action whatsoever, referral to other outside agencies, civil or criminal legal action, and issuance of reports and/or findings to any relevant agencies.

Tennant seconded the motion. Brown asked if there was any discussion, and thanked Weed for his efforts. Motion carried 4-0.

Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tennant seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Betsy Tyler, Deputy City Clerk



Stephen D. Brown, Mayor