

MINUTES OF MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF PEACHTREE CITY
May 7, 1992

The City Council of Peachtree City met in regular session on Thursday night May 7, 1992 at 7 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Lenox called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance. Those present were Mayor Robert L. Lenox, Councilmen Edward Bradford and Robert Brooks. Annie McMenamin was not present due to a family illness.

Addition of Agenda Items

Mayor Lenox made a motion to add an item to the agenda to discuss permitting the use of alcoholic beverages at the amphitheater during the Gatlin Brothers concert. Motion was seconded by Brooks. Motion carried unanimously. Item was added as 5-92-10.

Brooks made a motion to add an item to discuss the changes in the animal control ordinance that was passed at the April 16th Council meeting. Motion was seconded by Bradford. Motion carried unanimously. Item was added as 5-92-11.

Announcements, Awards, Special Recognitions

Mayor Lenox announced that changes in the telephone exchanges in Peachtree City and Fayette County have been delayed by Southern Bell until all adjustments to the 404 and 706 area codes have been completed.

Mayor Lenox announced that Annie McMenamin was absent due to a family illness.

Mayor Lenox proclaimed the week of May 4 through May 10 as "Law Week" in Peachtree City. Mr. Peter Pfiefer was present to accept the Proclamation for the Optimist Club.

Mayor Lenox announced that Mr. Rich Parlontieri had submitted his letter of resignation from Council Post 4 because he has now qualified for the State 105th District House Seat.

Mr. John Hicks was presented with a plaque by Mayor Lenox for his three year service to the Commission on Children and Youth.

The first graduating class of the Citizens Police Academy were presented with their certificates by Mayor Lenox and Police Chief Jim Murray.

Department Reports

Mayor Lenox announced that Department Reports would be available for review at the next Council meeting.

Minutes

Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Commission on Children and Youth meeting held on March 21, 1992 as presented. Bradford seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bradford made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 1992 meeting as presented. Brooks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bradford made a motion to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Peachtree City Development Corporation meeting of April 23, 1992 as presented. Brooks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5-92-1 Ordinance amending the City Charter deleting Section 20 and Section 21 requiring the City to maintain voting lists and records - first of two readings.

The first reading of the ordinance deleting Sections 20 and 21 from the City Charter requiring the City to maintain voting lists and records was done by Frances Meaders, Director of Administrative Services/Election Superintendent. Brooks made a motion to endorse the ordinance. Bradford seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meaders also clarified for the public that Council approved a Resolution at the April 16, 1992 meeting establishing July 21, 1992 as the date for a special election to fill Parlontieri's post, and which establish qualifying dates of June 22 to 26 with voter registration to close on June 22nd. A copy of the Resolution is attached to the minutes.

5-92-2 Dedication of Sculpture for entrance to commercial area at Robinson Road and Highway 54 by Peachtree City Development Corporation.

City Manager Basinger reported that Peachtree City Development Corporation was requesting that Council authorize them to place a sculpture at the entrance into the commercial area at the corner of Robinson Road and Highway 54. A drawing of the proposed sculpture was available for review. Mr. Jim Williams, Director of Developmental Services, stated that the sculpture would be considered a sign even though there would be no letters, and that it would need to conform to sign regulations, which it did. Williams reported that staff recommended the approval of the sign with conditions as follows:

- a. The sign will be owned by the City, but maintained by Peachtree City Development Corporation.
- b. The sign will be on public property.
- c. The sign will be for the convenience of the public and will not identify a particular commercial entity.
- d. The size of the sign and its height are within the limits imposed by the ordinance.
- e. The sign will be subject to removal by the City at the discretion of the Council.
- f. The sign as proposed would appear to be an attractive non-commercial addition to that area, and would not appear to be a safety hazard or counter to the general public welfare.

Brooks made a motion to approve the sign as recommended by City Staff. Bradford seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5-92-3 Alcoholic Beverages License for Occasions

Mr. Jim Royal, Partners II Pizza, was present to request an alcoholic beverage license for the "Occasions Room" in Aberdeen Village Center to hold private parties. Mr. Royal requested to be both licensee and license representative. Brooks questioned Mr. Royal on how the Occasions Room would be staffed for its functions. Mr. Royal stated that employees from Partners II would be used. Brooks made a motion to approve the license for the Occasions Room. Bradford seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5-92-4 Amendment to Code Section 2-8 (d) regarding attendance criteria for members of Commissions and Authorities

Mayor Lenox stated that a special committee was formed to review the attendance criteria for members of commissions and authorities and was chaired by Mr. Robert Truitt. Mr. Truitt reported that the ordinance before Council was approved unanimously by the committee. Mayor Lenox gave an overview of the ordinance and stated that members would have to have an eighty percent attendance for a twelve month period. Brooks stated his thanks to those who volunteer their time to sit on Commissions and Authorities and stated that no City could run without those volunteers. Brooks made a motion to accept the amendment to the ordinance as presented by the committee. Bradford seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5-92-5 Scenic Highway Designations

Mr. Phil Jones, Environmental Concerns Organization, was present to address his request that Council designate Peachtree Parkway and other roads such as Aberdeen Parkway and Riley Parkway as Scenic

Highways. Mr. Jones stated that there were no guidelines or criteria for designating roads as scenic highways in the State of Georgia and that there was only one road in the State that has that designation to date. Mr. Jones stressed that with the designation the roads would be kept natural, preserving the natural vegetation and reducing the noise from the highways. Mr. Jim Williams, Director of Developmental Services, stated that the Staff endorsed the idea and recommends that Aberdeen and Riley Parkway also be considered for the designation. He hoped to come up with standard guidelines to follow to designate a road as a "Scenic Highway".

Ms. Caroline Price, Chairman of the Planning Commission, came forward to endorse the project and stated that the planning commission would like to have input in developing the standards.

Lenox stated that he felt the proposal was worth pursuing, that Peachtree City had many scenic roads even without designating them as such. His only concern was how the standards were developed, and that the roads designated as scenic are tied in with the City's transportation needs.

Bradford stated that he had concerns, He felt Aberdeen Parkway was far too narrow having so much vegetation right up to the edge of the road, He said that he had met oncoming traffic coming down the wrong side of the road, that it was very difficult to see pedestrians, and that he would have a hard time supporting the proposal. Bradford stated that he would like to see more roads exiting and entering the City, and due to safety he thought that Council would need to be careful about limiting the road development.

Brooks stated his support and suggested that Staff study the project and come back to Council in three meetings with suggestions for standard guidelines on how it would affect zoning classes, developers in the commercial areas as opposed to residential areas, and traffic flow patterns.

After further discussion Bradford stated that he would endorse the Staff looking into the project but could not state that he would ultimately support it.

Brooks made a motion to direct Staff to further study the proposal to make Peachtree Parkway a scenic highway and report back to Council the second meeting in June with a list of items for consideration. Bradford seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5-92-6 Ordinance regarding fishing in City waters

City Manager Jim Basinger reported that Council had before them an ordinance, recommended by the Recreation Commission, to prohibit anyone other than Peachtree City residents and their accompanied guests to fish in any Peachtree City waters. Basinger reported that there had been numerous complaints from residents that non-

residents were using the waters, leaving trash behind and depleting the fish supply.

Mr. Ray Besch, Peachtree City resident, stated that his home backed up to Huddleston Pond and he had numerous problems with non-residents using his private property to fish on. He stated that they pulled vehicles on his property, used his property for a public restroom, left trash behind, and were taking large amounts of fish out of the waters. He urged Council to pass the ordinance controlling fishing in City waters.

Mr. Joe Alfano, Peachtree City resident and member of the Planning Commission, questioned Council on how the ordinance would be enforced, how it would be determined if the persons were residents, and how it would be patrolled. Police Chief Jim Murray stated that signs would be posted, the waters patrolled not only by Peachtree City officers but by the County Marshalls, and that those found not residing in Peachtree City could be subject to a fine but probably would first just be asked to leave.

Bradford made a motion to amend the code as presented. Lenox seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5-92-7 Authorization for purchase of check signing equipment

City Manager Jim Basinger stated that before Council was a recommendation from the Director of Administrative Services that the policy for signing payroll checks be changed to allow the checks to be signed by an automated check signing machine.

Bradford stated that he was in support of this, that it would free up hours spent signing checks. Brooks made a motion to authorize the purchase of the check signer as proposed by the City Manager. Bradford seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5-92-8 Skate Board Ramp Grant Contract

City Manager Basinger reported that the City was awarded a \$7,500 matching grant for the construction of a Skate Board Park, and the City's share of the match is \$7,595 of cash match and 5,562 of in-kind services, (equipment, labor). The recreation commission recommended that Council allow \$10,000 be taken from the neighborhood parks account to be used as matching funds for the grant. Staff recommended that Council authorize Mayor Lenox to execute the contract for the grant with the Department of Community Affairs, construct the park at Braelinn recreation complex and use the funds from the neighborhood parks account for the matching funds. The grant does require the purchase of a turnkey type skate board ramp that is installed by Fastastic.

Mayor Lenox stated his support of the skateboard park, and hoped that it would solve problems for the skateboarders and provide a safe place for them to skate. Basinger stated that several

skateboarders and their parents were involved in the planning and the location of the park. Basinger stated that the park will get the skateboarders off the street and in a safe environment to enjoy their sport.

Bradford questioned the location of the park. Basinger stated that the park would be constructed in the Braelinn recreation complex between the road and the concession stand, in the center of the complex. Brooks questioned the exact total of the amount of funds needed. Basinger stated that the exact total was \$9,730, leaving \$270 as a contingency to be returned to the neighborhood parks account if not used. Brooks made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract, and that \$10,000 be taken from the neighborhood parks account, with excess funds to be returned if not used. Bradford seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5-92-9 Commuter Rail Study

City Manager Basinger reported that Council had before them a letter from Commissioner Wayne Shackelford, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT), requesting that Peachtree City participate in the cost of a commuter rail study that is projected to cost between 1.5 and 2 million dollars, eighty percent to come from the federal government and the remaining funds to be made up of local funds. Basinger reported that DOT was hoping to receive \$5,000 to \$10,000 from each jurisdiction. Basinger stated that over the years Peachtree City had received excellent support from the DOT, and recently the DOT agreed to pay for seventy-five percent of the cost of the Highway 74 carpath bridge with DOT being responsible for the construction. Staff recommends that Council authorize payment of \$5,500 as the City's share of the study, and that the funds be transferred from the Highway 74 Carpath bridge project.

Brooks gave his support, and stated that he could see a great benefit for the citizens of Peachtree City with the possibility of a commuter rail, and that the benefits to Peachtree City in working with DOT would be significant. Brooks made a motion that the City contribute \$5,500 to the commuter rail study with funding as recommended by the City Manager.

Bradford and Lenox both felt this would greatly benefit the residents of Peachtree City and stated their support of this project. Bradford seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5-92-10 Request to permit alcohol at the Amphitheater for the Gatlin Brothers concert

Mr. Steve Wallace, representing a fund raising group renting the amphitheater, came forward to request that Council allow those persons attending the Gatlin Brothers concert at the Ampitheater on May 22nd be allowed to bring in alcoholic beverages if they wished

to do so. Brooks questioned if concerts put on by the City in the "Summer Series" were allowed alcoholic beverages, and if this concert could be considered a concert. Basinger answered that the concerts put on by the City were allowed to have alcoholic beverages brought in, but that this was a private function independent of the City, and a special arrangement would have to be made. Basinger reported that Council had approved alcoholic beverages for private functions in the past. Brooks made a motion to pass a resolution allowing alcoholic beverages to be brought in during the Gatlin Brothers concert under the guidelines set by City Staff. Basinger asked that the resolution include that security arrangements be made and approved by the Police Chief. Brooks amended his motion as stated. Bradford seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

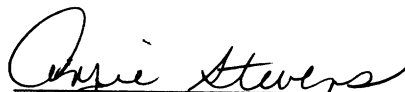
5-92-11 Animal Control Ordinance

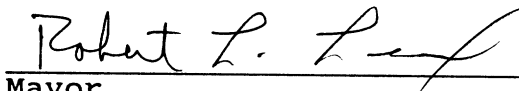
Brooks stated that at the last Council meeting, the animal control ordinance was changed, with changes to be implemented on May 15, 1992. Since that meeting concerns have been raised about the changes from residents. Brooks made a motion to delay implementing the changes until June 1, 1992 to give residents time to come forward at the next meeting on May 21, 1992 to discuss concerns. During discussion, Lenox and Bradford both stated they were satisfied with the ordinance as is, but would welcome citizen input and would support delaying the implementation. Lenox seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before Council, Lenox made a motion that the meeting be recessed to be reconvened in executive session. Bradford seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

There was no action taken in executive session and Bradford made a motion to ajourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.


Angie Stevens, Asst. City Clerk


Mayor

Attest: