

City Council of Peachtree City
Minutes of Meeting
April 20, 2000
7:00 p.m.

The City Council of Peachtree City met in a regular session, Thursday, April 20, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Robert L. Lenox led those attending in the pledge of allegiance. Other Council members present were: Carol Fritz, Annie McMenamin, Dan Tennant and Bob Brooks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Employee of the Month – Cameron Bolden
Supervisor of the Quarter – Tami Babb
Recognition of Ursula Todd for obtaining U.S. citizenship
Proclamations - Loyalty Week (May 1 - 7) and Loyalty Day (May 6)
Proclamation - National Day of Prayer (May 4, 2000)
Proclamation - Municipal Clerks Week (April 30 – May 6)
Proclamation – Government Week (April 23 – April 29)

MINUTES

McMenamin made a motion to adopt the minutes of April 6, 2000, as presented. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

McMenamin made a motion to adopt the minutes of the City Council Retreat (April 7 & 8) with a correction on page one. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no consent agenda items.

OLD AGENDA ITEMS

04-00-02 Consider Fayette County Jail Impact Fees

Jim Williams, Director of Developmental Services, said the City's Impact Fee Committee had two concerns. They questioned whether a jail was an appropriate use for a development impact fee and whether the proposed fee was fair. Williams said the Attorney General ruled that a jail was an appropriate use of a Development Impact Fee, but that the fee calculation would have to be reviewed by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) when the proposed ordinance is submitted to them. He explained that the County is currently working on an amendment to the Capital Improvement Element (CIE) of their Comprehensive Plan. He explained that a new Development Impact Fee could not be implemented without a concurrent change to the CID. He said City staff would use the County's draft as a model for the preparation of a similar CIE amendment for the City's submittal. He anticipated coming back to Council on May 18th with a proposed Development Impact Fee Ordinance and proposed amendment to the City's CIE. He said he would then request Council's authorization to submit the package to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and DCA. He said only after both the ARC and DCA approve the entire package would the matter be presented to Council for actual adoption and implementation by the

City.

04-00-05 Consider Modification to Indemnification Resolution

Rick Lindsey, City Attorney, presented a modification to the Indemnification Resolution for Council's consideration, as instructed at the last meeting. McMenamin made a motion to table the item because she felt Council should defer taking action on the resolution until the Board of Ethics could make recommended changes to the Ethics Ordinance. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS

04-00-13 Public Hearing – Zoning – Black Property, GA 74 South

Mayor Lenox read the rules for conducting a public hearing and called the hearing to order. He established a time limit of 30 minutes for each side to present its case. Lenox expressed concern about continuing with the public hearing because the property in question was currently the subject of an ongoing lawsuit. The property was rezoned against the owner's wishes from GI General Industrial to its current R-12 zoning classification and has been involved in legal action for many years. The applicant, Marvin Eisenberg, addressed Council and explained that he purchased the property from the previous owner, Mr. Black. He said he knew Mr. Black for many years, and he assured Council that Mr. Black was going to dismiss the lawsuit. Rick Lindsey, City Attorney, confirmed that a settlement agreement had been prepared and was awaiting Mr. Black's signature. Councilman Brooks also expressed concern about continuing with the public hearing until the agreement was actually signed by Mr. Black. McMenamin made a motion to table the issue until the next meeting in anticipation of obtaining the signed agreement. Fritz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

04-00-14 Consider RFP for Pay Plan Study

Jane Miller, Director of Developmental Services, reviewed prices received from four companies that responded to the request for proposals for the Pay Plan Study. She said while the two companies with the lowest prices could meet the specifications and provide the services desired she felt The Mercer Group would provide more personalized service. She explained their proposal to meet individually with employees and establish a direct working relationship with staff. Brooks made a motion to award the contract for the Pay and Classification Study to The Mercer Group, Inc. at a cost of \$24,800, and that funding be provided from the Council Contingency Fund. Fritz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

04-00-15 Consider Ordinance Amendment - City Council Meeting Rules & Procedures

Rick Lindsey, City Attorney, reviewed with Council the proposed amendments that were prepared as a result of the Retreat discussion. Council discussed the proposed amendments at length and provided instructions to staff for additional revisions. Councilmember Fritz solicited comments from an individual, Carlton Williams, who was familiar with parliamentary procedures. McMenamin made a motion to table adoption of the ordinance until the next meeting so that staff could prepare additional amendments to the ordinance as instructed that night. Fritz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

04-00-16 Consider Replacement of Ambulance

Jim Basinger, City Manager, explained that a City ambulance was destroyed by an electrical fire on March 24, and that it needed to be replaced as soon as possible. He said the formal bid process to have a new ambulance built would take several months. Staff recommended purchasing an ambulance that had been used as a demonstrator, from Peach State Ambulance for \$88,900. He said the ambulance, with 4,038 miles, normally sold for \$105,000. He said the EMS Ambulance Committee inspected the ambulance and determined it would meet the City's needs. He said the committee diligently searched for additional equipment, but Peach State Ambulance was the only company that had an ambulance that would meet the City's standards and could be delivered this month.

He explained that after applying the \$5,000 deductible, the city's insurance carrier, Georgia Insurance Risk Management Association, would pay the City \$36,596.11, with an option to 'buy back' the vehicle at a cost of \$6,751. While the insurance carrier prohibited the City from using the burned vehicle as an ambulance, the City's Auto Shop Manager felt that the vehicle was worth much more than the back value placed on it. Staff recommended repairing the electrical system and interior of the cab for use as a field service vehicle. If the City wanted to retain the vehicle the insurance carrier would pay \$24,870.11 toward the purchase of a new ambulance.

Brooks made a motion to approve staff's recommendations to purchase an ambulance from Peach State Ambulance at a cost of \$88,900. The insurance payment of \$24,870.11 would be applied to the purchase price and \$64,029.89 would be taken from the self-insurance fund to make up the difference. Staff was also authorized to retain the burned vehicle for use as a field service vehicle. Fritz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

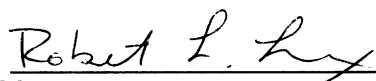
COUNCIL/STAFF TOPICS

Councilman Brooks asked staff to prepare an amendment to the Land Development Ordinance as it applied to the Site Plan Review Process.

Jim Basinger, City Manager, provided Council with a letter from the City Attorney regarding the City Attorney position and the City's Ethics Ordinance. McMenamin asked that the item be placed on an agenda for future discussion.

Mayor Lenox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fritz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.


City Clerk, Nancy Faulkner

Attest: 
Mayor