City Council of Peachtree City
Minutes of Meeting
April 18, 2002
7 p.m.

The City Council of Peachtree City met Thursday, April 18, 2002, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Council Members present were: Annie McMenamin, Steve Rapson, Dan Tennant, and Murray Weed.

Announcements, Awards, Special Recognition

Mayor Brown presented a 10-year service pin to Dot Hayes and recognized her retirement from the Peachtree City Library. Jim Kretchman of the Fire Department was recognized as Employee of the Month for March and Scott Hicks of Public Services was recognized as Supervisor of the Quarter. Former Medical Advisor Dr. Bruce Perlman was recognized for 15 years of service. Ed Davis, president of the West Georgia Inspectors Association, presented Building Official Tom Carty with a $500 check for the organization's Safety Program Award. Wickus and Leone de Kock were recognized for obtaining their U.S. citizenship. The Mayor proclaimed April 13-20 as National Library Week and April 21-27 as Landscape Architecture Week. Airport Authority Member Jerry Cobb announced that the Airport Authority received a grant of $1 million to purchase property near Falcon Field.

Approval of Minutes

McMenamin moved to approve the March 21, 2002, regular meeting minutes with changes. Tennant seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Brown moved to table the March 15-16, 2002, Retreat Minutes until the May 2 meeting so some changes could be added. McMenamin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Consider Appointment to Fayette County Library Board
2. Consider School Board/Centennial Deed to 20-acre School Site
3. Consider Request from Panasonic to Hold March of Dimes Car Wash

Rapson noted that the appointment to the Fayette County Library Board, Marie Washburn, was his mother-in-law. Rapson asked if there was an addendum to the School Board/Centennial Deed that stated the school site would revert back to greenspace if the Board of Education decided not to build on the site. Basinger said that had already been done. Weed said he would abstain from the vote on the school site since the site was included in an annexation approved by the prior Council. Tennant moved to approve the consent agenda. McMenamin seconded. The motion carried 4-0-1 (Weed).

Old Agenda Items

10-01-10 Budget Reduction Update

Salvatore detailed the Contingency Plan for the Budget Reduction. The Contingency Plan Maximum had been $1,463,596 (20% shortfall). The amount was now down to $834,041. Salvatore noted $629,555 was released from impoundment and detailed the line items to be funded, as well as the operating fund details. Salvatore continued that revenues were holding up well at this point, but the two problem areas were interest savings and hotel/motel taxes. The good news was that the percentage shortfall in hotel/motel taxes was down to seventeen percent (17%)

from thirty-seven percent (37%). Interest earnings continued to be a problem, but other line items were making up the shortfall.

Salvatore told Council that there were also problems on the expenditure side of the budget. The pension company sent word there would have to be an increase. The investment portfolio took a hit when the stock market fell after 9/11. Health insurance claims increased and Workers' Compensation increased. The property insurance carrier (GMA) notified the City that there would be a rate increase. Salvatore had not been told how much the rates would go up, but had heard there would be approximately a fifteen percent (15%) increase.

Brown noted the franchise fee from Georgia Power was down and asked Salvatore what had happened. Salvatore answered there had been a loss of industrial consumers in the City. Tennant noted that LOST was up almost $75,000, which was good, and commented that the windfall in the insurance fees helped make the shortfall in the hotel/motel taxes a wash. Salvatore said he would not know the effect of the state's sales tax holiday on LOST revenues until May. Rapson commented that if the insurance tax windfall were backed out of the revenues, the difference would be 0.63%, which was relatively flat.

01-02-05 Discussion on GEM/NEV Vehicles

Basinger updated Council on the latest information concerning House Bills 1439 and 1389. Bill Wood, attorney for Global Electric Motorcars (GEM), reported that neither bill had made it to the Governor's Office yet. House Bill 1389 was amended to include the tax credit and registration and would be effective upon the Governor's signature. Strobe lights had also been added to House Bill 1389. Wood said GEM was working on getting something together so strobe lights could be placed on the GEMs. Tennant moved to extend the grace period and allow the GEMs to operate on the cart paths. Weed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

02-02-17 Discussion on Results of Workshop on Sports and Entertainment Opportunities

Leisure Services Director Randy Gaddo reported that a meeting with the presidents of all the City's sports associations had been held on April 11. The discussion was on how to leverage the capability of the Development Authority to assist in planning tournaments and events of statewide or national interest. Gaddo continued that there was a lot of good input. He and Recreation Administrator Sherry McHugh were developing a survey for the association presidents that asked them what they needed and what they were looking for. Gaddo, McHugh, and Virgil Christian, executive director for the Development Authority, would analyze the results. McHugh had developed a document that listed all the sports associations and events. The plan was to maximize the association's ability to get block hotel rates. Gaddo indicated it was a good meeting and everyone left with a positive attitude. Brown agreed the meeting went very well.

Christian provided an update since the April 11 meeting. He met with one association president and they were working on a tournament. Christian was encouraged by the associations' response and added that Gaddo and McHugh had done an outstanding job. Christian commented he was excited about working together.

McMenamin asked if any proposed activities would be affected by the national associations' bylaws. Gaddo answered one of the questions asked by the survey would be if national by-laws allowed the local associations to hold tournaments and events.

02-02-03 Consider Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Development Authority

Tennant indicated that he had just received a copy of the proposed amendment and would like to table the matter until the May 2 meeting. Weed agreed. Tennant moved to postpone acting on the amendment to the intergovernmental agreement with the Development Authority until the May 2 meeting. Weed seconded. The motion carried 4-0-1 (Rapson).

01-02-11 Consider Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Airport Authority

Tennant moved to table the vote on the amendment to the intergovernmental agreement with the Airport Authority until the May 2 meeting. Weed seconded. The motion carried 4-0-1 (Rapson).

New Agenda Items

04-02-01 Alcohol License – NEW -- Chopsticks

Jie Lin told Council his plans for Chopsticks. Brown asked Lin if he had read and understood the alcohol ordinance and Lin said yes. McMenamin moved to approve Jie Lin as the licensee and license representative for Chopsticks. Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

04-02-02 Alcohol License – NEW – Casa Vieja of GA, Inc.

Susanna Alvarez Reyes discussed her plans for Casa Vieja of GA, Inc. Reyes applied to be the licensee and license representative. McMenamin moved to approve Susanna Alvarez Reyes as the licensee and license representative for Casa Vieja of GA, Inc. Weed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

04-02-03 Public Hearing – Variance – Ashton Park

Bill Gibson, builder/developer for Ashton Park subdivision, addressed Council. Gibson told Council the variance was for Lot 6. He recalled that he had mentioned there might be a problem with one of the lots that would be difficult to build on during the rezoning process. Gibson said staff advised him to take it up with Council at a later time. Gibson explained that Lot 6 would not accommodate any of the prototype houses designed for the subdivision. Gibson requested a variance to the 35-foot undisturbed buffer in the rear yard of Lot 6.

Gibson continued that he had a sale pending on the lot, which was subject to the house plan. The variance would allow him to keep the flow of the neighborhood. City staff had recommended a 15-foot setback be considered. Gibson said the 15-foot setback allowed him to use one of the existing plans by moving the sunroom and screened porch. He said staff had also recommended landscaping in the buffer and he would do that. He told Council he appreciated their consideration in allowing him to keep the flow of the subdivision going. Brown asked Gibson if he had read staff's recommendations and agreed with them. Gibson said yes.

Developmental Services Director Jim Williams gave Gibson a pat on the back. He said Ashton Park was the best example in south Atlanta of a real cluster subdivision and the subdivision was a real complement to that end of town. Williams noted that Holly Grove Church Road had been converted to a driveway. He continued that Gibson's plan was very generous. If Gibson could assure that the undisturbed buffer remained undisturbed and that he would keep the 40-foot buffer along Holly Grove Church Road, then staff would enthusiastically support the variance.

Weed stated his findings on the variance request based on the evidence presented. Weed found there were special circumstances. The shape of the lot impacted the house. There was also a very special condition since Holly Grove Church Road was now a driveway rather than a public road. If the variance were not granted, a negative special condition would be imposed. Weed also found that the request was not due to an intentional act of the developer. With those findings, Weed moved to approve the variance with the following conditions: 1. That concrete assurances be provided by the developer that the 35-foot buffer would be protected on all other lots adjacent to the old road and on all portions of Lot 6 that were not essential for the actual construction of the house; and 2. That no portion of the proposed house on Lot 6 shall be closer than 15 feet to the rear property line and maintain the required minimum rear setback of 40 feet from the project boundary as required in the Zoning Ordinance for the district. Weed amended his motion to add the third recommendation by staff, which stated that the developer would provide supplemental landscaping in the buffer area of Lot 6 and in the adjoining greenbelt area in accordance with a re-vegetation plan that must be approved by the City Landscape Architect. Tennant seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

04-02-04 Public Hearing – Variance – Ashley Way

Ed Gronka, property owner of 517 Ashley Way, addressed Council. Gronka's variance request was to allow a 240 square-foot utility building to be placed in the setback area on the rear of his lot. Gronka told Council there was a 30-foot setback from the back of his property line. There was also a gully in his rear yard that would act as a natural setback. Gronka told Council he had contacted the adjoining property owner, Scott Bradshaw, and had a letter from Bradshaw stating his support for the variance. Brown asked Gronka if he agreed with the two conditions Bradshaw listed in his letter. The conditions Bradshaw listed were that Gronka would, at his expense, have a registered surveyor locate and/or stake the rear lot corners contiguous to Bradshaw's property and run a string between the pins or flag the line every 20-30 feet so that it could be determined that the building was 10 or more feet from the property line. In addition, Gronka was to plant and maintain Leyland Cypress or other comparable trees or large shrubs at the rear of the building to provide a visual screen to the future homeowner on the undeveloped lot adjacent to the property. Gronka said he agreed to the conditions.

Rapson noted that placement of the building did not make sense on paper, but was clear after he walked back and saw the location. Rapson agreed there were special circumstances.

Bill Gibson addressed Council and said he was the original developer of Smokerise Estates, Phase II. He added that he lived on Ashley Way and could not have chosen a better spot for the utility building. The location was not visible from the street and the utility building met the architecture covenants in the subdivision.

Williams told Council that staff recommended approval of the variance request. The subdivision had large, low-density lots. Brown commented that the discussion had cleared up a lot of his questions on the proposed variance.

Rapson noted there were special circumstances and moved to accept the recommendation of staff and recommended approval of the variance request. He amended his motion to include the two conditions stipulated by Scott Bradshaw in his letter. Weed seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

04-02-06 Public Hearing – Variance – Surrey Trail

William Little, property owner at 101 Surrey Trail, addressed Council regarding his variance request. Little explained that he had torn down his porch and was planning to replace it with a bigger porch. When he went to get a building permit, it was discovered that the foundation of his house was five feet inside the setback. He asked for a variance for the foundation of the house and to enlarge the porch into the setback area to make the porch more usable.

Williams told Council that this was a very strange situation. He continued that Little had done everything right and had kept a good sense of humor. Williams explained that Little had bought a house with a foundation that encroached into the setback and staff recommended approval of that variance. Williams said staff felt compelled to recommend against the second variance, which would allow the new porch to encroach into the setback. However, Williams added that, architecturally, it would be better if the variance was approved and the porch was allowed to encroach into the setback.

Williams continued that there was also a gravel driveway on the side of the property that was not in accordance with the ordinances and needed to be rectified. Williams explained that Little planned to pull the drive back and it would be used only as an emergency service access to the back of the house. Little was taking steps to help solve the situation and the drive had been removed from the right-of-way. Rapson said the driveway came out on Bridlepath and noted his concerns about its use. Williams said the driveway was used only to get to the back of the house when needed to move items. Williams added they looked at how to correct the situation without making a major project out of it.

Tennant asked Little why he was replacing the porch. Little answered that the idea had been to put the porch back as it was, but after discussing the matter he and his wife decided to enlarge the porch. The original porch extended six feet into the setback and the plan was for the new porch to extend eight feet into the setback. They wanted to be able to put porch swings up and needed the extra space. McMenamin asked Williams if staff felt the bigger porch would look better. Williams answered yes. Brown expressed concern that Council would be setting a precedent based on aesthetics if the porch variance was approved.

Rapson clarified the issues Council was to consider. Rapson moved to grant the first variance for the original house structure. Weed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Brown reiterated his concern regarding the variance for the porch encroachment. McMenamin noted the house was on a corner lot and that the porch would be more usable if the encroachment into the setback were larger. Rapson felt a covered porch would be all right and said he was in favor of the variance. Rapson moved to grant the applicant a variance for the ability to build an eight-foot covered porch and noted the special circumstances of the structure and the location. Tennant seconded. Brown said he had to oppose the variance since it set a precedent for aesthetic purposes. Weed indicated that he had looked and looked at the situation and was worried about the long-term as well. He noted that Council might be doing wrong thing for the right reason. The motion carried 4-1 (Brown).

04-02-06 Consider Traffic Calming Actions for Golfview Drive

Brown commented there had already been a lot of discussion on this topic at the Council Retreat on March 15. He asked everyone in favor of traffic calming devices on the street to stand and approximately 20-25 people stood. He asked those who opposed the devices to stand and one person stood.

City Engineer Troy Besseche told Council that the Police Department had collected speed and volume data of Golfview Drive and summarized the information (the information is included in the meeting file). He explained that Golfview was classified as a neighborhood collector, which meant the road served through traffic. The warrants set for neighborhood collectors were set at 1,250 vehicles per day with fifty percent (50%) cut-through traffic. Besseche noted that the traffic on Golfview met the warrant for volume. He added that the cut-through warrant would be more difficult to establish and could not be determined by looking. It was assumed there were 1,110 trips per day from the 107 homes in the Golfview neighborhood. If that was the case, then the cut-through traffic did not meet that warrant. Besseche continued that the speed warrant was also difficult to meet. At least twice, the 85th percentile speed was over the speed limit. The warrants set at Retreat required a 10 mph threshold over the speed limit. There had been five accidents on Golfview in the past year, which satisfied the accident warrant. In light of the data, Besseche told Council that staff recommended a pilot project be implemented to assess how traffic-calming devices worked. The recommendation included the installation of multi-way stops at both intersections of Aberdeen Drive and Golfview; the installation of two sets of offset speed humps on the east end of Golfview, with the offset to provide an emergency vehicle gap; installation of raised pavement markers along the entire length of the centerline to assist with visibility; and the installation of no passing signs at two locations on Golfview.

Besseche explained that the speed humps were 14-foot parabolic speed humps. Raised pavement markers would also be placed in the center. Instead of "No Passing" signs, the signs would read "Do Not Pass," which are regulatory signs and allowed the police to write tickets for passing. Besseche continued that the cost for the traffic-calming measures would be $8,000, based on a quote from a reputable paving contractor in the area. Public Works would be able to make the installations in the future as the paving crews got more experience in speed humps. Besseche said the measures were offered as a pilot program and should be funded from the Council Contingency. The cost of further study in other areas was $9,750. Staff recommended a Public Improvement Project be established and funded from Council Contingency in the amount of $17,750 to accomplish the Golfview pilot project and data collection for other streets in need of traffic calming.

Rapson asked Besseche how many residents would have to agree to installation of traffic-calming devices and cost sharing. Besseche said sixty-seven percent (67%).

Tennant said the plan looked good, but expressed concern about the intersection on the east side of Golfview at Pinemount. He understood why the intersection could not be a 3-way stop, but was concerned about speed on "Thrill Hill." He asked about putting a sign on Pinemount so people would know traffic was not stopping on the other side of Golfview. He said something needed to be done to slow traffic down before the hill. Rapson expressed concern that people would drive around the speed humps.

Pete Fritts represented the Golfview residents. Fritts said he understood the concerns about emergency vehicles, but added they were only talking about six-tenths (0.6) of a mile, from Blue Smoke to Flat Creek. Fritts was concerned that people would go into the oncoming lane trying to go around the speed humps. He also pointed out that something needed to be done before people got to Thrill Hill. If the devices worked correctly, the enforcement workload would be lessened. Fritts continued that unless a person lived on Golfview and experienced the problems day in and day out, the person would not understand. He hoped whatever was done would be done correctly the first time and added that he would like to see a little more done.

Other residents who spoke included Clyde Finley, Katherine Hesser, Pam Kemp, Owen Cook, Margie Swart, and Marlene Fulkerson. Their concerns included the volume and speed of cars on Golfview. The residents were also concerned that there would be problems with people crossing the double yellow line to avoid the speed humps.

Owen Cook told Council that based on his own count more than 2,400 trips were made on Golfview in a 24-hour period. He counted 399 cars between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. one day. He asked where the traffic was counted and was told Oakmont. He suggested setting up the count in Finley's driveway. He pointed out that spot was on Thrill Hill where the speed limit was 20 miles per hour. He felt the solution was to put speed humps all the way across the road. Fritts suggested flashing lights be placed to warn drivers about the hill.

Brown told the residents that it was impossible to put a speed-calming device on the hill. He wished there was something that could be done in direct relation to the hill, but that was apt to cause more problems.

Besseche told the residents and Council that the measures he was recommended would not be lost if the speed humps had to go all the way across the road. He said the speed humps were just an interim step to see what the results were. Brown emphasized this was a pilot program. If the plan did not work, then the City would go to Plan B.

McMenamin asked about the speed humps and how EMTs could be thrown off balance. Her concern was how that would affect any procedures being performed. Rapson noted that the west side of Golfview would have no speed humps.

Fire Chief Stony Lohr told Council it was 0.8 mile from Station 82 on Peachtree Parkway to the intersection of Flat Creek and Golfview, then another 0.6 mile on Golfview to Bluesmoke. At that point, the fire department was getting close to the 1.5-mile limit. He continued that a large part of the area was already at the outer limit and that seconds meant lives. There were more senior citizens in the area, which meant a higher density of medical calls. He said he was just asking people to consider the advantages and disadvantages of the speed-calming devices.

McMenamin commented that Golfview became a collector road when Bluesmoke opened up. Brown explained that a collector road would never be designed like Golfview and that from a design stand point Golfview was the absolute worst situation the City could have. Brown continued that the substantial senior population in the area merited some additional consideration. He pointed out there had been significant incidents on the road that were not necessarily accidents and to measure on accident count alone shorted the process. He would support the traffic-calming devices and adding the "Do Not Pass" signs.

Weed asked Besseche the cost and then moved to approve the traffic-calming devices for Golfview as presented. Rapson asked to amend the motion by adding that the information should include research on flashing lights and that staff update Council in 30 days. Weed agreed to the amendment. Rapson seconded. The motion carried 5-0. Lindsey asked for a clarification of the motion. The motion was clarified to include the four staff recommendations: 1. Multi-way stops be installed at both intersections of Aberdeen Drive and Golfview; 2. Two sets of offset speed humps be installed on the east end of Golfview. The offset would provide for an emergency vehicle gap; 3. Raised pavement markers (RPM) be installed along the entire length of the centerline to assist with visibility; 4. Do Not Pass signs be installed at two locations on Golfview. Another amendment included in the motion was to add the research on the possibility of adding flashing lights at the top of Thrill Hill and that Council be updated on the impact of the measures after 30 days.

04-02-07 Consider Funding for Great Georgia Airshow
Greg Hall, chairman of Wings Over Dixie, Inc., the non-profit corporation that runs the Great Georgia Airshow, addressed Council. He complimented Chief Murray and Chief Lohr and noted they had their act down to a science and had a master plan that was working. Hall asked Council for $21, 575 to provide public safety during the Great Georgia Airshow September 14-15. Hall explained the organization of the airshow and told Council that every penny went back into the community.

Brown told Hall he had one concern, especially after the Finance Director had talked about the City's current financial situation. He indicated that he would like to have the money put forward by the City come out of the proceeds of putting on the show. If the show made no money, then the City would eat the cost.

Tennant asked how many people attended the airshow and Hall answered around 20,000. Tennant suggested adding a $1 surcharge to the admission price to recoup the cost of public safety.

McMenamin noted that she had been very involved in the airshow in the past. She continued that in the past the airshow had been committed to returning money to the City if there were a profit. The airshow was a Citywide event that drew thousands of people. McMenamin said there were many events throughout the year that relied on the participation of the Fire and Police

Departments. The airshow had supported 40 charities in the last two years. McMenamin continued that the airshow was trying to build corporate sponsorship and there should be some interest from the City.

Brown commented that he liked the airshow and added that when the Amphitheater had an event it paid for public safety. McMenamin responded that they were talking about the same amount of people and that the amount of public safety protection required by the City far exceeded what was required of an airshow. Brown said he did not know if that was true and he did not see that in the documentation. McMenamin said she would rather go by what the local police and fire departments wanted rather than the requirements of Airshow International.

Tennant commented that a lot of charities and a lot of local businesses benefited from the airshow and moved to grant $21,000 out Council Contingency to pay for the necessary Police and Fire protection at the upcoming airshow.

Rapson noted that giving the money to the airshow corporation was in essence giving it to a third party, such as for a soccer tournament. If the City was going to provide public safety why not just put it on the payroll rather than writing a third party check to a charitable organization. Rapson asked about the possibility of hiring fire and police from outside the City for the event. Chief Murray told Rapson that had been tried in the past and no one wanted to do it. The money requested paid for off-duty employment as set by policy.

McMenamin noted that Tennant's motion had died for lack of a second. She continued that the airshow should reimburse the City, but if the airshow made no profit then the City should pay for it.

Weed commented that he thought the airshow was a wonderful event and asked if the Kiwanis or Commemorative Air Force received any direct benefit from the airshow. McMenamin answered that the organizations received money from booths. Brown added that ticket sales and sponsors compensated the acts. Hall and McMenamin both noted that if it rained all weekend the acts had to be paid whether they performed or not.

Cobb explained that the Kiwanis and the Commemorative Air Force were partners in the airshow. He emphasized it was not a fundraiser and that the two organizations were just partners. McMenamin explained that the Kiwanis put up $10,000 and were reimbursed, hopefully, at the end of the show. Cobb added that each partner got back $8,000-$9,000 last year. If the fire and police money came out of the airshow budget, there would be nothing left. Rapson questioned if the airshow was going after additional sponsors. Cobb said they were ahead of schedule this year on lining up sponsors.

Brown commented, that in terms of fairness, the issue was where did Council draw the line on who to fund and who not to fund. Weed expressed concern about possible legalities. Weed continued that the airshow had a dramatic economic effect on the community. He suggested providing the funds as a contract and not as donation to an organization. Rapson said he could like to see the budget and actuals on last year's show.

McMenamin said the airshow was not asking for money, but for the City to provide safety for those coming to the airshow. The charitable organizations were providing a safe environment for an event that was economic development-driven. It benefited businesses and local charities. Rapson commented they were talking about the Police and Fire Departments and using the airshow as an economic development tool.

Weed read from the letter the airshow committee sent requesting the funding. Weed said Council was talking about compensation. He continued that Council was not making a donation, but contracting compensation for an economic development tool.

McMenamin compared the event to the Fourth of July parade, which was a City-sponsored event. Council paid for police and fire protection for that event. The City was a partner in the airshow by providing safety for citizens.

Basinger commented that the City Attorney made it clear every year that the City could not make a donation to the airshow, but could provide police and fire protection for the airshow. In exchange for the funds, the City provided a service.

Rapson asked if the discussion could be tabled so he could see the budget and actuals and the contract. Brown moved to continue the discussion until the May 2 meeting. Rapson seconded. The motion carried 4-1 (Tennant).

04-02-09 Consider Resolution on Jail Impact Fees

Brown told Council the resolution before them asked that Fayette County, Tyrone, Fayetteville, and Peachtree City consider an agreement on Jail Impact Fees. The impact fees would benefit all residents, and future residents. Brown moved to approve the Jail Impact Fee resolution. McMenamin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

04-02-09 Consider Resolution to Provide Local Match for the LCI Initiative Study Implementation Plan

Rapson commented that the resolution just committed the City to asking for funds.

City Planner David Rast explained the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) had some extra money and had opened it up to communities who had submitted LCI plans. The grant was for $25,000 with a $12,500 match from the City. Rast continued that the City had to document that it would provide the local match with a resolution. If the City was selected for the grant, Rast said he would come back to Council to formally request the match funding.

Rapson moved to allow the Mayor to sign the resolution to provide a local match for the LCI Initiative Study Implementation Plan. Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

<u>**Council/Staff Topics**</u>

Basinger announced that the annual Student Government Day with McIntosh High School was scheduled Thursday, April 25.

The Employee Picnic would be held Friday, April 19, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at Picnic Park.

Brown told Council he would like to convene the Ethics Board to discuss whether sales promotions offered to employees were ethical or unethical. McMenamin said Council should ask for a legal advisory first. Lindsey said he had provided the Mayor with some guidance and he could put it in written form. Weed said the City should not do it and asked the City Attorney to expand his opinion to include situations such as the Harley-Davidson special motorcycle offer to firefighters and police officers. Brown continued that he would like to see the Ethics Board act as an ombudsman and delineate and define what was acceptable and what was not acceptable.

Weed reported on the work of the Dog Park Committee. He said the committee had met with Leisure Services Director Randy Gaddo and the meeting had been successful. They toured possible sites for the park. He added that the committee was composed of pet owners, a veterinarian, non-pet owners, Recreation Commissioners, and Humane Society members. The committee would make a full report at a later date with a drawing, costs, and proposed locations.

Brown said there were two real estate items and two legal items for executive session. Brown moved to recess from the regular meeting and reconvene in executive session. Rapson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

McMenamin moved to recess out of executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. Rapson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, McMenamin moved to adjourn the meeting. Rapson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Pamela Dufresne

Pamela Dufresne, Recording Secretary

Stephen D. Brown, Mayor

Jane Miller

Jane Miller, City Clerk