

MINUTES OF MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF PEACHTREE CITY
March 21, 1991

The City Council of Peachtree City met in regular session on Thursday Night, March 21, 1991, at 7 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance. Members present were: Mayor Frederick Brown, Jr. and Councilmen Edward Bradford, Annie McMenamin, Robert Brooks and Rich Parlontieri.

No items were added to the agenda.

Announcements, Awards, Special Recognitions

Mayor Brown announced that a public hearing would be held at the April 4th Council meeting to consider the Five Year Public Improvement Plan and Capital Budget. Copies of the Five Year Plan were available for those wanting to review it and Mayor Brown encouraged public input at the April 4th meeting.

Mayor Brown presented the Employee of the Month Award for February to David Denman, Building Inspector.

Department Reports

Mayor Brown announced that the Department Reports for the month were available and urged the public to take time to review them. He announced the population totaled 20,755 as of March 1, 1991.

Minutes of Meetings

Motion was made by Parlontieri that the minutes of meetings held February 7, February 21, and March 7, 1991 be approved as published. Motion was seconded by McMenamin. Motion carried unanimously.

New Agenda Items

3-91-10 Amendment to Code Section 2-1a (7) Public Hearing Procedures

Mayor Brown presented an ordinance amending procedures for conducting public hearings. He read a statement outlining the purpose of a public hearing and explained that the proposed ordinance provided for what he felt would be a more orderly method of conducting the public hearings. The Mayor read the Ordinance in it's entirety for the benefit of the public in attendance and called for comments on the proposed ordinance from the public or City Council members.

There were no comments from the public. Councilman Brooks stated that he felt any change that would simplify things and guarantee input from the public and allow the public the opportunity of expressing their feelings on a matter was good, and he would support the proposed ordinance.

Motion was made by Brooks that the Ordinance be accepted as presented. Motion was seconded by McMenamin. Mayor Brown made a motion that the ordinance be amended to add an exemption for budget hearings from the procedures. Parlontieri seconded the amendment and amendment passed unanimously. Motion as amended passed unanimously.

3-91-11 Amendment to Business License Ordinance

Mayor Brown stated that for a number of years the City had imposed a 100% penalty for those not obtaining their business license in a timely manner. He also stated that the City sends a courtesy renewal notice to those holding a business license in the City allowing them until January 31st to renew those licenses expiring on December 31st.

The Mayor proposed that Section 13-14 of the City Code be amended to state that any person failing to register on or before January thirty-first, or in the case of a new business at the time of commencing operations, shall pay a penalty of fifty (50) percent of the license fee then due if purchased within ninety (90) days of the due date. A one hundred (100) percent penalty would be imposed when purchased thereafter.

Motion was made by Mayor Brown that the Ordinance establishing the new penalty schedule as suggested be adopted. Motion seconded by Bradford. Motion carried unanimously.

3-91-12 Amendment to Section 2-8 of City Code - Commission and Authority Appointments

Mayor Brown presented for consideration an amendment to the Ordinance establishing procedures for selecting members to the the various commissions and authorities and establishing basic attendance rules for members.

The Mayor explained that there had been problems in the past months with complaints that perhaps the same questions were not asked of all applicants by the selection committee and there had been cases of misunderstandings and, in some cases, harsh words and hurt feelings. To overcome some of these problems he was recommending a change in the ordinance to set forth duties of the selection committee and procedures on how they would interview an applicant.

The proposed ordinance would require a list of questions be used in the interviewing process by the selection committee. Another change would be to limit membership on the committee to those not holding an elected position in Fayette County. He stated that anyone currently serving would continue to serve until the end of the term. Another requirement for membership would be that a person be a resident of the City for at least six months before submitting an application.

Parlontieri felt the new regulations would make the process of interviewing for both the selection committee and the applicant much better and made a motion that the proposed Ordinance be adopted. Motion was seconded by Bradford. Brooks commented that Peachtree City was fortunate in having so many qualified people willing to volunteer to serve on commissions and

authorities and, unfortunately, this sometimes made it difficult to make decisions. He felt this change would be fair to all involved in the process and he wholeheartedly supported the proposed ordinance. Motion to adopt the ordinance amending Section 2-8 of the City Code passed unanimously.

3-91-13Adoption of Updated Personnel Policy

City Manager Basinger reported that staff had recently provided City Council with a revised personnel policy. He explained that most of the revisions were administrative in nature and many were a result of the reorganization of city staff. Other revisions were to correctly identify those duties being carried out by the City Manager which in many cases still designated the Mayor as performing those duties. Basinger asked also that, in addition to those revisions, consideration be given to several other revisions in the policy as follows:

Policy XI, Section 5 Reasons for Disciplinary Actions: #12 be amended to read:

12. Conducting any political activities during duty hours.

Parlontieri asked that wording be changed to: conducting any political activities while performing city duties. This was agreeable to Council and staff.

Policy XII, Section 5A
Change to:

A. Procedures for Appeals (for Directors and Chiefs)

1. Within ten (10) working days after an employee of the City has been aggrieved, the aggrieved employee (hereinafter referred to as the "appellant"), or their authorized agent, if any, shall file an appeal in writing to the Mayor through the City Manager with copy of the appeal to the Personnel Officer.

Policy XIII, Section 10B
Change to:

B. Reasons for Granting. The City Manager may grant leave without pay for a period not to exceed six months when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

Basinger recommended the Personnel Policy be revised to include the administrative changes and the discussed revisions as amended.

Motion was made by Parlontieri that the recommendations from staff be approved and the Personnel Policy be amended as requested. Motion seconded by McMenamin. Motion carried unanimously.

3-91-14Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Mayor Brown explained that many businesses recognize the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and the State of Georgia, as well as many surrounding

jurisidictions, recognize the holiday. He stated that in the past the City had received requests from the public and employees to observe the holiday. It was his recommendation that Council designate the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Holiday as an officially observed City holiday. He explained that this would bring the number of paid holidays for city employees to nine and one half.

Motion was made by Mayor Brown that the City authorize the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday as an official city holiday. Motion was seconded by Brooks. Motion carried unanimously.

3-91-15E-911 Bank Account

City Manager Basinger reported that State law now requires Southern Bell to forward to the City the surcharge collected from Peachtree City subscribers for the E-911 service. The monies must be placed in a special bank account to be used to pay the charges billed the City by Southern Bell for the E-911 service. He recommended that staff be authorized to open a bank account for the E-911 funds.

Motion was made by Parlontieri and seconded by Brooks that the account be authorized. Motion carried unanimously.

3-91-16 Boy Scout Show Banners

Mayor Brown explained that the Boy Scouts were having a first annual Boy Scout Show in Peachtree City on April 13, 1991. They had requested permission to display a banner on both sides of the Highway 54 pedestrian bridge stating "1991 Boy Scout Show - Saturday, April 13, 1991, 11 AM to 5 PM - First Presbyterian Church". The banners would be 3 feet by 10 feet and the request was to display them from April 7th through April 13th.

Mayor Brown stated that the U.S. Flags currently displayed on the bridge could be taken down inasmuch as they were to be displayed until the war ended. The Mayor felt the Scouts should be supported in this effort.

Mr. Garner, representing the Boy Scouts, asked if the banner could have a logo of the company providing the banner and Council informed him that it could not display advertising.

Motion was made by Brooks that the flags be left on display until April 7th and then removed and the Boy Scout Banner be in place until April 13th. After the 13th both the flags and the banners would be removed. Motion was seconded by Mayor Brown. McMenamin asked that the flags be placed back on the bridge after the scouting event because of the many activities still taking place in the Persian Gulf and the fact that many of the troops are not back home. Brooks amended the motion to approve displaying both the flags and the banner if it could be done legally. If not, that the flags be placed back up when the banners are removed. The second agreed with the amendment. Mr. Bill Davis, citizen, urged the Council to leave the flags in place. Motion carried unanimously.

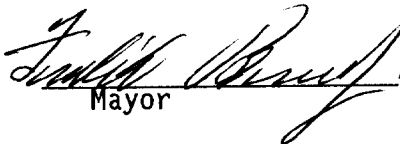
There being no further business, Mayor Brown made a motion that the meeting be recessed to be reconvened in executive session to discuss pending lawsuits of Black, Strickland, Simon/Justice and Kelly. Motion was

seconded by Parlontieri. City Attorney, Mitch Powell, reported that a trial was completed today in the United States District Court for the Strickland lawsuit. The jury ruled in favor of the City, therefore, that case was now settled and would not need further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

No action was taken in executive session and motion was made by Mayor Brown that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was seconded by Parlontieri. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.


Frances Meaders, Director
Administrative Services

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Mayor