

City Council of Peachtree City
Minutes of Meeting
March 20, 1997
7:00 p.m.

The City Council of Peachtree City met in a regular session Thursday, March 20, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Lenox led those attending in the pledge of allegiance. Council members present were: Annie McMenamin, Robert Brooks, Jim Pace and Caroline Price.

ADDITION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Lenox made a motion to add agenda item 03-97-14 to consider temporary funding for the Water and Sewerage Authority. Motion was seconded by Price and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Lenox presented the Employee of the Month award for February to Tami Babb.

Mayor Lenox presented certificates to rookie firefighters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McMenamin made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 1997 meeting as presented. Price seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD AGENDA ITEMS

There were no old agenda items.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS

03-97-10 Variance Request - 405 Windsor Way

Mayor Lenox said the request for Council to consider a variance at 405 Windsor Way would be conducted as a public hearing. He said those wishing to speak in favor of the variance, including the applicant, would be heard first followed by those wishing to speak in opposition to the variance. He set a time limit of thirty minutes for each side to speak. Lenox said following public input, he would call the hearing to a close and open the floor for Council to debate the issue and render a decision.

The applicant, Tom Banks, addressed Council and explained he desired to build a storage shed in the left corner of his property. He said because of the way his property was shaped it was impossible for him to install the building 30 feet from the rear property line as required by ordinance. He said there was a pool and dog pen already located on the right side of his property. He wanted to use the shed to store equipment that was kept in his garage and felt parking his lawnmower in the garage was a fire hazard.

Hearing no one else to speak in favor of the variance, Mayor Lenox asked to hear from those opposing

the variance.

Jim Williams, Director of Developmental Services, spoke in opposition to the variance because there were other options available to the homeowner that would not require a variance.

Mr. Banks said he was unaware he would need the variance when he purchased the shed and he would not be able to return it and obtain a refund.

Hearing no one else to speak in opposition to the variance Lenox called the hearing to a close.

Brooks suggested that Mr. Banks turn the building at a different angle so that it might not need a variance. Banks said that he would not be able to access the building easily with the door on the side. Pace felt that the shape of his lot left Mr. Banks with no other option but to request a variance regardless of the size of the building. McMenamin said she felt badly for Mr. Banks because he had already purchased the building, but she was opposed to granting a variance because it would set a precedent. Price felt a compromise could be worked out if Mr. Banks and city staff were to discuss the issue further. Brooks did not feel it would set a precedent if a variance was granted because of the shape of Mr. Banks' lot.

Brooks made a motion to grant Mr. Banks a variance of 20 feet to build a storage shed. Price felt more work should be done between city staff and Mr. Banks to find a compromise. Motion died from lack of a second.

After some additional discussion, Brooks made a motion to grant a variance for Mr. Banks to build a storage shed on his property with the following two conditions:

1. Shed shall be at least 20 feet from the rear property line. (10 foot variance)
2. Evergreen landscaping shall be planted to help screen the building from Robinson Road, subject to approval of the City Landscape Architect.

Pace seconded the motion. Motion passed with McMenamin voting Nay.

3-97-11 Consider Alcoholic Beverage License - Outback Steakhouse

Lenox said the city had received an application for an alcoholic beverage license for the Outback Steakhouse located at 995 Peachtree Parkway North. Mr. Chris Sullivan and Mr. Ellis Galyon applied to be the license representative and licensee.

Price asked if Sullivan and Gaylon had any prior experience with selling alcohol. They both said they had experience and were aware of the laws and ordinances pertaining to alcohol.

McMenamin made a motion to approve the alcohol license and to appoint Mr. Chris Sullivan as the license representative and Mr. Ellis Gaylon as the licensee. Price seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3-97-12 Consider Alcoholic Beverage License -Four Star Convenience Store

Lenox said the city had received an application for an alcoholic beverage license for Four Star Convenience Store located at 2763 highway 54 West. Mr. William E. Hunt applied to be appointed as the licensee and license representative.

Price made a motion to approve the license and appoint Mr. Hunt as the licensee and license representative. McMenamin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3-97-13 Consider DOT LARP Contract

Jim Basinger, City Manager, requested Council approval of the Georgia Department of Transportation LARP contract for the 1997 street resurfacing program. He said the DOT would pay \$66,648 toward the cost of resurfacing which was the approximate cost of materials only. He said the City would be responsible for labor and equipment.

Brooks made a motion to approve the 1997 LARP contract in the amount of \$66,648.24. Pace seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

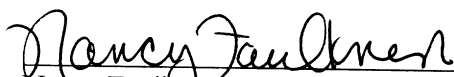
3-97-14 Temporary Funding for Water and Sewerage Authority

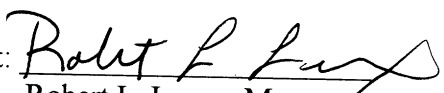
Basinger said the Water and Sewerage Authority had requested an additional \$150,000 to complete the GA Utilities acquisition which would bring the total acquisition budget to \$1,233,793.16. He said the funds were needed for additional environmental audits and to fund operating expenditures until the closing and that the funds would be repaid upon the final acquisition of the system.

Price made a motion to approve \$150,000 to be taken from the Self Insurance fund as requested by the Water and Sewerage Authority to be repaid the day of closing. McMenamin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken in executive session. Price made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Lenox seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.


Nancy Faulkner, City Clerk

Attest: 
Robert L. Lenox, Mayor