MINUTES OF MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF PEACHTREE CITY
March 19, 1992

The City Council of Peachtree City met in regular session on Thursday Night, March 19, 1992, at 7 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert L. Lenox, who led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance. Those present were Mayor Robert L. Lenox and Councilmen Edward Bradford, Annie McMenamin, Robert Brooks and Rich. Parlontieri.

Addition of Agenda Items

Motion was made by Brooks that an item be added to the agenda as Item 3-92-13 to discuss the possibility of a procedural change concerning Council appointment of Commission and Authority members in an open meeting as opposed to executive session. Parlontieri seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements, Awards and Special Recognitions

Mayor Lenox announced that anyone wishing to speak to the issues should go to one of the two microphones and state his name and address.

Mayor Lenox announced that there would be a public hearing conducted by the Public Service Commission regarding the 599 telephone exchange on Friday Night, March 20 at 7:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Lenox announced that there would be a joint meeting between City Council and The Commission on Children and Youth on Saturday morning March 21, at 8 AM in the Library.

Mayor Lenox announced that the "Battle of the Bands" would be held on Saturday March 21 from 5-10:30 PM in the Frederick Brown, Jr. Amphitheater, with a rain date of March 28. Mayor Lenox urged all to go and encourage the youth of Peachtree City.

Mayor Lenox announced the population of Peachtree City to be 21,751.

Mayor Lenox presented the Employee of the Month award for February to Suzanne Culpepper, dispatcher in the Police Department.

Department Reports

Mayor Lenox announced that Department Reports were available for review in City Hall.

Minutes

Motion was made by McMenamin that the minutes of the March 5, 1992 meeting be approved as presented. Bradford seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Agenda Items

3-92-1 <u>Oath of Office to Judge Pro Hac Vice</u>

Mayor Lenox announced that Staff had recommended Sharon Pierce be appointed as the Judge Pro Hac Vice of the Municipal Court. McMenamin made a motion to appoint Sharon Pierce Judge Pro Hac Vice. Bradford seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lenox administered the Oath of Office to Judge Pierce.

New Agenda Items

3-92-7 <u>Employee Evaluation System</u>

City Manager Jim Basinger stated that due to the adoption of a Pay and Classification Plan in September, a new evaluation system would need to be adopted. The Pay and Classification plan assigned a minimum and maximum salary to all City positions with 2 1/2 percent increments between steps. The new evaluation system would need to provide for 2 1/2 percent increments. Staff recommended the system be based on four rating categories as follows:

Unsatisfactory	No increase
Marginally Satisfactory	No increase
Fully Satisfactory	2 1/2% increase
Outstanding	5% increase

Basinger stated that Jane Miller, Personnel Officer, was present to answer any questions Council might have. McMenamin asked Miller to expand on why the Staff felt the need to change the rating system from eight categories to four. Miller stated that with the current merit increases based on 2 1/2 percent the categories needed to be lessened to four to prevent employees from getting ten percent merit increases. Parlontieri made a motion to accept the Employee Evaluation System as submitted. Brooks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3-92-8 <u>Local Assistance Road Program (LARP)</u>

City Manager Jim Basinger reported that the City had received contracts for State funds in the amount of $22,042.20 for the resurfacing of City streets. Basinger stated that the City had submitted twelve streets to the State and the State decided which streets would get the funds. Basinger stated that the contract amount is the approximate cost of materials only and does not include labor, equipment, or delivery costs for the installation of the asphalt paving. Staff recommended that the City execute the contract for resurfacing of the following streets and that the City request assistance from Fayette County for resurfacing.

Street	**Length (Miles)**
Loblolly Circle	0.330
McIntosh Trail Peachtree Pkwy West	0.470
Pebblestump Point	0.230
Pinecrest Drive	0.150
Total Miles	**1.180**
Total Contract Amount	**$22,042.00**

Brooks made a motion to execute the contract for resurfacing the four streets for the contract amount of $22,042.20. McMenamin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3-92-9 Beautiful Fayette Resolution and Proclamation

Mr. Peter Pfeifer, Executive Coordinator, was present to ask that Council adopt a Resolution recognizing Beautiful Fayette, Inc. as the agency to provide information and educational resources concerning the City's solid waste management program. Pfeifer stated that Keep America Beautiful required that Beautiful Fayette, Inc. gain government endorsement and that they wanted the public awareness strengthened. Parlontieri questioned what entities had already endorsed "Beautiful Fayette" and asked what endorsements had to be obtained to become a part of "Keep America Beautiful". Pfeifer stated that support had been obtained from Fayetteville and that a Charter was granted in 1985 that they were working under but, because all their records had been destroyed in a fire they were going through the process of again obtaining government support. McMenamin made a motion to approve the Resolution recognizing "Beautiful Fayette". Bradford seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lenox read a Proclamation proclaiming the Month of April as "Keep America Beautiful Month" in Peachtree City.

3-92-10 1992 Comprehensive Plan

City Manager Jim Basinger reported that the 1992 Comprehensive Plan had been reviewed and approved by the Atlanta Regional Commission and the State Department of Community Affairs and that there had been five public hearings held on the plan. He explained that the State required the Plan be adopted by March 31, 1992. Basinger stated that there were changes that would need to be made and appendix's to be added, but that Staff recommended that the Plan be adopted first and that the changes would be made at a later date. Basinger stated that Jim Williams, Director of Developmental

Services, was present to answer any questions that Council might have.

McMenamin stated that she enjoyed reading the Plan and hoped that everyone had gotten the opportunity to read it. Mayor Lenox stated for the benefit of the public that there were ten areas that would have sub-plans developed for and they were: Housing, Commercial Development, Economic Development, Transportation, Recreation, Land Use, Natural Resources, Community Services and Facilities, Community Aesthetics and Planning. Williams stated that the procedure would first update all of plans for the Recreation, Land Use, Transportation and Cart Paths. A plan document would be done similar to the existing Land Use Plan, and adopted into the Comprehensive Plan as an Appendix. Parlontieri questioned how this fit in with updating the Land Use Plan. Williams stated that the Land Use Plan did need to be updated and that it would be the second Plan to be updated. Parlontieri made a motion to approve the Plan as submitted. McMenamin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3-91-11 Bids for dredging and rebuilding cartpath bridge near Church of Christ property on Peachtree Parkway South

City Manager Jim Basinger reported that the small pond located south of the Church of Christ had a dam failure, and that the top of the dam is used as a cart path. The City bid the reconstruction of the dam and dredging the pond and four firms responded as follows:

Brandenburg Construction Co., Inc Sharpsburg, Georgia	$23,500.00
H. Bishop Enterprises, Inc. Peachtree City, Georgia	17,900.00
Asphalt Contractors, Inc. Newnan, Georgia	11,900.00
Brent Scarbrough & Co., Inc. Fayetteville, Georgia	25,172.00

Basinger stated that Staff recommended the bid be awarded to Asphalt Contractors, Inc. as the low bidder for $11,900.00. McMenamin questioned Basinger as to why Georgia Utilities would not share in the cost of this project since there is a sewer line in this area. Basinger stated that Georgia Utilities had been approached, but that the sewer line would not be affected if the cartpath was not there. McMenamin made a motion that the bid be awarded to Asphalt Contractors and that Georgia Utilities still be pursued to help pay for it. Bradford seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3-92-12 Grading Bids for Wynnmeade Park

City Manager Jim Basinger reported that the City had solicited bids for grading the Wynnmeade Park site and that three firms responded as follows:

Asphalt Contractors, Inc. Newnan, Georgia	$11,750.00
H. Bishop Enterprises, Inc. Peachtree City, Georgia	15,900.00
Brent Scarbrough & Co., Inc. Fayetteville, Georgia	16,150.00

Staff recommended that the bid be awarded to Asphalt Contractors, Inc. as the low bidder for $11,750.00. Basinger stated that this part of the project came in over the estimated amount but that there were sufficient funds in the project to cover the costs. Parlontieri questioned how long the project would take to complete and when it would begin. Basinger stated that it would take approximately 45-60 days and would begin within the next few weeks. Bradford stated that since he owned property in the area he would abstain from voting due to a potential conflict of interest. Brooks made a motion to award the contract to Asphalt Contractors, Inc. for $11,750.00. McMenamin seconded. Motion carried with Bradford abstaining.

3-93-13 Consider Procedural Change in Council Appointment of Commission and Authority members in an Open Meeting as opposed to in Executive Session

Brooks stated that the issue he wanted to discuss was the process of appointing a member to the Commissions and Authorities, and stated that, now as in the past, the position is advertised, applications are taken, and the selection committee makes a recommendation to the Council at large for approval. Until a few months ago the discussion on who to approve was part of a public debate. At that time a procedural change was made to consider the appointments as a personnel matter, allowing it to be handled in executive session, due to the sometimes sensitive nature of the discussions. Brooks stated that he felt that went against some of the Sunshine Law and felt it would be better held in a public meeting. Brooks stated that he would like to make a procedural change to appoint the Commission and Authority members in the open meeting so that the public could have input into the process. Brooks believes it is a political appointment as well as a personnel appointment, and that the way it is done now does not allow for public input, public scrutiny and leaves the City open for possible problems.

McMenamin asked City Attorney Jim Webb if there was an ordinance allowing appointments to be done in Executive Session. Webb stated that he did not believe our ordinance stated that, but that the

State Law would override our ordinance and the State Law provides for personnel matters being discussed in private, if chosen to do so. Webb stated that the right way to do this under the law would be for Council to take a vote to discuss the appointment of a member to the Commission or Authority , and if a majority vote held, the discussion would be held in private and then brought back into the public meeting to gain public input. McMenamin stated that in most cases she would like to conduct the appointment in public, but in some cases, due to the nature of the discussion, there might be a cause to hold it in private as to not embarrass someone.

Parlontieri asked Brooks what exactly he was proposing, and stated that the City has a selection committee that is by-partisan, and that the committee brings a recommendation to Council. Brooks stated that the he would like to see the recommendations be handled as an agenda item in public, and that if there were extenuating circumstances a private discussion could be held. Webb stated that it could certainly be done in both private as well as public.

After further discussion it was felt that more time was needed to study this item and Parlontieri made a motion that the item be tabled until the April 16th Council meeting. McMenamin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before Council, a motion was made by McMenamin that the meeting be recessed to be reconvened in executive session to discuss the Black lawsuit and a personnel matter. Bradford seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Brooks that the personnel item be tabled to the April 2nd meeting. Motion was seconded by McMenamin. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Parlontieri that the meeting be adjourned. McMenamin seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Angie Stevens

Angie Stevens-Asst. City Clerk

Robert L. Lent Attest

Mayor