

City Council of Peachtree City
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 18, 2021
6:30 p.m.

The Mayor and Council of Peachtree City met in regular session on Thursday, March 18, 2021. In the absence of Mayor Vanessa Fleisch, Mayor Pro Tem Terry Ernst called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Others attending: Mike King, Kevin Madden, and Phil Prebor.

Announcements, Awards, Special Recognition

January Team Award – Police Department CID Team – Lt. Brad Williams, Sgt. Heather Scott, Det. Gary Meier, Det. Stephen Stoyell, Officer Tommy Duckett, Officer Sean Ishihara and Staff Assistant Lori Jantosciak

The officers were not present, and Ernst said they were working with another department on matters related to the one they were receiving this award for, which involved resolution of several entering auto cases.

Ernst presented Service Awards to Library Assistant Diane Austin – 20 years; Police Sgt. Courtney Lumpkin – 10 years; Firefighter/Paramedic Mitchell Roach – 10 years

Public Comment

Norman Moore asked Council to review the City's prohibition on right turns from Georgian Park into the Kedron Shopping Center. Drivers were instead required to go up the street, make a u-turn, then a left turn. Moore received a ticket, which he said he intended to fight in court. He told Council he sat in his vehicle near the area for two hours and did not see anyone following the approved route. They all just turned right. Now he had a \$280 ticket for violating a rule that he said made no sense.

Eric Imker thanked the City for its work in Ashford Park. His statement read: *Thanks to Mike Madison, Stormwater Manager and Marty Davis and Blake Davis, who were the two stormwater crew members that came out to our neighborhood and cleared our stormwater drain. Our little neighborhood has been there since the early 1990s and the one stormwater drain was about 80% clogged with debris. They came out once to inspect the problem. Then with a second visit came out with two huge menacing looking trucks that cleared the 200-foot-long drain that was underground. Quite impressive. I am especially grateful for the third follow up where they came out to fix the easement area in my backyard that had large heavy equipment tracks in the ground. They smoothed everything over and even added fill dirt and straw to return it to its original condition.*

But wait, there's more!

Stormwater sweeps all the streets in the City and as a coincidence, I think, they came by and swept our little cul-de-sac with all the gumball tree debris that had fallen in the street. This is done every year and all of us on our street are grateful each time the street is swept.

But wait, there's even more!

Also, thanks to Fred Holmes who managed the repair of our entrance structures at Ashford Park. They did some patch work to fix large cracks, fixed some broken letters on the structure, did some minor landscaping, and then painted the structure. It looks fantastic.

All of us on Ashford Park want to thank Peachtree City for the great work done recently.

Minutes

King moved to approve the March 2, 2021, work session minutes, and the March 4, 2021, regular meeting and executive session minutes as written. Prebor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- 1. New Alcohol License –SRSK Enterprises 1239 Robinson Rd**
- 2. 2021 Use of Force De-Escalation Grant Submission**
- 3. EMS Management & Consultants for EMS Billing**
- 4. Hockey Floor Replacement**
- 5. FY2021 Budget Amendment**

Madden moved to approve Consent Agenda items 1-5. King seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Agenda items

None

New Agenda items

None

Council/Staff Topics

Airport Overlay Rezoning

City Manager Jon Rorie said they had been dealing with these issues for years, and he wanted to finalize some things involving the Airport Zoning District, related to topics like the displaced threshold.

Planning and Development Director Robin Cailloux said the Zoning Ordinance included an Airport Overlay Protection District. Much of what they were talking about was already there; it just needed updating and modernizing. The City adopted the Airport Protection Overlays in 1986 and moderately revised them in 1988. In 2011, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) redefined what was called the "imaginary surfaces," basically the defined protection areas for airport and airplane operation. Many definitions were unchanged, she noted, so the ordinance was fine the way it was, but there were some minor changes, particularly to the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ). Council had informally discussed the changes in 2019, but COVID interrupted the process. Cailloux said the airport manager approached them at the end of 2020 and requested that it move forward. They had the support of airport management in this proposal.

There were two types of protection. The RPZ protected people and property on the ground. These were trapezoidal areas that were very restrictive about what was permitted within that trapezoid. This area was based on statistical data captured at various types of general aviation airports. In the air were transitional surfaces and approach surfaces, along with several others. She showed an aerial overview of the airport and the various areas based on proximity to the runways. The conical surface ran around the perimeter of the airport area and was much higher than anything that was permitted to be built in Peachtree City. Next was the horizontal, 150 feet in the air. Most of the impacts would be very tall cell towers, and there were none that encroached into the horizontal surface.

What they were focusing on were just a few surfaces. The transitional surface went from the ground and for every seven feet out, you went one foot up in the air. The approach and departure surfaces dictated the types of land uses that were permitted. The closer to the runway, the more restrictive. The RPZs were very stringent, Cailloux remarked. She showed the existing RPZ and the changes RPZs that were proposed. The RPZs could change based on the operation at the airport. It would change according to the types of aircraft.

The text amendment would simplify and update the definitions of the RPZ. The definitions of the conical, horizontal, and transitional had not changed. The change would have no impact on

property owners within the approach and transitional, as well as the RPZ on the south side. There would be changes for the RPZ on the north side. The airport was seeking funds and had plans to purchase easements from those property owners. They already had easements from some properties, including SANY and some property to the south.

Cailloux said their proposed timeline called for presenting the draft ordinance to airport management for review in March. The ordinance was based on an FAA model, so she did not anticipate major revisions from the airport. In June, City Council would hold a public hearing. There was a text amendment, and they were also asking to map this. Cailloux said it had been "a chore" for her staff to apply the written definition of these surfaces to property when there was no map. Mapping would also help property owners understand they had some additional requirements for construction on their property. Due to the mapping, she requested that letters be sent to property owners whose land use would be affected.

Prebor wanted to know how many land owners would be affected? Only a few on the north side, Cailloux said, again pointing out that nothing on the south side was changing.

Was the Airport Authority in agreement with this? King asked. Cailloux said she assumed that the airport manager required the go-ahead from her board in order to act, much in the way City Council operated.

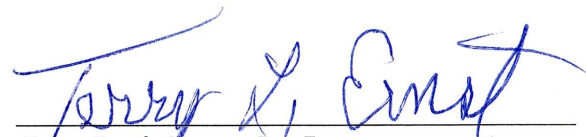
Madden said it was his understanding that the FAA would assist in purchasing these easements. Cailloux said the airport could seek repayment grants. They would put the money up front, then get paid back by the FAA. She said she could take that question to the airport manager.

King moved to convene in executive session for threatened or pending litigation at 6:54 p.m. Prebor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:10 p.m. King made a motion to reconvene in regular session. Madden seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Prebor made the motion to deny the claim presented by Ms. Marchand as such claim was presented. King seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Madden made the motion to deny the claim presented by Daniel Greenspan as such claim was presented. King seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, King moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Madden seconded. Motion carried unanimously.


Martha Barksdale, Recording Secretary


Terry Ernst, Mayor Pro Tem