City Council of Peachtree City
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 17, 2005
7:00 p.m.

The City Council of Peachtree City met Thursday, February 17, 2005, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Other Council Members present were: Stuart Kourajian, Judi Rutherford, and Murray Weed. Steve Rapson was unable to attend due to a work commitment.

Announcements, Awards, Special Recognition

Mayor Brown recognized Scott Formel for his service on the Development Authority and Cathy Nelmes for her service on the Airport Authority. Kim Learnard was commended for reporting violations of the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act to the City. Lisa Stewart was commended for her actions to save the tree buffer at Lexington. The Resurgens Foundation presented the City with a check for $44,970 to build a handicapped-accessible playground next to the Kedron rink. The new owner of the Southern Crescent Lightning and representatives from the team and the World Basketball Association introduced themselves to Council and discussed their program.

Minutes

Rutherford moved to approve the February 3, 2005, Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. Kourajian seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. **Alcohol License – Change in Licensee – Ruby Tuesday**
2. **Consider Easement Agreement with Fayette County for Weather Warning Siren at BSC**
3. **Consider Reimbursement Resolution for Equipment Financing**

Brown noted there was an additional document on the dais for Item #2 – a deed of easement, legal parcel description, and a plat survey for the siren.

Weed moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Kourajian seconded. Rutherford asked City Attorney Ted Meeker if he had looked over the easement agreement on the dais. Meeker said he had and that the agreement was fine. The motion carried unanimously.

New Agenda Items

02-05-09 Consider Approval of Kedron User Fee for Southern Crescent Lightning

Leisure Services Director Randy Gaddo addressed Council concerning the proposed user agreement with Southern Crescent Lightning. Gaddo said the team would use one court at Kedron for practices during April, May, and June. The first practice was scheduled for April 8 and the last would be June 24. Practices would be held three to five times a week, two hours per practice, depending on the game schedule. Practices would be held from 9-11 a.m. The team would use one court, leaving the other court open for public use. The new owner, Todd Hannon, would pay $1,000 to use the facility and would also provide free basketball clinics for Fayette County youth. The team would provide two weekend clinics of two hours each, and four one-hour clinics to be held prior to team practice after school is out. Gaddo said that was 10 hours of professional clinic time, which had a lot of value.

Gaddo continued that staff and the team officials had met and discussed the proposal thoroughly. Staff supported the request. He added that the times the team would use the court were low usage times.

Hannon, a City resident, told Council that he realized only Fayette County residents could use the facility. The head coach would live in the City through the end of the season, and the players would be temporary residents. Hannon said the players would be housed in an apartment complex or motel. Hannon said he appreciated the City's support. Before he could get sponsorships, he needed the support from the City and the County. Hannon said they needed the community to adopt the Lightning as their professional basketball team.

Kourajian asked Gaddo if the clinics the team agreed to hold last year had worked out. Gaddo said that everything had been put together at the last minute last year, and the clinics had not worked out well. Gaddo continued that the City had not lost anything since the team had not used the facility very often. Gaddo said there would be an agreement this year, and the clinics were to be part of the agreement. Meeker said Council could approve the concept, and the agreement would be placed on the consent agenda at the next meeting.

Weed moved to approve conceptually the request for a special user fee arrangement to allow the Southern Crescent Lightning basketball team to use the Kedron Fieldhouse, and that, in the future, when the attorney generated the appropriate document, the Mayor be authorized to sign. Kourajian seconded. Rutherford asked that Weed amend his motion to put the agreement on the consent agenda. Weed amended his motion. Kourajian seconded the amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

02-05-10 Consider Refinancing of the 1997 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds
Brown noted there was an additional document on the dais – an e-mail from the City Manager to Mayor and Council dated February 15, 2005, which included a note from Larry Turner, and an e-mail dated February 15, 2005, with the subject, "Agenda Item 02-05-10." Brown said there was a request to table this agenda item. Meeker verified the request.

Rutherford moved to table to the next agenda. Weed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

02-05-11 Consider Resolution Deactivating Residential Care for the Elderly Authority

Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Jane Miller addressed Council and said that a developer had approached the City in 2001 asking Council to approve a Residential Care for the Elderly Authority so he could obtain tax-free bonds for development of the property. He planned to build a senior multi-family development at the southwest corner of Peachtree Parkway and Crosstown Road. Council approved and appointed the authority. There had been no activity since that time and the developer, who still owned the property, said he would not use the authority's powers. Miller asked Council to consider the resolution to dissolve the Residential Care for the Elderly Authority. She said staff did not believe there would be a need for the authority in the future.

Rutherford moved to dissolve/deactivate the Residential Care for the Elderly Authority. Weed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

02-05-12 Consider Rescue/Engine Bids
Fire Chief Stony Lohr addressed Council. Lohr told Council that staff recommended Council approve the bid for a rescue fire engine to Central Division Rosenbauer for $382,150. He continued that six bids had been received and all were over the target amount of $330,401. Lohr pointed out that the price increase had been due to an increase of 53-65% or higher in steel prices. He said rebidding the engine would result in higher bids, according to research.

Lohr continued that the two lowest bids were not rescue engines, and that the additional essential equipment needed would cost approximately $40,000. Overall, Central Division Rosenbauer's bid met all the specifications. Annual debt service would be $88,276.

Rutherford moved to approve the bid from Central Division Rosenbauer for $382,150. Weed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rutherford noted that many of the items sent through the bid process were coming back over budget. She said many of the items had not been adjusted since they were added to the Public Improvement Program (PIP) budget, and the costs had been determined six to seven years ago. Rutherford said many of the costs had increased, such as steel, and the costs should reflect that. She said they needed new bottom lines.

Council/Staff Topics
City Manager Bernard McMullen told Council that a copy of a letter of support had been placed on the dais and asked that Council consider signing the letter. The letter was addressed to the City's Fire Department employees and volunteers. McMullen continued that the City and County had been discussing the City's Emergency Medical Service (EMS) and its funding for the last few months. McMullen said that, unfortunately, a number issues had been brought up that had diverted the discussion. Members of the Fire Department and the volunteers had been inadvertently placed in the firing line. He continued that some quotes and comments in the newspaper concerning consolidation of

the services with the County had not been accurate. The letter would send a clear message from Council that they were trying to talk about EMS funding.

Weed said the proposal for consolidation would cost the City $600,000 and cut the level of service. Weed said he would never vote to support that. McMullen said $600,000 was the total increase to consolidate the services estimated by the City and the County. The County would bear the majority of the cost, but the City would also have significant upfront costs to upgrade the engines to ALS engines.

Rutherford said she wanted to be careful how the word "upgrade" was used. She said there was nothing wrong with what the City currently had, but some equipment would have to be moved from the ambulances to the engines. Rutherford clarified the City had the best quality equipment. McMullen agreed.

Weed said if a letter gave the employees and volunteers more confidence than personal assurances from the podium, then he would be glad to sign the letter. McMullen said it would be good for the employees to see Council's position in writing. Rutherford read the letter into the record. (A copy of the letter is included in the official file for this meeting.) Brown and Kourajian both said they would sign the letter.

Weed noted that Council had approved an easement agreement for a weather warning siren earlier in the meeting. Weed continued that Council wanted to work with Fayette County and had proven that time and time again by giving land and trying to cooperate with the County. Council was more than willing everyday to meet the County halfway. Weed said Council was willing to do what it took to facilitate that. If the County would meet the City halfway, Council would meet them halfway. If the County had a request, Council would consider it fairly.

Rutherford moved to convene in executive session to discuss pending litigation, real estate, and a personnel matter. Kourajian seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rutherford moved to reconvene in regular session. Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Rutherford moved to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Jane Miller

Jane Miller, City Clerk

Stephen D. Brown, Mayor

Pamela Dufresne

Pamela Dufresne, Recording Secretary