

City Council of Peachtree City
Minutes of Meeting
February 4, 1999
7:00 p.m.

The City Council of Peachtree City met in a regular session, Thursday, February 4, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Lenox led those attending in the pledge of allegiance. Other council members present were: Carol Fritz, Annie McMenamin, Bob Brooks and Jim Pace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Lenox announced that Jean Studdard, Constituent Service Representative for Mac Collins, will be at City Hall in Peachtree City on the Third Thursday of every month from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. as part of Congressman Collins' ongoing "Out Reach Program". The purpose of the program is to assist people who may have problems with federal agencies, and to open communications with constituents and give them an opportunity to send comments and suggestions to the Congressman.

MINUTES

McMenamin made a motion to approve the minutes of January 21, 1999 as presented. Fritz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD AGENDA ITEMS

01-99-14 Ordinance Change to Meeting Adjournment Time Requirement

At the last meeting, Council discussed amending Section 2-1 (a) (5), "Council Meeting Rules", to eliminate having to end discussion of an agenda item at 11:00 p.m. There was concern about a proposal to end public input at 10:30 p.m. and also a desire for Council to have some flexibility in this matter. The City Attorney and staff proposed the following:

"No agenda item of an open meeting other than the one under consideration will be discussed after 11:00 p.m. Council shall have the authority to suspend this requirement and adopt other procedures by majority vote."

They felt the wording would allow Council more flexibility in those circumstances when it was desired to be able to continue a meeting later than 11:00 p.m. and not feel rushed to make a decision.

McMenamin made a motion to delete Ordinance 2-1(a)(5) and replace it with staff's proposal. Pace seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS

02-99-01 Alcohol License - Carolinas Mexican Restaurant

Mayor Lenox explained that LaFiesta Mexican Restaurant, located at 114 Huddleston Road, had been sold. The new owner, Benito Torres, changed the name of the restaurant to "Carolina's Mexican Restaurant" and submitted an application to sell beer, wine, and distilled spirits. Mr. Torres requested to be appointed as the licensee and license representative.

McMenamin asked if Mr. Torres was familiar with the laws regarding alcohol and if he had made plans to address the low scores previously given by the Board of Health. He said he did understand the laws, and he would continue to keep himself informed. Mr. Torres also said that he knew of the previous owner's reputation for low health inspection scores. He said he would do everything possible not to have the same reputation because it would not be good for his business.

McMenamin made a motion to approve the alcohol license and appoint Mr. Benito Torres as the Licensee and License Representative. Fritz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

02-99-02 Consider Request to Lift Moratorium for Multi-Family Use - (Assisted Living) Hwy 74

Jerry Peterson, Pathway Communities, requested Council to lift the moratorium on multi-family rezoning for a particular piece of property. He said he would like to submit a rezoning application to build a senior citizen assisted living facility on 4.88 acres of land located at the end of Commerce Drive and Highway 74. He had been planning the development since mid-1998, and he would like to continue with the project. McMenamin voiced her concerns about whether or not there would be a continuing need for assisted living facilities in the future because life styles may change. Pace made a motion to approve the request to lift the moratorium as requested so that an application for rezoning can be submitted for the Planning Commission and City Council's consideration. Fritz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

02-99-03 Update Short Term Work Program

David Rast, City Planner, presented an update to the Short Term Work Program to Council. He said a Public Hearing would be held at the next Council meeting so that comments could be taken from citizens. He requested Council to adopt a resolution that would commit them to forward the plan to the Atlanta Regional Commission and Department of Community Affairs for review. McMenamin made a motion to adopt the transmittal resolution. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

02-99-04 Consider Award of Public Works Dump Truck - State Contract

Jim Basinger, City Manager, explained that the 1999 Public Improvement Program had funding for the purchase of one 1999 F-350 dump truck for the Public Works Department. He recommended that the City declare the 1984 Ford F-350 dump truck, VIN 1FDJF371DEKA2307, as surplus property and allow it to be used as a trade-in allowance of \$1,500.00. He also recommended that the truck chassis be purchased from the state contract holder, Southlake Ford of Morrow, for a price of \$20,944.00, which included the trade-in allowance. Basinger explained that staff was soliciting bids for the purchase and installation of a dump truck body to be mounted on the chassis since the body was not on state contract. Staff estimated the additional cost to be \$6,000.00.

McMenamin made a motion to award the bid to Southlake Ford of Morrow for a price of \$20,944 and to declare the 1984 Ford F-350 as surplus property to be used as a trade-in allowance. Fritz seconded the motion. McMenamin amended her motion to approve the purchase and installation of the dump body up to \$6,000. Pace seconded the amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

Council/Staff Topics

Basinger requested two Council members to volunteer to serve on a selection committee to fill vacancies on the Development Authority. Lenox and Brooks volunteered.

Pace announced he would be absent from the next meeting.

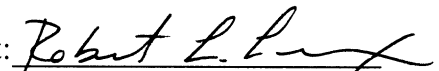
Lenox made a motion to adjourn for a brief recess and to reconvene into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken in executive session.

Lenox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brooks seconded the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.


Nancy Faulkner, City Clerk

Attest: 
Mayor