

City Council of Peachtree City
Minutes of Meeting
February 3, 2000
7:00 p.m.

The City Council of Peachtree City met in a regular session, Thursday, February 3, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Robert L. Lenox led those attending in the pledge of allegiance. Other Council members present were: Carol Fritz, Annie McMenamin, and Dan Tennant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Lenox thanked the Departments who worked during the ice storm the previous weekend for their efforts, noting that he had received several citizen compliments.

MINUTES

McMenamin made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20 meeting as amended. Fritz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD AGENDA ITEMS

01-00-06 Consider Ordinance Amendment – Organization of Commission on Children and Youth

Director of Leisure Services Randy Gaddo presented the CCY's recommended changes, and noted that Tanya Curry of the CCY and Bernice Wassell, the CCY Coordinator, were present to answer any questions. Gaddo said the primary change was the reduction of the board from nine members to five members, with a few additional housekeeping changes. Other changes included eliminating the requirement for representation from specific professions, and expanding the scope of the Commission from a focus on alcohol and drug abuse to include all aspects of quality of life for children and youth. Gaddo stated that, if Council approved the amendment, the Commission would alter its bylaws and the changes would take effect immediately. Staff recommended approving the amendment.

McMenamin pointed out that a more detailed discussion of the CCY goals would occur at the Council Retreat in April. McMenamin made a motion to adopt the amendment to the Commission on Children and Youth as presented. Fritz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Basinger reviewed the consent agenda items: Purchasing a Ford F-650 dump truck for the Public Works Department from Peach State Truck Sales, Inc. on State Contract and declaring a 1990 Ford F-700 dump truck as surplus to be used as trade-in allowance, for the purchase amount of \$ 38,474.00; Awarding a bid for the purchase of a Track Loader for the Public Works Department to METRAC, Inc. of Atlanta and declaring a 1986 Caterpillar 943 track loader as surplus to be used as trade-in allowance, for the final bid of \$42,000.00; Adopting a resolution of transmittal for the Short Term Work Program Update to the Comprehensive Plan; And, approving an Alcohol License Transfer to Mary Ann Marinelli as License Representative for the Kwickie/Flash Foods #246 at 1001 Crosstown Road.

Basinger said that Council had before them a packet with additional information about the Short Term Work Program Update, which was reviewed annually and would be transmitted to the Atlanta Regional Commission. Any changes requested by Council or recommended by the ARC would be incorporated into the update before it returned to Council for final approval in several months. Staff recommended approval of the consent agenda items.

McMenamin made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Tennant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS

02-00-01 Consider Alcohol License (new) – Cruse Coffee Company & Gallery, Inc., 100 Peachtree Parkway

Mayor Lenox said that Mr. Richard Cruse had submitted an application for a license to serve beer and wine at the Cruse Coffee Company and Gallery, Inc., and had requested to be appointed as the Licensee and the License Representative. McMenamin made a motion to approve the Alcohol License. Tennant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

02-00-02 Consider Funding – Fayette County Council on Domestic Violence

Basinger said the Fayette County Council on Domestic Violence had requested \$6,000 for office space rental and noted that this was the same amount that Council provided the previous year. Basinger also pointed out that the Peachtree City Police Department responded to 39% of the 575 domestic violence calls in Fayette County in 1999. Staff recommended that, if approved, the funding should be taken from the Council Contingency Fund.

Lenox said that the Council had provided funding for the Council on Domestic Violence since 1994, and this ongoing item should be added to the budget in coming years. McMenamin agreed, noting that the organization made a valuable contribution to the health and safety of Peachtree City's citizens.

McMenamin made a motion to approve the funding request of \$6,000, to be taken from the Council Contingency Fund, and asked that the contribution be included in the 2001 budget. Fritz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

02-00-03 Consider Child Care Service for Citizens Attending Council Meetings

Basinger explained that Councilmember Tennant had asked staff to investigate the possibility of this service to enable more citizens to attend the meetings. Staff discussed the service with the First Baptist and Presbyterian churches. The Baptist Church indicated a willingness to provide the service, but would require four workers for a total of fifteen children. The workers would cost \$25 each per night, and would need to be paid for all scheduled Council meetings, whether children were present or not. If more than fifteen children would be present, the Church would require advance notice to schedule additional workers. The service would be available between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. and the City would be required to guarantee payment and collect any money paid for the service. Basinger said the possible funding methods were for the City to pay the entire amount, for parents to pay for each child with the City making up any shortage, or a corporate sponsor funding the program.

Tennant said a number of citizens had mentioned to him that they could attend more Council meetings if they had childcare. Tennant said that, although government did not normally become involved in private enterprises such as this, he felt it would provide an opportunity for more citizen involvement. Tennant also commended staff, particularly Director of Administrative Services Jane Miller, for their efforts in investigating this service to date. Tennant recommended implementing the service for the remainder of the calendar year with a corporate or civic sponsor providing the funding, rather than tax dollars.

Lenox agreed that funding the program with tax dollars would set a bad precedent, but felt that the majority of Council meetings would lack sufficient turnout to make the service necessary. Lenox recommended a trial period of 60 to 90 days to see if the service was needed. Tennant felt that six months would be needed to advertise that the service was available. McMenamin asked what would be required of the City to maintain such a service. Tennant said the City would not be providing the space or the workers, and would merely forward the funding. Lenox pointed out that staff time would be required to coordinate the program and make reservations to ensure that enough workers would be present. McMenamin said she had a philosophical problem with government involvement in the service, stating that the City's role was to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. She also expressed concern about the

liability to the City. She concluded by saying that, while she applauded the effort to promote citizen involvement, she could not support the service. Tennant pointed out that, with a corporate sponsor, no tax dollars would be spent on the program, but McMenamin felt that the investment of staff time was also a use of tax dollars. Fritz also expressed concern with governmental involvement in providing the service. McMenamin made a motion that the City not participate in providing childcare services for Council Meetings. Fritz seconded the motion. Motion carried with Tennant voting nay.

02-00-04 Consider Ordinance Amendment – City Council Procedures

Basinger said that Councilmember Fritz had sponsored this amendment, which would require three affirmative votes to pass any motion. He noted that this procedure had been observed as a policy in the past, but the amendment would make the policy a law. Fritz added that, after revising the Ethics Ordinance, she had a problem with the possibility of two Councilmembers making policy for the City. Fritz made a motion to adopt the amendment as presented. McMenamin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

02-00-05 Consider Ordinance Amendment – Paving Standards

City Engineer Troy Besseche presented the amendment, noting that staff had reviewed paving standards at the request of Council following a variance request for the Line Creek Collector. Besseche said staff had reviewed standards from other areas and had obtained recommendations from United Consulting Group, the City's materials testing consultant, in revising the standards. The recommendation increased the binder for major collectors and residential streets, eliminated an asphalt base requirement for major collectors but added a GAB base requirement for major collectors, and increased the GAB base for minor collectors and residential streets. Besseche noted that the recommended changes more accurately reflected the requirements of other jurisdictions and the Georgia Department of Transportation. Staff recommended adopting the amended paving standards and adding the requirements to the Land Development Ordinance.

Lenox said that, in effect, the changes increased the requirements for minor collectors and residential streets and felt it provided a good standard. McMenamin also pointed out that the changes would extend the life of the streets. McMenamin made a motion to adopt the amendment as present. Fritz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL/STAFF TOPICS

There were no Council/Staff topics for discussion.

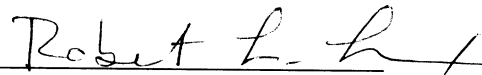
EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no Executive Session topics for discussion.

Lenox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tennant seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


City Clerk, Nancy Faulkner

Attest:


Mayor