

MINUTES OF MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF PEACHTREE CITY
February 1, 1990

The City Council of Peachtree City met in regular session on Thursday Night, February 1, 1990, at 7 PM in the Municipal Building meeting room. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

Members present were: Mayor Frederick Brown, Jr. and Council members David Good, Sandi Bongiorno, Robert Brooks and Rich Parlontieri.

No items were added to the agenda.

Announcements, Awards, Special Recognitions

Mayor Brown announced that the City Council would hold their annual planning retreat beginning at 1 PM on Friday, February 9th and continue on Saturday February 10th at 8 AM. They hoped to complete the meeting on Saturday but would continue on Sunday Morning if necessary. The meeting was scheduled for the Peachtree Executive Conference Center and the public and press were invited to attend.

Mayor Brown presented a Proclamation of Appreciation to Mr. Jim Strickland for his many years of service on the Peachtree City Planning Commission. Mr. Strickland had resigned his position due to his relocation outside the City.

Mayor Brown presented a Certificate of Commendation to citizen Patrick Oviatt for his extraordinary act in saving the life of a four year old girl at the Kroger Store on Saturday, January 27, 1990.

Lt. Frank Murphy, Director of the Peachtree City EMS Service explained that on Saturday, January 27, 1990, Patrick, a 16 year old Eagle Scout who worked at the Kroger Store, administered mouth to mouth resucitation on the four year old child who was found to be choking and not breathing. The child and her family were present for the presentation and also expressed their appreciation. Mr. Paul Yellina, Manager of the Kroger Store, also was present to express his thanks to Patrick.

Mayor Brown also presented a Certification of Commendation to Mr. Ray Ross and Mr. Christopher Ray. The Mayor explained that they participated in a life saving act and called upon Lt. Murphy to provide the details. Lt. Murphy explained that the two men were in a local business on Saturday Morning, January 27, 1990, when a gentleman suffered cardiac arrest. Mr. Ross and Mr. Ray administered CPR and summoned help from the EMS and due to their efforts the man was revived.

Minutes of Meeting

Motion was made by Good and seconded by Parlontieri that the minutes of the City Council meeting held January 18, 1990 be approved as published. Motion carried unanimously.

New Agenda Items

2-90-1 General Contractor - Public Services Building Plaza

City Manager Basinger explained that the time had come to start construction on the City Hall Plaza and, in fact, the project had begun with the recent removal of the old underground gasoline tank from the location near the police department. He called attention to the Phase I plan and a bid from M.G. Engineering and Construction Co. before Council and explained that the staff had planned to recommend bidding the work out and build it on a contract basis. There was, however, a 24% contractor and subcontractor overhead and profit in the bid and he felt that for that reason as well as a number of other reasons, it would be advisable for staff to act as general contractor on the job. He stated that there would be a savings of overhead and profit on the first phase as well as future phases. Also, staff wanted to be able to take advantage of donations in forms of labor, services and material and by the City serving as the general contractor donations could be taken advantage of. Basinger stated that it would be his intent to have Barry Amos City Engineer, oversee the actual construction of the project with Jim Williams, City Planner, responsible for the aesthetics aspect making sure that the completed work meets with the designers intent. He assured Council that if they authorized the staff to act as the General Contractor all city purchasing policies and procedures would be followed with bids etc. as required. Upon completion staff would provide a complete accounting of all expenditures to include donations.

Basinger reported that Council had already approved \$170,000 from interest earnings on the bond, \$40,000 in 1990 PIP and \$50,000 in 1991 PIP for a total of \$260,000 earmarked for the project. He anticipated an equivalent amount in donations. Basinger reported some of the negatives in the staff serving as General Contractor would be such things as being delayed due to bidding; attempting to build the Plaza during spring rains and ingress and egress will be disrupted for a period of time. He pointed out that steps would be taken to keep entrances and exits open. He felt the savings plus the donations from local citizens and businesses would offset any inconvenience incurred. Basinger asked that Council authorize staff acting as the General Contractor for the project. He stated that the goal was to complete the project by June 1, 1990.

Jim Williams, City Planner, addressed Council regarding the plans for building the Plaza while keeping the City Hall and Library open for business. He explained that the rear parking lots behind the existing library and the new City Hall would be completed first. In addition, a sidewalk would be completed between the two buildings and a section of the plaza would be built which would allow people to walk up the stairs and enter either building. At the same time the parking area that is presently in place would remain. He felt the first phase should be completed by mid February and the next phase would be to start on the upper level of the drive and parking. He pointed this area out on the drawing on display. Williams explained that some of this phase would have to be delayed until the old communication tower could be removed.

Williams provided a detailed report on the timing of the remainder of the Plaza project to include the demolition of the current City Hall building.

He then provided a detailed listing of the donations already provided the City for the Plaza. He reported that commitments had been received on all the demolition of the old parking area from PCDC and they were also assisting with the surveys which was estimated as saving \$15,000. PCDC was also helping with the rough and finished grading and they had already removed the underground gasoline tank.

PCDC has also agreed to contribute an easement on their property for a parking area.

Williams reported that MG Engineering had contributed the civil engineering estimated to be \$37,000. Also, lighting engineering had been donated by someone in town who was also contributing temporary lighting for a period of the construction time. Also, a portion of the project design had been contributed by Bill Lincinome the city landscape architect, who had also donated time toward the landscape design. One of the city staff members had also contributed time toward the landscape design. Major landscape materials had been donated by people who did not want to be named and much minor landscaping had been donated by various people and organizations.

Williams reported that most importantly of all, seven Japanese industries had gotten together and offered to design and donate the fountain for the Plaza. Williams felt this was an extremely important donation and was one that would allow the Japanese community to state how important they felt their role in Peachtree City was.

Williams reported that the company making the pavers had offered a substantial discount on them.

Williams felt that there had been a tremendous outpouring of materials and expertise and he felt people were excited about the project.

Motion was made by Good that the request that staff be named as General Contractor for the Plaza project be approved as recommended. Motion was seconded by Bongiorno. Parlontieri asked if the City Engineer would have time to commit to this project and asked the City Manager if he knew the number of hours that would be required. Basinger felt it would be very time consuming but he felt that Amos and Williams could handle the work as well as their other duties.

John Setlock, resident, asked the total cost of the project and also whether or not the development would be built on city property. Williams reported that the City had budgeted \$260,000 for the project and that all the development would be on city property with the exception of a small strip on the property of PCDC which will be used for parking and that PCDC was providing an easement for that area.

Parlontieri explained that the funds budgeted for the project met what staff had determined to be the minimum landscaping requirements for the City Hall project and the remainder would be from donations. He wanted the citizens to understand that the \$260,000 was what the City required of itself in meeting it's own requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business a motion was made by Mayor Brown that the meeting be recessed to be reconvened in executive session to discuss ongoing lawsuits of Black, Samples, Justice, Simon and Kelly. Motion was seconded by Parlontieri. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

No action was taken in executive session and motion was made by Mayor Brown that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was seconded by Bongiorno. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.


Frances Meaders, City Clerk


Mayor