

City Council of Peachtree City
Minutes of Meeting
January 2, 1997
7:00 p.m.

The City Council of Peachtree City met in a regular session Thursday, January 2, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Lenox led those attending in the pledge of allegiance. Council members present were: Annie McMenamin, Caroline Price, Bob Brooks, and Jim Pace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Lenox recognized the Employee of the Year for 1996, Marilyn Deloose.

Mayor Lenox recognized Melvin Ewing for his service on the Water & Sewerage Authority.

Mayor Lenox recognized Rex Hollis for his service on the Development Authority.

Mayor Lenox recognized Sallie MacGregor for her service on the Recreation Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McMenamin made a motion to approved the minutes of December 19, 1996 as presented. Pace seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS

1-97-01 Election of Mayor Protem and Oath of Office

McMenamin made a motion to appoint Councilman Robert Brooks as Mayor Protem for the year 1997. Price seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lenox administered the oath of office to Brooks.

1-97-02 Authorization and Appointment of City Officials and Positions

Mayor Lenox made a motion for the following appointments of City Officials and positions:

Municipal Court Judge	A. Mitchell Powell
Judge Pro Hac	Sharon I. Pierce

City Auditor	Geeslin, Johnson & Wetherington
City Clerk	Nancy Faulkner
City Depository	Peachtree National Bank
Landscape Architect	William Lincicome
Legal Organ	This Week Newspaper

Price seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Price made a motion to appoint Webb and Lindsey law firm as the City Attorney. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with McMenamin abstaining.

1-97-03 Designation of Persons Authorized to Sign Checks

McMenamin made a motion to authorize the following positions to sign checks: Mayor, Mayor Protem, City Manager, Director of Developmental Services, Director of Financial Services, and Director of Administrative Services. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

01-97-04 Indemnification Resolution

Price made a motion to adopt the Indemnification Resolution which is attached and made a part of these minutes herein. McMenamin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

01-97-05 Consider Alcohol License - South City Grill

Mayor Lenox said Mr. Robert E. Treuba applied for an alcoholic beverage license to sell beer and wine at South City Grill. The restaurant is located at 100 Peachtree Parkway North, Suite 34. Mr. Treuba requested to be the Licensee and License Representative and was present to answer questions from Council.

McMenamin made a motion to approve the license and to approve Mr. Treuba as Licensee and License Representative. Price seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

01-07-06 Consider Funding - Fayette Senior Services

Dick Pearson, Finance Committee Chair of the Fayette Senior Services, addressed Council to request funding for his organization to assist with on-going programs and

services for senior citizens. Pearson said his organization provided 7,493 congregate meals and over 22,000 home meals in 1996. They also provided transportation in excess of 110,000 miles. He summarized that over 336 volunteers provided 10,541 hours of service to senior citizens and that 29% of their clients were Peachtree City residents.

Brooks made a motion to provide \$5,000 from the Council Contingency to Fayette Senior Services. Price seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

1-97-07 Feenaghty's Ethics Complaint

Lenox said the City had received a sworn ethics complaint, filed by Mr. John Feenaghty as a representative of the "Committee to Restore Ethical Government." Lenox said Council felt the list of charges and allegations were serious and deserving of open and public discussion to be followed by whatever action Council deemed appropriate. Lenox said he would like to address each allegation with Mr. Feenaghty one at a time. He said he would open the floor for public comment once dialogue between Mr. Feenaghty and Council was completed and prior to any action taken by Council. Mr. John Feenaghty refused to address Council saying that his document spoke for itself and he would not answer any questions from Council without an attorney. Lenox asked Feenaghty if he could have his attorney present at the next meeting to address the issue. Feenaghty said he would and he would not make any further comments at that time.

Councilman Brooks asked the City Attorney, Jim Webb, to address the open meetings law as it pertained to the recent GA Utilities acquisition. Webb said it was his opinion that Council was in conformance with the open meetings law ("Sunshine Law"). While Webb was confident in his opinion, he said if the Court determined he was wrong, City Council would not be guilty of any ethical violation because they were following his legal advice in holding executive session meetings.

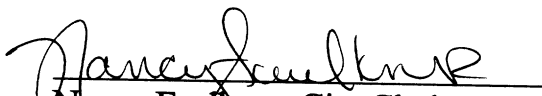
Lenox said there would be no delays in the negotiations to purchase the sewer system because of Feenaghty's complaint.

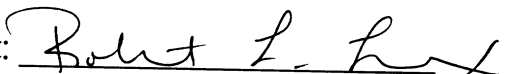
Brooks made a motion to table consideration of the ethics complaint until the next meeting. Price seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Lenox made a motion to adjourn for a brief recess and to reconvene in Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Price made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.


Nancy Faulkner, City Clerk

Attest: 
Mayor