

City Council of Peachtree City
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 1, 2024
6:30 PM

Call to Order

The City Council of Peachtree City held a regular meeting at City Hall on Thursday, February 1, 2024. Mayor Kiim Learnard called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Others in attendance: Council Members Laura Johnson, Suzanne Brown, and Clinton Holland. Councilman Frank Destadio was absent.

Meeting video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JMdaEAk8rQ>

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Presentation

A. Introduction of new President/CEO of the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce

Learnard introduced Leonardo McClardy, the new President/CEO of the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce. He explained that the Chamber of Commerce was a community organization with a business focus. It aimed to be a catalyst for growth, jobs, and investment by utilizing these key functions: engage, encourage, evaluate, enhance, and expand. The Chamber put on a lot of different events for their members, including programs and seminars that enabled businesspeople to connect. It also worked with government leaders to create policy that supported business endeavors. McClardy noted that collaboration, both locally and regionally, was necessary to solve the challenges related to business issues.

Holland asked how many members the Fayette Chamber had? McClardy said around 600; most were businesses, but there were a few individuals. The Chamber held a number of events every month, he told Holland, who then asked if they collaborated with nearby Chambers? McClardy explained about a regional coalition that looked at air, transportation, and water.

The Mayor noted that Peachtree City had just launched its first e-newsletter geared toward the business community, and it went out to more than 2,000 businesses. She told McClardy the City looked forward to working with the Chamber to support businesses.

Announcements, Awards, Special Recognition

A. New Website Design

City Clerk Yasmin Julio announced that construction had begun on widening of the multi-use path bridge on SR 54 over Lake Peachtree. She said the bridge would be closed to carts beginning February 14 until construction was completed around Memorial Day, weather permitting, and presented a map showing the detour that

would be necessary. The Mayor noted that this construction was to install a double-lane bridge at the north end of the lake, similar to the bridge at the south end. Julio advised residents to visit the City website for updates and also to sign up for The Slice newsletter. The navigation app also would be updated with construction information.

Speaking of the website, Julio announced that it had been redesigned and went live earlier that week. It now featured homepage links to the most-used pages and was designed to be more accessible to residents with disabilities. The update had been in the works since 2023, with many staff members adding their input. City announcements were featured, and there were quick links to City services, such as permits and licenses. Julio noted that the two most viewed pages, for the Library and the Recreation Department, had their own pages on the site.

B. American Legion Post 50 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year - Sergeant Brad Milstein

Firefighter of the Year - FF/AEMT Mitch Willis

Arnie Geiger and Wayne Fowler of American Legion Post 50 presented the Post's Firefighter of the Year award for 2023 to FF/AEMT Mitch Willis and the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award to Sgt. Brad Millstein.

Public Comment

Traylin Smith of Atlanta said he worked for a company called ZenYGE that wanted to provide the City with electric vehicle chargers. He left materials for Council to review.

Ralph Hale of Crabapple Woods encouraged all citizens to complete the survey regarding short-term rentals (STRs) that was on the City website. He remarked that he had received a solicitation in the mail from a company that wanted him to sign up his home as an STR. Hale said there were a number of issues regarding STRs in neighborhoods, such as noise, and he hoped Council would listen to citizens and do their research before making a decision.

Agenda Changes

Minutes

Holland moved to approve the January 18, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes and the January 18, 2024, Executive Session Minutes. Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A. January 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

APPROVED 4-0

B. January 18, 2024 Executive Session Minutes

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Consent Agenda

A. FY2024 Budget Amendment - Donation Acceptance for Portable Baseball

Mounds

Holland moved to approve Consent Agenda item A. Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Mayor noted this was for the donation of \$15,294 from the Peachtree City Little League for the purchase of portable pitching mounds.

Old Agenda Items

None

New Agenda Items

None

Public Hearings

A. 02-24-01 New Alcohol License - HOBNOB Tavern

Julio said this was a new alcohol license request for The HOBNOB Tavern in The Avenue. The licensee and the representative, as well as the location, met all requirements.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. No one wished to speak either in favor or opposition, and she closed the hearing.

Brown moved to approve Public Hearing item 02-24-01 New Alcohol License - HOBNOB Tavern. Holland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

B. 02-24-02 Annual Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance Adoption

Planning and Development Director Robin Cailloux explained that Council was asked to adopt the Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance each year at this time to ensure their validity and legal standing. No changes were proposed or made that had not been mapped and voted on by Council, she stated.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. No one wished to speak in favor or in opposition, and she closed the hearing.

Brown moved to approve Public Hearing item 02-24-02 Annual Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance Adoption. Holland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Council/Staff Topics

A. Water Efficiency Code Update

The Mayor said they needed to discuss the Water Efficiency Code update. Cailloux explained they would be seeing more at the next Council meeting when they would review a resolution to approve an update and transmittal of the Water Efficiency Plumbing Code. A building official would be present at that meeting, and Council would have a copy of the code in their meeting packet, she noted.

This was part of a bigger planning program done by the State, Cailloux explained. Fayette was in the Metro North Georgia Water Planning District, one of 11 districts

in the state. They were mandated to adopt a five-year plan and were given tasks, with penalties if they did not comply.

Even though the State was the entity that provided the draft of this Code update, Council would be asked at the next meeting to send that draft back to the State for review. Once it was approved and returned to the City, Council would be asked to adopt it.

Cailloux noted they had accomplished a lot of items in the plan already, but some of things they would bring forward related to private septic systems, including where they could be located and plans in case of a failure.

Executive Session

Holland moved to adjourn to executive session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss the acquisition, sale, or lease of real estate. Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Holland moved to reconvene in regular session at 7:39 p.m. Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Holland moved to adjourn the meeting. Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Martha Barksdale, Recording Secretary

Kim Learnard, Mayor