

City Council of Peachtree City
Minutes of Meeting
December 15, 2005
7:00 p.m.

The City Council of Peachtree City met Thursday, December 15, 2005, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Council Members present were: Judi Rutherford, Steve Rapson, and Murray Weed. Stuart Kourajian was unable attend the meeting.

Announcements, Awards, Special Recognitions

Mayor Brown recognized Paul Salvatore and Janet Camburn of the City's Financial Services Division for earning the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the 2004 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Rutherford presented plaques of appreciation to Mayor Brown, Weed, and Rapson upon the end of their term in office and thanked them for their service to the city.

Minutes

Weed moved to approve the December 1, 2005, regular meeting minutes as written. Rutherford seconded. The motion carried 3-0-1 (Rapson).

Consent Agenda

- 1. Adoption of the Transmittal Resolution for the STWP/CIE Update**
- 2. Consider Budget Amendments – FY 2006**

Rapson moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Weed seconded. Rutherford clarified that the Short Term Work Program/Capital Improvement Element was for the current Comprehensive Plan, and not for the revision currently underway. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Agenda Items

There were no Old Agenda Items for consideration.

New Agenda Items

12-05-06 Certify Election Results

Brown noted that there were additional documents on the dais, a memo from City Clerk Jane Miller and a Statement of Votes Cast from the County Elections Office. Council reviewed the report on the December 6, 2005, Runoff Election for mayor. There were 20,810 registered voters, and 6,042 ballots were cast. Steve Brown received 1,806 votes, and Harold Logsdon received 4,228 votes.

Rutherford moved to certify the election results for the general election. Rapson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

12-05-07 Consider Ordinance Prohibiting Parking on Sierra Drive

City Engineer Dave Borkowski addressed Council, noting that a number of tractor-trailers coming to load and unload at Certainteed were parking on both sides of the roadway, creating a traffic hazard. He said Certainteed's management was working on a plan to add parking, but City staff felt the issue needed to be addressed immediately. Rapson noted that this was a public safety issue, and Rutherford pointed out that they were talking about 40 trucks per day. Brown stated that traffic on Highway 74 was also an issue, and the trucks were unable to enter traffic during the peak travel times. Rutherford asked if Certainteed's management knew about the proposed ordinance. Borkowski indicated that he advised the plant manager. Rutherford asked if a company representative was attending this meeting, and there was no response.

Rapson moved to approve the ordinance prohibiting parking on Sierra Drive. Weed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

12-05-08 Consider Rockaway Road Realignment

Borkowski indicated that staff was approaching Council about requesting that the Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) undertake this project, in lieu of the City, as part of the widening of Highway 74 South. He indicated that the DOT had moved up the highway widening from 2009 to 2007. Therefore, even if the City were to start on the project immediately, it would only make a difference of one year. However, the delay would save Peachtree City taxpayers over \$500,000 in SPLOST funds that could be reappropriated for other SPLOST projects.

Brown said this was a good idea, especially since the cost of the SPLOST construction projects would increase over time due to the rise in oil prices. Rutherford added that it would also eliminate any duplication of effort in our constructing the project, and then the DOT coming back in and making changes. The intersection would only be addressed one time.

Rapson said that Senator Mitch Seabaugh had expressed concern at the delay in the project, but noted that Seabaugh represented Coweta County, which had residents negatively impacted by the current design of the road. Rutherford reiterated that the short delay would save Peachtree City half a million dollars on the project.

Rutherford asked if the DOT would definitely include the realignment in the widening project. City Manager Bernard McMullin said DOT had indicated their willingness to do so, and were only waiting a formal request from the city to include it.

Council/Staff Topics

McMullin reported that there was still no activity on the Three Dollar Café site.

Rapson asked for an update on the TDK Boulevard Extension, noting that the city was not impeding the project. McMullin said that they would be meeting with the property owners to finalize the right-of-way acquisition.

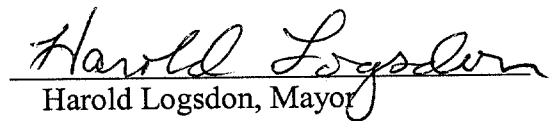
Rutherford noted that the Library would be open on Friday, December 23, although other city facilities would be closed for the Christmas holiday.

Brown asked about the Library awnings. McMullin stated that the awnings had been delivered, and installation would begin the following week.

There being no further business, Weed moved to adjourn the meeting. Rapson seconded. The meeting ended at 7:18 p.m.



Betsy Tyler, Deputy City Clerk



Harold Logsdon, Mayor