

City Council of Peachtree City

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

December 13, 2007

8:00 a.m.

The Mayor and City Council of Peachtree City will hold a special called meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2007, 8 a.m., in Council Chambers. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following agenda items:

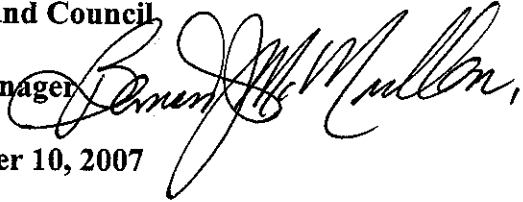
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| 12-07-05 | Consider Resolution on Opposition to HR 900 GREAT Proposal
Pertaining to Tax Reform |
| 12-07-07 | Certify election results. |

This agenda is subject to change at any time up to 24-hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

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CITY OF PEACHTREE CITY

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: City Manager 
DATE: December 10, 2007
SUBJECT: Consider Resolution of Opposition to HR 900 GREAT Proposal Pertaining to Tax Information
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Recommendation:

Staff recommends that Council consider the attached resolution.

Discussion:

Georgia General Assembly by Speaker of the House Glen Richardson has introduced legislation to eliminate the current system of ad valorem taxes collected by local governments. House Resolution 900, known as the GREAT Plan (Georgia's Repeal of Every Ad-valorem Tax) would impose additional sales taxes that would be allocated by the state to local governments.

At the November 13 meeting, the Association of Fayette County Governments (AFCG) approved a resolution in opposition to the GREAT Plan, and requested that each jurisdiction formally adopt the resolution. Since that time several modifications/alternatives to HR 900 have been introduced by State House and Senate members. Due to this changing environment, Fayette County has chosen for now not to vote on the resolution. Fayetteville has made some slight modifications to the language and approved the resolution on December 6, 2007. The red line version of the resolution approved by the AFCG along with a copy of this resolution with the changes accepted is attached. Fayette County will discuss the resolution at their Commission meeting on December 13th and Tyrone is expected to discuss the resolution at their meeting on December 20th.

Budget Impact

This item has no budgetary impact.

CITY OF PEACHTREE CITY
STATE OF GEORGIA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AGAINST THE GREAT PLAN ~~TO EXPRESS OPPOSITION TO~~
HOUSE RESOLUTION 900 PROPOSAL IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
STATE OF GEORGIA, PERTAINING TO TAX REFORMATION.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Fayetteville, the City of Peachtree City, the Town of Tyrone, the Town of Woolsey, the Town of Brooks, Fayette County and the Fayette County School System have duly elected local government officials representing their interests with respect to local revenues and services; and

WHEREAS, the elected local government officials of the local governing bodies listed above meet regularly and work collectively as the Association of Fayette County Governments; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Glenn Richardson of the Georgia House of Representatives has proposed the GREAT Plan, which stands for *Georgia's Repeal of Every Ad Valorem Tax*; and

WHEREAS, the plan would eliminate, over time, -the current system of ad valorem taxation for local government maintenance and operations and would replace this system with an expansion of the sales tax base to include most goods and services that are not currently taxed, resulting in a sales tax on these goods and services in Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the plan would remove local revenue and funding decisions from the hands of local citizens and local elected officials and would provide for the revenues from the sales tax on currently un-taxable goods and services to be distributed by state politicians through a formula which has yet to be determined and which could change annually, and if approved the plan would result in a tax increase on low - -middle income families and seniors; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the plan would place a tax and expenditure limitation on the cities, county and school board, limiting expenditure increases to a CPI plus one percent ~~and population increase~~, regardless of community needs or citizen desires; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the plan ~~would~~ might require local elected officials to petition for additional funds from members of the General Assembly, most of whom do not represent citizens of Fayette County, in the event of an emergency or other need the cost of which exceeds the state's allowable growth in expenditures; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the plan would financially punish cities, counties and schools systems in which there was commercial growth by limiting expenditures in a way that does not account for economic growth, thus making it cost-prohibitive to provide services to support the commercial growth, creating a disincentive for local governments to attract economic development and jobs; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the plan's virtual elimination of property taxes will further hinder economic development and job growth by negatively impacting the state's AAA bond rating and similarly favorable local government bond ratings, which currently attract investors and businesses to the state; and

WHEREAS, if approved, over time such a plan would negatively impact the cities', county's and school district's ability to provide safe and adequate water and sewer, roads, school facilities, school buses, jails, courts, police and fire services and other services important to a high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the plan would unfairly and unjustly subsidize other communities in the state through the redistribution of sales tax dollars generated in Fayette County as a result of critical investments made by the governing entities of Fayette County on behalf of the citizens of Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the citizens of the cities of Fayette County, as well as unincorporated residents of Fayette County, would likely see a tax increase which will include the increase of sales tax rates as well as the extension of the sales tax to include professional services and other everyday services, as well as an increase in federal income taxes due to the loss of the federal income tax deduction for property taxes and a loss of tax savings from local homestead exemptions, without receiving any direct benefit in return.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Association of Fayette County Governments do hereby adopt this resolution in opposition to any proposed State Tax plan that violates the principle of home rule, reduces local flexibility and funding sources and intrudes on the ability of the local governments to set fiscal policy and serve the citizen needs whom they represent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan will be particularly unfair and injurious to the citizens of Fayette County because the plan, if approved, will result in a state-imposed state and federal tax increase without offering any benefits in return to our citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan will create economic development disincentives that will stunt job growth in Fayette County and throughout the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association of Fayette County Governments hereby voices its opposition to the GREAT Plan and urges legislators to show their support for the citizens and businesses of Fayette County and the rest of this State by ensuring that the plan does not pass.

~~SO DONE~~ IT IS SO RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Peachtree City, Georgia this the ____ day of _____, 2007

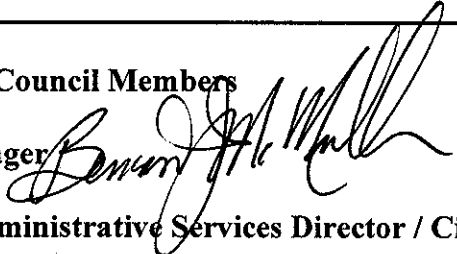
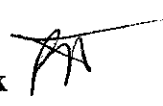
ATTEST:

Betsy Tyler, Acting City Clerk

Harold Logsdon, Mayor

CITY OF PEACHTREE CITY

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor & Council Members
VIA: City Manager 
FROM: Acting Administrative Services Director / City Clerk 
DATE: December 11, 2007
SUBJECT: Certify Runoff Election
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Recommendation:

Certify the attached election results.

Discussion:

A municipal runoff election was held on December 4, 2007, for City Council Post 2. Council is required to certify the results of this election. The official results are attached for your review and certification.

Budget Impact:

None

Attachment

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FAYETTE
CITY OF PEACHTREE CITY

A Runoff Election for the City of Peachtree City, Georgia was held on December 4, 2007, pursuant to the Charter of Peachtree City and in accordance with the provisions of the Georgia Municipal Election Code to elect representatives for City Council Post 2.

The following report is hereby submitted by Betsy Tyler, Acting City Clerk:

There were 21,618 registered voters eligible to vote in the election.

There were 1,360 ballots cast by the electors, including 191 absentee ballots.

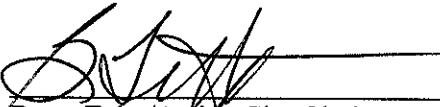
The following votes were cast:

CITY COUNCIL POST 2

Michael L. King	522	38.38%
Doug Sturbaum	838	61.62%

A copy of the results is attached.

Submitted to City Council for Certification this 11th day of December 2007.



Betsy Tyler/Acting City Clerk

Election Summary Report
Fayette County
State of Georgia General Municipal Election Runoff
December 4, 2007
Summary For Jurisdiction Wide, All Counters, All Races
Official and Complete

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Registered Voters 21618 - Cards Cast 1364 6.31%

Num. Report Precinct 17 - Num. Reporting 14 82.35%

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	Total	
Number of Precincts	14	
Precincts Reporting	14	100.0 %
Total Votes	1360	
MICHAEL L. KING	522	38.38%
DOUG STURBAUM	838	61.62%