

City Council of Peachtree City
Minutes of Meeting
December 3, 1998
7:00 p.m.

The City Council of Peachtree City met in regular session, Thursday, December 3, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Lenox led those attending in the pledge of allegiance. Other council members present were: Bob Brooks, Carol Fritz, Annie McMenamin, and Jim Pace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Kiwanis Club presented a check to the Police Department for the D.A.R.E. Program

Mayor Lenox presented the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement to Joe Morton, Assistant City Manager.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Lenox made a motion to add agenda item 12-98-3 to request funding for the Fayette Senior Services. McMenamin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Lenox made a motion to add agenda item 12-98-4 to consider an ordinance to prohibit structures in trees. McMenamin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

McMenamin made a motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 1998, as presented. Pace seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD AGENDA ITEMS

There were no old agenda items.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS

12-98-1 Public Hearing - Consider Rezoning - Cardiff Park

Mayor Lenox read the rules for conducting a public hearing, and set a time limit of 30 minutes for each side to present its case and called for the applicant and those wishing to speak in favor of the rezoning to speak first. The representative for the applicant, Bill Lincicome, addressed Council and explained that the applicant would like his property rezoned from GC to LUR. He said the plan would develop 28 residential lots with access to Planterra Way. He said they conducted a traffic analysis and it determined the project would have negligible impact on the current traffic situation. The developer met with the surrounding property owners and addressed all of their concerns. He said the property was currently zoned and land use planned as general commercial. He said the

previous applications for day-care and assisted living projects were withdrawn because of opposition from Planterra homeowners. The current proposal consists of essentially a 28-lot cul-de-sac off Planterra Way opposite the Tennis Center. It would have a right-in/right-out turning movement with no median cut. Construction traffic would be prohibited from using Planterra and would utilize Line Creek Drive via a temporary service access.

Jim Williams also spoke in favor of the rezoning. He felt it was a good plan and would positively impact the people most affected who live near the proposed development. He said Eric Snell, the President of the Planterra Homeowner=s Association submitted a letter indicating support for the proposed project.

Robert Brown, Wayne Allen, Eileen Shaw, and Walt Grizwall all spoke in favor of the rezoning. They felt it was a good use for the property and would be a much better use than the current zoning.

Hearing no one else to speak in favor of the rezoning, Lenox asked to hear from those in opposition to the rezoning. Hearing none, Lenox called the hearing to close and opened the floor for Council debate.

McMenamin was in favor of the project because it was step-down zoning, it reduced commercial zoning, it had a low impact on services, and the Planterra residents were in favor of it. She felt Crown Development should be commended for the steps they had taken to come up with the best use for the site.

Pace was concerned about the lack of a median cut and asked staff to look into the matter. He did not feel it would be necessary to restrict the new residents to right-in/right-out turning movement.

Fritz stated for the record that she was a member of the Southern Conservation Trust as was Mr. Mukut Gupta, the President of Crown Development.

Pace made a motion to approve the rezoning as requested. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12-98-2 Discussion of Annexation Requests for Small Parcels of Land off Greenwood Lane

Basinger said four residents had requested deannexation from Tyrone and annexation into Peachtree City. He explained that all of one parcel and portions of the other three were located in Tyrone. He said the properties could only be accessed through Peachtree City, and the owners had concerns about public safety. He said if Council desired to annex the properties, the Town of Tyrone would first have to agree to deannex them, and Tyrone had indicated they were in agreement to do so. The owners would then ask State Representative Lynn Westmoreland to introduce legislation on their behalf. Council could then hold a public hearing to annex and zone the property into Peachtree City.

Council discussed the zoning that should be placed. It was currently zoned AAR,@ but they felt it would be important to bring the property in as it was currently developed. Lenox made a motion

to lift the moratorium as requested for these parcels only, but stated that it would otherwise stay in effect. Pace seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12-98-3 Request for Funding - Fayette Senior Services

Fayette Senior Services (FSS) requested that Council continue to provide financial support as they had in previous years. FSS provides transportation and delivers meals to over 312 senior citizens a year. McMenamin made a motion to provide \$6,500 to Fayette Senior Services from the Council Contingency Fund. Pace seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. McMenamin thanked FSS for the services they provide to the citizens each year.

12-98-4 Consider Ordinance(s) to Prohibit Fixtures in Trees

Basinger explained that an ordinance was being presented that night, not to take action, but to notify Council and the citizens of staff=s concern regarding fixtures in trees.

Jim Williams, Director of Developmental Services, addressed Council and said it had come to staff=s attention that Bell South had been installing television antennas in the tops of trees to provide wireless cable service. He said staff was concerned that the use of trees would create a safety hazard and possibly damage the trees. He said the antennas could become spears in a windstorm or attract lighting, which might destroy the tree or cause it to fall on a home or vehicle.

Because the ordinance was introduced at such a late hour, Bell South faxed a letter requesting Council postpone taking action on the ordinance until they had an opportunity to address staff=s concerns.

Council discussed the issue and felt it would be best to table the issue for further study to give Councilmembers an opportunity to visit the site of one of the antennas. Brooks did not want to pass an ordinance that would restrict children from building tree houses and forts. Williams felt that those types of structures caused a problem for the Building Department because it was their job to keep the citizens safe and there were no standards for inspecting such structures. Lenox made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council/Staff Topics

Update on Natural Gas Negotiations

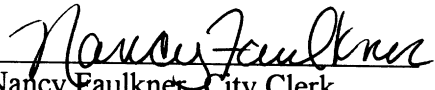
Basinger reported that following Council=s decision on November 17 to have staff proceed with the possibility of negotiating a natural gas rate for Peachtree City residents, the other municipalities, Fayette County, and the School Board expressed an interest in participating in the venture.

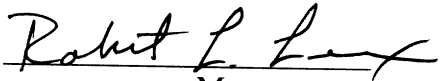
He said the Fayette County Collaborative Purchasing Committee had assumed the project and would be accepting proposals through December 21. At that time, they would begin negotiations with interested providers. He said it was their hope to designate a Preferred Provider for Fayette County who would provide the most favorable natural gas rates for the

governmental entities and for the residents. In exchange, the governing entities would endorse the provider through various publicity avenues, such as the Cable Channel 2 Community Bulletin Board, the UPDATE Newsletter, and the avenues the other entities have in place for disseminating information to the public.

He said participation in the program would still be on a voluntary basis; however, they were still encouraging residents to postpone selecting a natural gas provider until they are able to consider the Preferred Provider rates in making their decision.

Lenox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brooks seconded the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Nancy Faulkner, City Clerk

Attest: 
Mayor