

City Council of Peachtree City

Minutes of Meeting

October 1, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Logsdon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present: Steve Boone, Cyndi Plunkett, and Doug Sturbaum.

Announcements, Awards and Special Recognition

Mayor Logsdon proclaimed October as "Afterschool Month," reading a proclamation in support of after school programs. Representatives from Braelinn, Peachtree City, and Kedron Elementary Afterschool Programs attended. Students Brianna Basara from Braelinn Elementary and Victor Kama from Kedron Elementary shared what they liked about the program. Doctor Vince Obsitnik of Animal Medical Clinic presented a bulletproof vest from his staff to Police K-9 officer, Maik, who was with handler Corporal Andy Johnson. Al Yougel, executive director of Keep Peachtree City Beautiful (KPTCB), introduced Kara Lewis of the COMCAST Foundation, who presented a \$1,080 grant to the Fayette County Earth Day Committee. Bill Holland, vice-chair of the Environmental Institute of Georgia, noted that the grant would be used for t-shirts that would be worn by local river clean-up teams. He presented Booth Middle School eighth-grader Daniel Batchelor, winner of the t-shirt design contest held on Earth Day 2009, with a framed copy of his artwork and a t-shirt. Rawls Whittlesey, chairman of the 2010 Earth Day, announced that Tyrone would host the 2010 event.

Public Comment

There were none.

Agenda Changes

There were no changes to the agenda.

Minutes

Boone moved to approve the September 17, 2009, regular meeting minutes as amended. Sturbaum seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports

There were no comments on the Monthly Reports.

Consent Agenda

1. Consider Water Rescue MOU with Fayette County
2. Consider Ratification of Notice of Termination of Agreement with Ticketmaster
3. Consider Evidence/Property Purge

Plunkett moved to remove Consent Agenda item #2 for separate consideration. Sturbaum seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Sturbaum moved to approve Consent Agenda items #1 and #3. Boone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Plunkett moved, assuming there was a binding agreement with Ticketmaster, that the City vote to terminate the agreement. Sturbaum seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Agenda Items

There were no Old Agenda Items.

New Agenda Items

10-09-01 Update on Lazars and Lightning Merger

Garrett Williams, president of the Peachtree City Youth Soccer Association and a board member of the AFC Lightning, and Jason Thompson, former president of the AFC Lightning Board and president of the AFC Board of Directors, addressed Council on the merger of the select teams. Williams said that with the synergy of talent, kids, resources, and finances, a better service would be provided by combining the City's (Peachtree City Lazars) and the County's (AFC Lightning) select organizations. The decision to merge the select programs was unanimous among the groups involved (all the staff, all the coaches, Peachtree City Youth Soccer Association, Fayette County Youth Soccer Association, Peachtree City Recreation Department, and Fayette County Recreation Department). The Notice of Intent was published in April. Williams pointed out that neither the City's nor the County's recreation soccer programs would change. Only the select organizations had merged.

Williams continued that the advantages to the merger included more coaches for the select program and the ability to build better teams and attract additional players. The select program now had 600 players in addition to the regular recreation programs offered by the City and County. In the future, academy teams would be formed. The websites would be combined in a few weeks to create a more powerful tool to draw tournaments. Currently, they were wearing the same uniforms as last year with the addition of an AFC patch. They were operating under new bylaws and a combined budget.

Thompson noted that soccer was big deal in Fayette County. Some of the best players in the world had come through Fayette County. Players in the newly-combined program would travel all over the United States, with the opportunity to be picked up to play on national teams, which went to the World Cup. Seniors from McIntosh and Whitewater High Schools on one of the top teams had all earned either full or partial scholarships covering a majority of their expenses to Division 1 schools next year. Thompson added that they appreciated the help from the City and County recreation departments.

Williams added that the new organization had been able to commit over \$40,000 for scholarships to the select program. Being able to combine the two programs made a difference to the families who could not otherwise afford for their children to play on the teams during the tough economic times.

Sturbaum noted that Carly Banks, a starting freshman on Louisiana State University's team, had come through the select program and had been named the SEC Player of the Week.

10-09-02 Consider Position Reclassification – HR Manager

Plunkett moved to approve the reclassification of the human resources manager to human resources administrator. Boone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

10-09-03 Consider Amendment to Canongate Lease Agreement for the Tennis Center

Financial Services Director Paul Salvatore said staff recommended that Council approve the amendment to the lease agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign it. Sequoia had taken over management of the Tennis Center in June and there were some improvements they wanted to make to the facility at Canongate's expense. They hoped to be able to complete the improvements before a tournament scheduled in November, including work on the restaurant area, pro shop, locker rooms, and signage.

Sturbaum moved to approve the amendment to the Canongate lease agreement for the Tennis Center and authorize the Mayor to sign. Boone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

10-09-04 Consider DOT Agreement, CSX RR/SR 54 Multi-use Path Connections

Logsdon noted there was an additional item on the dais – the memo from staff concerning the agreement.

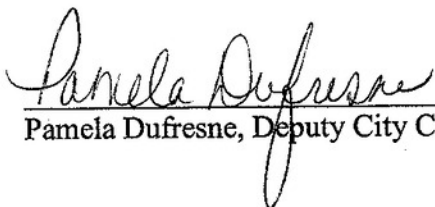
Sturbaum moved to approve the agreement with the Department of Transportation for the CSX railroad/SR 54 multi-use path connections in the amount of \$457,490 and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Plunkett seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

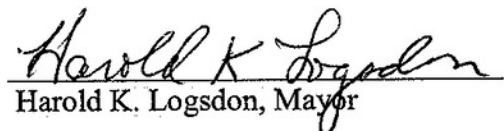
City Manager Bernard McMullen said the project was in the home stretch. Staff would bring award of the contract to the contractor to the October 15 meeting. Council consensus was to hold a special called meeting prior to October 15 if necessary.

Council/Staff Topics

There were none.

There being no further business to discuss, Boone moved to adjourn the meeting. Sturbaum seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


Pamela Dufresne, Deputy City Clerk


Harold K. Logsdon, Mayor