City Council of Peachtree City
Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2009
7:00 p.m.

The City Council of Peachtree City met in regular session on Thursday, September 17, 2009. Mayor Harold Logsdon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Council Members attending: Steve Boone, Cyndi Plunkett, and Doug Sturbaum.

Announcements, Awards, Special Recognition

Mayor Logsdon read a proclamation for the Great Georgia Airshow on October 10-11, 2009. Members of the Atlanta Southern Crescent Alumnae Panhellenic Association (ASCAPA) and Peachtree City Rotary Club presented togas and laurel wreath headdresses to the Mayor and Council to announce the 2nd Annual Toga Trot on October 31. Proceeds from the event would benefit the ASCAPA Scholarship Fund and the Rotary Polio Eradication Fund. Mayor Logsdon presented the City's former mayors with numbered prints of the 50th anniversary commemorative print by Thomas Burns.

Public Comment

Robert Brown asked Council to consider a future ban on the registration of gas-powered golf carts until there were emissions standards, appropriate pollution control equipment, and testing protocols established. Those currently registered should still be allowed. He noted, in particular, the odor emitted from gas carts on the paths, which was offensive to him.

Al Yougel, Keep Peachtree City Beautiful director, gave Council an update on the hours of community service performed via the organization. The total was 1,425 hours year-to-date (March – 32, April – 104, May – 100, June – 99, July – 360, August – 611, September – 141).

Agenda Changes

There were none.

Minutes

Boone moved to approve the August 20, 2009, special meeting minutes; August 20, 2009, regular meeting minutes; August 27, 2009, special called meeting minutes; and September 3, 2009, regular meeting minutes. Sturbaum seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. **Consider Amendments to Alcohol License Ordinance – Alcoholic Beverage Handling Permits & Alcohol Beverage Handling Permit Revocation Proceedings**
2. **Consider FY 2010 Official Intent Resolution**
3. **Consider Appointment of Planning Commission Members – Patrick Staples, Joe Frazar, Lisa Curtis (alternate)**

Logsdon noted there was an additional item on the dais pertaining to Item 3 – a memo from the Selection Committee noting their recommendations.

Sturbaum moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 – 3. Plunkett seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Agenda Items
There were none.

New Agenda Items

09-09-05 Consider Agreement with Promise Place for Funding
Administrative Services Director Nikki Vrana advised Council the agreement formalized the funding Council had approved in the FY 2010 budget. Plunkett moved to approve the agreement with Promise Place for $7,500 in funding once FY 2010 began. Sturbaum seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

09-09-06 Consider Agreement with Fayette Senior Services for Funding
Vrana indicated this was the same type of agreement as the one for Promise Place, formalizing the funding already approved in the budget. Plunkett moved to approve the agreement with Fayette Senior Services for $15,630 in funding once FY 2010 began. Sturbaum seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

09-09-07 Consider Approval of FY 2010 PCTA Budget
Peachtree City Tourism Association (PCTA) member Kai Wolter addressed Council, noting that the FY 2010 budget reflected a full year of operation without the Tennis Center or Amphitheater. The budget included built-in contingencies for shortfalls in the hotel/motel tax in staffing levels and marketing. If the hotel/motel tax continued below projections, the PCTA was also prepared to reduce website production and marketing expenses. Special event funding would continue even if there was a shortfall in the hotel/motel tax. The budget included a 20% transfer of the hotel/motel tax to the Peachtree City Airport Authority (PCAA). He said they were confident they had a break-even budget for FY 2010.

Wolter continued that the PCTA's role would be that of a convention/visitors bureau (CVB) with the right personnel on hand. He noted that NCR's training program had started. In 2010, there would be approximately 80-100 students expected in the City's hotels and restaurants each week. Wolter noted that a draft of the PCTA's marketing plan was available for Council.

Sturbaum said he appreciated the full transfer to the PCAA. The PCTA had good things going on, and their endeavors needed to be protected. He asked that the PCTA carefully consider future cuts to avoid cutting a program that had a significant impact. He asked if a review of the budget was planned in 60 days. Wolter said they planned to review the budget every two months. Marketing would be the first area considered for cuts.

Boone asked for information on the tangibles in the marketing plan. Wolter said they would continue association memberships, social networking, blogging, adding that Lauren Yawn, the PCTA executive director, and Bill Bexley, the PCTA chairman, were attending a seminar. The PCTA also be working with the Development Authority of Peachtree City to ensure efforts were not being duplicated. The PCTA had drafted the agreement with the PCAA that week. Sturbaum said he would like to see the agreement. Wolter said he could send it to him.

Plunkett said that Council should get a status report six months into the fiscal year. City Manager Bernard McMullen suggested the PCTA budget be reviewed during Council Retreat.

Plunkett moved to approve the PCTA's FY 2010 budget with the contingency that Council would review the budget at Retreat. Boone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

09-09-08 Consider Approval of Amendments to PCTA Articles of Incorporation & PCTA Bylaws

Wolter explained that all references to the Tennis Center had been removed from the documents.

Sturbaum moved to approve the amendments to the PCTA Articles of Incorporation and PCTA Bylaws. Boone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

09-09-09 Consider Fire House Software Upgrade

Captain Dave Williamson explained that the Fire Department had been using the same Fire House software since 2001, recently finding out that it would no longer be supported in 2010. The plan had been to upgrade the software in FY 2011, but staff wanted to move that up due to the support issue. The software upgrade had been tested and was much faster.

Plunkett noted that, in the staff memo on the agenda item, the funds would be taken from account 100-3510-52-2200. She asked what account that was. Williamson said the money would be taken from the Repair of Equipment account, which had a surplus.

Plunkett moved to approve the Fire House software upgrade ($12,790 for 11 licenses and one year of support). Sturbaum seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

09-09-10 Consider Architectural Services for Expansion of Station 84

City Engineer Dave Borkowski said staff recommended that Council approve Leo A. Daley for the architectural services for $56,000. The size of the station needed to be increased by 1,250 square feet due to the increase in personnel. Leo A. Daley would provide all architectural services including programming, design and contract documents, specifications with general and supplemental conditions and bidding requirements, as well as full service contract administration. Staff requested the proposal from Leo A. Daley due to the excellent service provided in the past. The fees for the civil engineering and sanitary work would be handled separately. The funds would be taken from the 2009 Bricks & Mortar loan.

Plunkett moved to approve Leo A. Daley for the architectural services for the expansion of Station 84 in the amount of $55,000 plus $1,000 for reimbursable expenses, for a total not to exceed $56,000. Boone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

09-09-11 Consider Reclassification of a Sergeant Position

Plunkett moved to reclassify the sergeant position as outlined in the agenda (reclassification of sergeant position to lieutenant position to be assigned to the Police Department's Professional Standards Division). Boone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council/Staff Topics
Boone asked for an update on the multi-use path tunnel under SR 74 at Paschall/Willow Road. McMullen said the City was currently in right-of-way acquisition. The easements on the west side had been delivered to the property owners for signature. They were still negotiating with one property owner on the east side and hoped to finalize it soon. When completed, the easements would come before Council for approval. The project should go out to bid in November, with construction to begin at the end or the year or first of next year.

McMullen reported that the traffic signal at SR 74/Wisdom Road had been installed that day. The signs were up, and the signal would be flashing for approximately a week and a half. The signal should be operational in a few weeks.

McMullen noted that there were several events occurring in the next few weeks that would affect operations at City Hall and the Library. On September 22, the Fayette County Water Department would replace a faulty fire hydrant, and there would be no water at either facility after 12:00 p.m. Port-o-potties would be brought in, and both facilities would remain open. Due to the set-up for the 50th anniversary events on the evening of September 25, both the Library and City Hall would close at noon. On September 26, the Library would be closed due to the Dragon Boat Races and International Festival. On October 2, an electrical pole in the City Hall parking lot had to be relocated in preparation for the culvert replacement under Willowbend Road, so there would be no power after 12:00 p.m. The Library would close, and City Hall would remain open on the emergency generator. McMullen added that the October 2 date was tentative, and staff was waiting for Georgia Power to confirm. The information would be on the City website and in the ***Update***. Sturbaum asked why City Hall did not close at noon on September 22 rather than resorting to port-o-potties. Administrative Services Director Nikki Vrana noted that qualifying for the special election for Post 1 began at 8:30 a.m. on September 21 and ended at noon on September 23. The qualifying period had to last for two and one-half days, plus City Hall would also be closed the afternoon of September 25.

Plunkett added that Shakerag, the City's annual arts and crafts festival, was scheduled September 19-20. She also encouraged residents to sign up for the weekly ***Update*** e-mails sent by Public Information Officer/City Clerk Betsy Tyler.

Boone moved to convene into executive session to discuss a personnel matter and pending or threatened litigation at 7:45 p.m. Sturbaum seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Boone moved to reconvene in regular session at 8:14 p.m. Sturbaum seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Sturbaum moved to adjourn. Boone seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Pamela Dufresne

Pamela Dufresne, Deputy City Clerk

Harold K Logsdon

Harold K. Logsdon, Mayor