

**City Council of Peachtree City
Special Called Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2013
9:30 a.m.**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Peachtree City met in special called meeting on Friday, September 13, 2013. Mayor Haddix called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Other Council Members in attendance: Vanessa Fleisch, Eric Imker, and Kim Learnard.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the following items:

- (1) Cancel the September 19, 2013, meeting, and
- (2) Consider the following language to amend the City's proposed SPLOST list:

"Allocating \$500,000 in funding for the study and construction of transportation improvements to include movement upgrades, signal upgrades and other fiscal corridor upgrades (including new roads) which may be needed to improve the operational movements of traffic throughout the city."

(1) Cancel the September 19, 2013, meeting

Learnard moved to cancel the September 19, 2013, meeting. Imker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

(2) Consider the following language to amend the City's proposed SPLOST list:

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Learnard said that, after examining the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) list for Peachtree City, she realized the only item on the list for roads was paving. The amended wording would give the City flexibility that might be needed for other things, such as traffic signals, new roads, improvements, and traffic studies.

Haddix said that, with the history of SR 54 West discussions and the closing of the two local Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) offices, the funding for the SR 54 corridor study had to be attached to a development project plan. If the SPLOST passed, the City would receive an estimated \$14.6 million, but the City had \$20 million in repairs projects. The amendment, if approved, would take \$500,000 away from the work that needed to be done.

Learnard said Haddix had a reasonable argument, but having \$500,000 for traffic improvements and studies would give the City flexibility to improve traffic throughout the City, not just on SR 54 West.

Imker said that, when he first read the language, he thought the \$500,000 would be spent on a traffic study, but then he realized that would not happen. A study would only cost five to 10% of the \$500,000, if that much. Imker said he wanted the citizens to have the opportunity to say yes or no on the SPLOST.

Fleisch pointed out that the language was not exclusive to SR 54 West. There were other areas of the City that could benefit from a traffic study and/or improvements.

Imker said flexibility was the key in the amendment. If the language was not included in the SPLOST list, the City would miss an opportunity.

Haddix noted that the language stemmed from Council's previous discussions on SR 54 West.

Learnard moved to amend the language on the City's proposed SPLOST list as stated. Imker seconded. Motion carried 3-1 (Haddix).

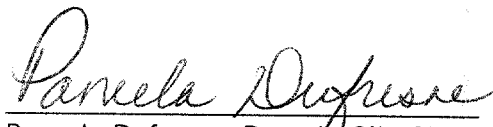
Fleisch gave an update on the letter that had been sent to GDOT regarding a corridor study on SR 54, adding that a meeting had been held on August 26 that included GDOT representatives, Coweta County representatives, and the GDOT employee who synchronized the traffic signals. Long and short-term solutions were discussed.

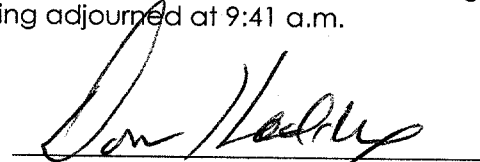
Fleisch continued that when it came to synchronization of the signals, GDOT's primary concern was to keep the traffic on SR 54 moving, which meant the side streets would suffer. According to GDOT, they needed to strategically plan for the area, and the local jurisdiction(s) involved would have to pay for the study. There would be a follow-up meeting to discuss the scope of the study. Fleisch added that, per the GDOT, the level of service on SR 54 West was a C, which was not high on GDOT's priority list. If the cities along the corridor wanted to ameliorate traffic, they must provide the impetus. Fleisch said it had been a good meeting, and she felt things were moving in a positive direction.

Haddix said Fleisch had just vindicated his position on the letter and his vote on the SPLOST project amendment. He appreciated her report, adding that in 2009 the developer had paid to have the signals synchronized.

Learnard asked Haddix if he had attended the August 26 meeting. Haddix said he had not been invited, but he had attended the previous meetings in 2008 and 2009.

There being no further business to discuss, Learnard moved to adjourn the meeting. Fleisch seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.


Pamela Dufresne, Deputy City Clerk


Don Haddix, Mayor