

**MINUTES OF MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF PEACHTREE CITY
September 3, 1992
7:00 PM**

The City Council of Peachtree City met in regular session on Thursday Night September 3, 1992 at 7:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Lenox led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance. Present were Mayor Robert L. Lenox, Councilmen Edward Bradford, Annie McMenamin, Robert Brooks and Caroline Price.

Mayor Lenox administered the oath of office to Ms. Caroline Price as Councilmember to Post 4 and Ms. Price took her seat on Council.

Addition of Agenda Items

Mayor Lenox made a motion to add an item to the agenda to discuss relief aid for Hurricane Andrew. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Item was added as item 9-92-3.

Announcements, Awards, Special Recognitions

Mayor Lenox announced that anyone wishing to speak to the issues should go to one of the microphones provided and state his or her name and address for the record.

Mayor Lenox announced that an Artifacts Display Project was begun by the Airport Authority during the excavating of Falcon Field, to house the artifacts that were discovered during the construction. Mayor Lenox called attention to the traveling exhibit that was on display which would be available to the elementary schools through the Airport Authority.

Mayor Lenox read a Proclamation recognizing the Peachtree City Pacers Swim Team on their winning season. Ms. Caren Betts and many members of the team were present for the presentation and several came forward and spoke of their winning season.

Department Reports

Mayor Lenox announced that Department Reports would be available after the next scheduled meeting.

Minutes

McMenamin made a motion that the minutes of the August 20, 1992 meeting be approved as presented. Bradford seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Agenda Items

There were no old agenda items.

New Agenda Items

9-92-1 Public Hearing 1993 Fiscal Year Budget

Mayor Lenox gave an overview of the budget process that began in April and explained that it had gone through Staff, the City Manager and Council, prior to this public meeting. Mayor Lenox complimented Staff for their work on the 1993 Budget. Mayor Lenox asked City Manager Jim Basinger to give a review of the Budget. Basinger reported that revenues totaled \$8,629,001. Basinger stated that the \$8,629,001 budget was based on no increase in the tax millage rate and included \$293,000 in re-budgeted Public Improvement Program projects, which were not finished this year. Basinger explained that the budget was based on a projected six percent increase in revenues compared to a four percent projected increase in revenues for the current fiscal year. Basinger reported that there had been an increase in building permit revenues, Local Option Sales Taxes and other revenue sources over the last six months and that staff felt that the projected six percent revenue increase was realistic.

Basinger stated that the increase in the division budgets, which totaled \$5,541,226, was projected to be eight percent, due to new personnel positions, replacement vehicles, increased court costs, legal fees and election expenses. Basinger explained that the proposed Public Improvement Program, which totaled \$1,637,527 and included rebudgeted projects, was a seven percent increase over the current year's funding level and that the major project in 1993 would be the \$560,000 Kedron Village Fire Station.

Basinger reported that in the Self Insurance Fund program, totaling \$1,227,000, due to legal expenses, there was some reduction in the Reserve Fund and the Health Insurance Reserve fund had been affected by employee health problems. Basinger stated that it was hoped that the Self Insurance reserve could be built back up in 1993.

Basinger reported that Debt Service totaled \$223,248 and was primarily a bond payment for the City Hall Complex and Weber Fire Station and that the expense in that area was about \$30,000 less than 1992, due to paying off the Fire Department Ladder Truck. Basinger stated that the final payment for the ladder truck had been made in 1992.

Basinger reported that the proposed Council Contingency Reserve Fund had \$88,112 for contingencies, with \$80,000 included in the Public Improvement Program Fund and \$8,112 in the General Fund. Basinger announced that staff was present to answer any questions Council might have.

Mayor Lenox asked if there were any questions and welcomed questions from the public.

Mr. Fred Guillard, Wynnmeade Subdivision resident, came forward and asked if the proposed budget included finishing the basketball court in Wynnmeade. Basinger stated that Phase I budgeted in FY92 for the Wynnmeade Park was complete and Phase II, which included the basketball court, would be on target for FY93. Mr. Guillard stated that he had a letter dated March 29, 1991, that stated items that would be put in included cart paths, picnic tables and grills. Basinger stated that Council approved those items for Phase III to be completed in FY94. After some discussion about the phases of the project, Mr. Guillard asked how many fire hydrants would be added in Wynnmeade. Basinger stated that four fire hydrants would be added. Mr. Guillard asked when the bicycle bridge over Highway 74 would be started and if the money was still available. Basinger stated that the Department of Transportation, who would be building the bridge, was working on its own time schedule but that the monies required for the City were available. Mr. Barry Amos, City Engineer, stated that he felt the bridge would be started toward the end of November or the first of December.

Brooks gave his thanks to staff and stated that for the third year in a row the budget had been kept down. Brooks gave the Police Department as an example of keeping the budget down and stated that Peachtree City had the lowest crime rate and worked with ten to twenty percent less force than other cities of the same size. Bradford thanked staff and stated that the budget had been created without seeing the new tax digest.

Brooks made a motion to approve the Fiscal year 1993 budget as presented. McMenamin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9-92-2 Amphitheater Rental Rates

Jim Basinger, City Manager, stated that the Amphitheater Committee had developed a fee schedule for the Frederick Brown, Jr. Amphitheater and that the fees had been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Recreation Commission. Basinger stated that at the May 21, 1992 City Council meeting, Council had set temporary fees for the Amphitheater of \$500 plus expenses or 12 1/2% of the gross revenues, whichever was greater. Basinger stated that the proposed fee schedule would have two categories of events with rental rates as follows:

COST TO NON-REVENUE PRODUCING EVENTS

Performance	\$ 750.00
Rehearsal/Practice	1 Free

COST TO REVENUE PRODUCING EVENTS

Performance	\$1,200.00
or 12 1/2 % of gross revenue, including admission, whichever is greater. (Head count minus 10% equals admission).	
Rehearsal/Practice	1 Free

Basinger stated that Mr. Glen Allen, Amphitheater Committee member, and Marcy Curry, Recreation Department, were present to answer any questions Council might have. Basinger also stated that Councilman Bradford had served on the committee.

Mayor Lenox stated he felt charging 12 1/2% of the gross revenue for non-profit events was too high and stated he would like an amendment allowing that the maximum rental amount be \$3000.00. Lenox asked if the committee had looked at non-profit organizations when developing the fee schedule. Bradford, who sat on the Amphitheater Committee, stated that the committee had looked at fees for non-profit organizations and the committee felt the fee fair, considering the amount of money it took to run the Amphitheater. Bradford stated that none of the fees included wear and tear on the facility and the citizens would eventually pay when the facility needed to be re-furbished. Bradford stated that if an organization charged \$12.00 per seat the profits would be \$24,000.00 and that the City should share in those profits. Bradford stated that he was not anxious to set a cap on rental fees.

City Attorney Jim Webb, spoke on behalf on the Chamber of Commerce, and stated that it was very difficult for non-profit organizations to gain revenue for charitable organizations when paying a high fee as well as expenses to the performers. Webb stated that the Chamber was sponsoring the high school youth of Fayette County who would be putting on a concert to defray the costs of the Junior/Senior Dance. Webb stated that the band fee was \$20,000 plus expenses and that the 12 1/2% would cut down on the students revenue. Mayor Lenox stated that he would like to see more events like that at the Amphitheater and that the 12 1/2% would be taking away from the non-profit organization. Lenox stated that even if no one attended the concert, the band still needed to be paid. Price asked Bradford if the non-profit organization filled the Amphitheater, would the costs of running the Amphitheater go up. Bradford stated that the expenses for the City would go up. Webb stated that for the non-profit organization it would be better to base the 12 1/2% on profit and not revenue, as there were many expenses incurred. Bradford stated that it was very hard for the City to determine profit, and that it would have to be determined based on a figure of what would be charged at the time the contract was signed.

Brooks stated that he felt comfortable with the \$3,000 cap for non-profit organizations considering most non-profit groups would ultimately benefit the community. Brooks suggested that the cap

be put on a non-profit organizations based in Fayette County so that the revenue could be put to use in the community.

McMenamin stated that she agreed with Brooks, but asked how you determine a Fayette County organization. She gave the March of Dimes and the Cancer Society as examples. Brooks felt that most of those organizations had Fayette County branches and that an exception could always be made. Bradford stated that if an exception could be made, why not make an exception for the Chamber of Commerce and leave the fee schedule as it was. Brooks stated that it would be common for organizations to ask that an exception be made and felt that a non-profit organization from out of the area would not request the Amphitheater very often. McMenamin stated that she would like the amendment put to a motion. Bradford asked Marcy Curry how many non-profit organizations had requested use of the Amphitheater. Curry stated that they had many requests and that over the past year they had ten requests and seven had used the facility. Curry stated that could change, since it was the first year and more and more organizations have been discovering Peachtree City, especially requesting use of the cart paths. Lenox asked Curry if any "for-profit" groups had approached the Recreation Department for use of the Amphitheater. Curry stated they had, but she had not encouraged it and so far no contracts had been given. Price asked if a cap of \$3,000 would still cover the City's expenses if the Amphitheater was filled to capacity. Curry stated that it would cover the expenses. Brooks made a motion to approve the Amphitheater rental rates as amended by Mayor Lenox, stipulating the cap of \$3,000 for Fayette County non-profit organizations. McMenamin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9-92-3 Hurricane Andrew Relief

Mayor Lenox stated that through the Georgia Municipal Association and the Atlanta Fire Chiefs Association, Peachtree City was asked to help with the relief efforts for Hurricane Andrew. Mayor Lenox stated that he had issued an executive order authorizing City Staff support. Basinger stated that the planned City support would be as follows:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Time Period</u>
4-Man EMS	Advanced Life Support Ambulance	7 Days
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4-Man Clean-up Crew	Dump Truck, P/U Truck, Chain Saws, etc.	10 Days

Basinger stated that the crews were on stand-by waiting to be called. He explained that the EMS crews could possibly be air-lifted out of Dobbins Air Force Base and that there would be three volunteer EMS personnel, and 1-2 paid Paramedics on each team for

a seven day period. The clean-up crew would consist of a supervisor and a three man crew that would be gone for ten days. Basinger stated that Peachtree City was attempting to work with Fayetteville and possibly convoy to Florida if sent to the same area.

Basinger reported that the projected expenses as follows would be a worst-case scenario:

EMS	\$10,656.00
Clean-up Crew	\$ 8,547.40
TOTAL	\$19,203.40

Basinger stated that Peachtree National Bank had issued the City a credit card for emergency use and that the card would be turned back in as soon as the crews returned home. Basinger stated that Peachtree National had asked for Council authorization of the credit card. Basinger stated that staff recommended Council approve the funds from the 1992 Council Reserve Fund, or the 1993 Council Reserve Fund, should the call come after October 1, 1992, and authorize the VISA credit card.

Price asked Basinger when the crews might be called upon. Basinger stated there were many volunteers assisting now, but as soon as they returned home, Peachtree City could expect a call, as we do have an advanced life support unit ambulance available to go. Basinger stated that Peachtree City had three advanced life support unit ambulances and that Fayette County could back up the City if support was needed. Price stated that there would be long term needs due to the disaster and that it was wonderful that Peachtree City could assist.

Bradford stated that the Fire Department would be sending down a disaster expert, and that he hoped the department would take a good look, take notes, and bring back ideas to use in case a disaster occurred in Peachtree City. Bradford commended the volunteers going down and gave his thanks to them. Price made a motion to approve the \$19,203.40 in funds for Hurricane Andrew relief as proposed by the City Manager and to approve authorization of the VISA credit card for the City. McMenamin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Brooks stated for the benefit of the citizens, that emergency care locally would not be compromised during this effort.

There being no further business to come before Council, Bradford made a motion that the meeting be recessed to be reconvened into executive session to discuss the Black lawsuit. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

No action was taken in executive session and Bradford made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM. Lenox seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Angie Stevens
Angie Stevens, Asst. City Clerk

Robert L. Lenz Attest
Mayor