

CITY OF DORAVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2006

Present: Mayor, Ray Jenkins
Council, Marlene Hadden
Jason Anavitarte
Donna Pittman
Ed Lowe
Bob Spangler
Tom Hart

City Attorney, Rick Powell

Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Jenkins asked for a motion to approve the August 7, 2006 minutes. Council Member Hart asked how many times the minutes had been revised. The City Clerk stated that she had made some changes that were suggested by the City Attorney and changes to statements made by some of the Planning Commission.

Council Member Hadden made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2006 Council meeting. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Hart voting no.

Council Member Hadden made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2006 Called Council Meeting. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Hart voting no.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve the minutes from the Called Council Meeting held on August 28, 2006. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Hart voting no.

Mayor Jenkins stated that he had been in touch with Mary Ann Edwards, with Georgia Power, concerning the decorative lighting along Buford Highway. Ms. Edwards had stated that the decorative lighting along Buford Highway was being metered and that the City of Doraville would have to pay the power bill. Mayor Jenkins and Ms. Edwards talked to the County and the County will pay the power bill for the decorative lighting along Buford Highway.

Myung Sook Lee was not present.

Charlene Fang gave a brief update on the New York Dragon Boat Race. Ms. Fang stated that the Doraville Swat Team had come in at third place. This was very good considering that the Swat Team had been given the oldest and smallest boat in the race. The boat sat

very heavy and low in the water. Ms. Fang presented a medal to Mayor Jenkins and Lt. Hudgins presented a medal to Chief King.

Tex Pittsfield asked the Council to change the time period for truckers to renew security permits from one year to two years. Mr. Pittsfield stated that he was at the Council meeting on behalf of all the oil companies in Doraville. Mr. Pittsfield gave a brief history of the security permits that were started after 9/11. Mr. Pittsfield stated that Doraville was the first City to require security permits and that it was a great idea. Other agencies are now requiring a security permit to be renewed every two years. The one year permit is slowing down business and becoming costly to the drivers by the loss of time it take to get the security permit.

Chief King stated that the Police Department had only one person who handled the permits for all truck drivers, office and tank farm personnel, taxi permits, and alcohol permits. Requiring two year permits would cut the work load in half. The only draw back would be if one of the drivers had a violent crime in the State of Georgia, Chief King would not catch it until after two years. If the crime was committed out of State then Chief King would not know about it. Chief King stated that we could not just depend on the City of Doraville but all the other agencies that were checking the drivers.

Council Member Hart made a motion to change the requirements for security permits to two years. Motion died for lack of a second.

Council Member Pittman stated that she was not going to jeopardize the safety of the City.

Council Member Lowe stated that the bids for the Arena copy machine had been opened at the work session. Council Member Lowe asked for this item to be table until further information could be obtained.

Council Member Pittman announced that the DeKalb Neighbor would publish all of Doraville's announcements at no cost. The City's legal organ is the Champion, but the Champion is not available to all of the citizens.

Council Member Hadden stated that she had been asked by a couple of the Planning Commissioners to discuss changing the first paragraph of Ordinance 06-21 to change "shall to may". The City Attorney stated that this was not a good idea. The City Clerk needed to forward all rezoning and variance applications to the Planning Commission and the City Planner.

Council Member Hadden announced that a question and answer session would be held at the Civic Center on Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at the Civic Center. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Council Member Hadden stated that she been asked by residents to hold this question and answer session so that the residents could get some straight answers.

Council Member Hadden announced that the Northwood's Neighborhood Association would have its fall kick off enrollment for new members on September 11, 2006 from 7:00 to 7:45 at the Presbyterian Church on Chestnut Street..

Council Member Hadden stated that after the Council met with the Planning Commission it was decided that the Planning Commission needed training.

Council Member Hadden commended Cat Sherlock for doing the research on Planning Commission training. ARC will be holding a three day class and most of the Planning Commissioners have signed up for the three day class that starts on September 7, 2006.

Council Member Hadden stated that the Planning Commission had found a free class at the City of Acworth on September 9, 2006. Council Members Hart and Lowe will also attend this meeting.

Cat Sherlock stated that Stuart Anderson had found the free class at Acworth.

Council Member Anavitarte stated that the City needed some documentation of the classes that the Planning Commission attends. The City cannot just issue a check without documentation.

Stuart Anderson stated that a Planning class was going to be held on St. Simons Island that covered material that the other training classes were not offering. Mr. Anderson thought that it would be a good idea for at least one Planning Commission member to attend that training.

Cat Sherlock stated that she would like to attend the training at St. Simons Island.

Council Member Hart made a motion for the City to allow up to \$200.00 for each member of the Planning Commission for training. The City will also pay mileage for the Planning Commission to and from the classes. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A lady stated that when the Planning Commission was created that it was stated that there would be no cost incurred by creating the Planning Commission. Council Member Hart stated that the Council is required to pay for the cost of the training for the Planning Commission.

Council Member Hadden stated that the Council had voted in the Merit Pay Raise System to reward outstanding employees but that some of the Department Heads needed training on the Merit Pay System. Council Member Hadden made a motion to allow the City Clerk to contact GMA and check on getting an instructor out to give a class on the Merit Pay Raise System. Council Member Anavitarte seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anavitarte instructed Ronnie Murphy, the City's IT person, to finish the City's website by the September 18, 2006 work session and be prepared to make a presentation to the City Council. Council Member Anavitarte wants the website to be the marketing tool that will be used to bring in new businesses to the City of Doraville.

Ronnie Murphy asked the Council if they wanted to hire a Marketing Firm to create a new image for the City of Doraville.

A lady stated that some of the links on the website were still under construction. The local schools are not even listed on the website.

A gentleman stated that the agenda stated that there would be an RFP sent out for IT Services.

A gentleman stated that the City needed to send out an RFP for a Public Relations Firm to create a new image for the City.

A gentleman stated that according to the AJC, the City of Doraville is not even on the map.

The City Attorney stated that the City could send out an RFP for either IT Services or for a Public Relations Firm.

Mayor Jenkins stated Ronnie Murphy had always done a good job for the City of Doraville.

Council Member Hadden stated that she thought the City needed to get a Marketing Firm to help create the new City image.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to send out an RFP for a Public Relations Firm to create a New Image and Marketing Plan for the City of Doraville. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Council will open the RFP's at the October 2, 2006 Council meeting.

Ronnie Murphy will complete the sections on the website that now say "under construction" and present it to the Council at the work session on September 18, 2006.

Susan Fraysee stated that she had emailed all the links that are under construction or broken links to City Hall. She hopes that the website will be completed in a timely manner.

Council Member Hart asked if this would include graphics and a new logo for the City's letter head, news letter, envelopes, and City seal. Council Member Hart stated that the City's stationery, envelopes and newsletter did not match and was not even on real paper.

Council Member Anavitarte stated that it would include graphics and a new logo.

Council Member Hart asked the Council to change the Council meetings back to twice a month. Council Member Hart stated that the City had always had two Council meetings a month. Council Member Hart stated that the Council had been having too many special meetings at odd times. The residents either did not know about the special meetings or could not attend because of the time the meeting were scheduled.

Council Member Pittman stated that the Council had voted to have one Council meeting per month and one work session per month. Both the Council meeting and the work session would be held at 7:00 p.m. This will be beneficial to the citizens and to the Council members who work.

Council Member Hart made a motion to change the Council meetings back to twice a month. Motion died for lack of a second.

Council Member Hart tabled the Stream Buffers until he can get someone from the Georgia Soil and Water to come and educate the Council on Stream Buffers.

Council Member Hart stated that there were no-parking signs on streets all over the City and wanted to know why some of the streets had been designated as no-parking.

Chief King stated that some of the streets that are designated no parking, were done so because of the Olympics. On other streets residents had come before the Council to ask for no parking because they could not even get out of their driveways.

The City Council and the Police Department will review the no parking streets. This item will be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Council Member Hart tabled the street signs until the next meeting.

Council Member Hart stated that there were Children at Play signs with 25 MPH on streets that were designated as 35 MPH. Council Member Hart stated that this was confusing and wanted to know what the speed limit was. Chief King stated that the Police Department went by the City's Speed Limit Ordinance.

A lady stated that she had small children and she was glad that the Children at Play signs were up.

Chief King will review the speed limit signs and report back to the Council.

Item number 18, money for Planning Commission school has already been addressed.

Council Member Spangler asked the Mayor if the Carl Vinson Institute Study had been done for the Building Official position, the City Clerk position, and the Maintenance Supervisor. Mayor Jenkins stated that it had not been done because the Council had

added a Building Inspector position to this study and that the Council would have to approve the change.

The Mayor was instructed to go ahead with the study without the additional Building Inspector position.

Council Member Spangler stated that Council Member Hart's conduct towards three City employees was unacceptable. Council Member Hart's verbal attacks towards City employees must stop.

Council Member Spangler made a motion for the City to amend the Ethics Ordinance to include a policy that would set the standards for Council members conduct towards City employees and other Council Members.

Mayor Jenkins asked if this would include emails as well.

Council Member Hadden stated that emails was a matter of free speech.

Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Spangler made a motion to reprimand Council Member Hart for his conduct towards City Employees.

Council Member Hart asked who his accusers were. Council Member Spangler stated that the employees were Chuck Entsminger, Ronald Buice, and Betty Cloer.

Council Member Hart asked if Chuck Entsminger was present. The Mayor stated that Chuck was not present.

Council Member Spangler asked Betty Cloer if Council Member Hart had verbally attacked her. Ms. Cloer stated yes.

Council Member Anavitarte stated that how, what, and when should be taken up in an executive session.

Council Member Hadden seconded the motion to reprimand Council Member Hart. Council Member Spangler, Anavitarte, and Hadden voted yes. Council Member Hart could not vote. Council Member Pittman stated that it was not the Council's place to reprimand a fellow Council member. Council Member Lowe abstained. Motion passed.

A lady asked if this would include emails that slandered people behind their backs.

A lady stated that this was unfair to Council Member Hart. This should have been discussed in private.

Council Member Lowe made a motion to amend the School Zone Ordinance to set hours for speed limits in school zones from 7:15 am to 8:15am and 2:15 pm to 3:15 pm. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney asked that the agenda be amended to include an amendment to the Alcohol Ordinance to define an Entertainment Facility.

Council Member Lowe made a motion to amend the agenda to include an item that would amend the Alcohol Ordinance to define an Entertainment Facility. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Lowe made a motion to waive the first reading of an amendment to the Alcohol Ordinance to define an Entertainment Facility. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Lowe made a motion to adopt an amendment to the Alcohol Ordinance to define an Entertainment Facility. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Cat Sherlock gave a brief update on the Planning Commission. Four members are going to take the training at Acworth. Three members have signed up to take the 3 day training at ARC. One member will take the training at St. Simons Island. The St. Simon Island training is offering subjects not offered in the other training session.

The Planning Commission has a better understanding of what their duties are and what is expected of them by meeting with the City Council.

Chief King announced that the Police Department has just been notified of a grant award in the amount of \$136,000.00. The grant will be used for technology updates for the purchase of lap tops in patrol cars.

Chief King asked the Council to approve a \$2.00 surcharge for each citation issued. The surcharge will be used for technology updates for all City Departments.

Council Member Hadden made a motion to approve the \$2.00 surcharge for each citation. Council Member Spangler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief King stated that the City had a proposed contract to house prisoners for the City of Sandy Spring. The contract price is \$50.00 per day per prisoner. Chief King stated that Doraville ran about ½ empty so the space would be available. Sandy Springs would bring the prisoners to the jail and pick them up.

Council Member Pittman made a motion to approve the jail contract with Sandy Springs, contingent upon Attorney approval. Council Member Anavitarte seconded the Motion. Motion carried with Council Members Hart and Lowe voting no.

Citizen Comments: A gentleman commended Council Member Pittman and Officer Hess. The gentleman had a problem in his neighborhood and Council Member Pittman and Officer Hess responded immediately.

A gentleman had given all the Council Members copies of two newspaper articles that referred to affordable housing development. Affordable housing developments are usually built around Marta Stations. The gentleman stated that there is no affordable housing around the Marta Station in Doraville.

A gentleman asked if the City could put Red Light Cameras in the neighborhoods. The gentleman stated that he had seen 9 cars run the stop sign in just a matter of minutes.

A lady commended Sgt. Lowe for coming immediately and handling a situation in her neighborhood.

Council Member Anavitarte stated that the draft of the English Oak Park design is finished and will be presented at the next Council meeting for approval. The plan will be presented at the Oakciff Neighborhood Association meeting on September 20, 2006 at the Civic Center. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Hadden announced a Town Hall meeting scheduled for September 27, 2006 for receiving public input for the redesign of Autumn Park.

A lady asked what had happened to the exits at I285, they were all brown and just turned green overnight.

Mayor Jenkins adjourned the meeting.

Ray Jenkins, Mayor

City Clerk