

**Minutes  
City of Doraville  
Council Meeting  
February 2, 2004**

Those present:

Mayor Ray Jenkins

Mayor Pro Tem Lamar Lang

Councilmember Jason Anavitarte

Marlene Hadden

David Weese

Thurman Roach

Ed Lowe

Attorney Rick Powell

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jenkins.

2. The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 20, 2004 were approved as read with the amendment to the minutes which should have included information given by Attorney Rick Powell in written form, versus verbal, to name Lee Perkins as the City Solicitor, and himself as the City Attorney, with this correction, there was a motion to approve, followed by a second.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Mr. Andy Nsirim, Sr. came before the Mayor and council to discuss the taxi fines assessed to drivers. His complaint among several things was the fact the fines are stated on the citations or in the City Ordinance. Attorney Rick Powell addressed Mr. Nsirim's questions. Mr. Nsirim's was told fines are assessed by the court, thereby posting or otherwise disclosing of fines or fees in not done in printing on the citation or ordinance. Mr. Nsirim was assured the taxi ordinance was being addressed for update and would be presented within a month or so.

4. Jason Anavitarte presented 3 bids for constructing new lettering for Oakcliff Estates signage at the each entrance into the neighborhood. Bids from Fast Signs at \$1,630.00, Omni Graphics at \$887.50, and The Sign Stop at \$927.50.

Motion was made by Councilman Anavitarte to accept the low bid.

Seconded by Councilwoman Hadden.

The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Anavitarte reported the locations of the street lights which would be installed by Georgia Power Company as proposed, at a cost of \$140.95 per month.

Motion was made by Councilman Anavitarte to accept the proposal from Georgia Power for light installation in Oakcliff Estates neighborhood.

Seconded by Councilman Lowe.

The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Anavitarte also brought up several ordinances numbered Proposals 1 through 6, to be considered as the first reading with residential references of driveways, junk vehicles, and parking. Also mentioned was the adopted codes of the DeKalb County Ordinance.

Proposal to discuss the code enforcement aspects of the ordinance with specific reference to

finer for violations, definitions of terms and allowable time for action to be taken to remedy a problem after a warning is issued. Councilman Anavitarte would like a review and amendments to the zoning ordinances as appropriate. Councilman Anavitarte asked the council to vote on only the proposal which related to driveway space reduced to 20% from 30%. All homeowners currently at the 30% driveway use would be grandfathered in and as well as allow for future repairs and replacement at the 30% use level.

Motion was made by Councilman Anavitarte to place a 45 day moratorium on driveway construction permits until further evaluation of the ordinance could be completed.

Seconded by Councilwoman Hadden.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Councilwoman Hadden reported the appropriate steps have been taken to prevent future panhandling within the city limits, specifically at I-285.

6. Mayor Jenkins reported the reinstatement of the State of Georgia paving contracts in conjunction with DeKalb County have been approved and Tilly Mill and Flowers Road will be paved this year before July.

7. Mayor Pro Tem Lang discussed the financial situation for the City. After review with the accountant for the City, the current financial situation is in good stead and more information will be reported for the mid-year budget review.

8. Chief King reported on statistics which involved gambling arrests and a large sum of cash seized in the operation. He reported since December 2003, 92 cases have been worked by the Police Department. The Chief expressed his concern about the high number of burglary cases in the city. Chief King asked everyone to call the police department if they seen anything suspicious in their neighborhood.

Chief King asked the Mayor and council to review a report regarding red light cameras being installed at the Buford Highway and I-285 intersection to monitor traffic and help detect violators running the light. He has also asked the assistance from D.O.T. to re-sequence the light to help the traffic situation.

A request for an increase of \$2000 annual salary for Marcella McElveen, the Court Clerk, who has assumed additional duties because a position not filled in the records area, was made.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Lang to give a \$2000 increase to Marcella McElveen.

Seconded by Councilwoman Marlene Hadden.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chief King wants to trade in old vehicles, 1999 Crown Victoria and a 2003 Denali.

Chief King asked permits be withheld for 5302 Buford Highway until a massage license is obtained. The licensed masseuse must be at the establishment at the times of operation.

9. Attorney Rick Powell met with the State Board of Audits and they were very supportive of the City's situation. There has been no correspondence from Don Briscoe, either to the State or the City. A list of accredited auditors was provided and the City will proceed to find a new auditor for replacement of Don Briscoe.

Attorney Powell asked the council to go ahead to set-up separate bank accounts for the bond money.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Lang to establish bond money bank account.

Seconded by Councilman Thurman Roach

The motion carried unanimously.

Mediation of the lawsuit of Kupkowski is for February 19, 2004, 10:00am, 1 to 2 council members are asked to attend with the City attorney. Further discussion will be held in executive session.

Attorney Powell said he has been instructed by various council members they did not want to have any communication or contact from Mr. Robert Brown, a former employee.

Communication should be directed to Attorney Powell. Mayor Jenkins and Councilman Lowe indicated they did not have any objection to Mr. Brown contacting them so long as it was not to discuss any issues closed at the termination of his employment.

10. Approval of the payment of the bills.

Motion made by Councilman Anavitarte

Seconded by Councilman Weese

The motion carried unanimously.

11. The meeting was opened to the floor. Representative Jill Chambers was recognized by the Mayor. Representative Chambers greeted the Mayor and Council. Mr. Fite expressed his displeasure of the building of the Bell South parking deck at the end of the Marta line. Other residents had concern for cars traveling at excessive speeds in the Oakcliff area. Chief King is working with State for radar surveillance to be permitted in the neighborhoods. Paving needs on Oakcliff Road was also noted. The Police Department was commended for their efforts for traffic control on Buford Highway.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.