

CITY OF DORAVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 3, 2005

Present: Mayor, Ray Jenkins  
Mayor Pro-tem, Lamar Lang  
Council, Marlene Hadden  
Jason Anavitarte  
Donna Pittman  
Ed Lowe  
David Weese  
City Attorney, Rick Powell

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

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve the September 6, 2005 minutes as written. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jenkins thanked the committee, who had helped him invest the City's money. The committee consisted of Council Member Pittman, Council Member Anavitarte, and Council Member Lowe. Investments are as follows:

\$4,000,000.00 in the First Intercontinental Bank at 4.70% interest

\$1,000,000.00 in Summit Bank at 4.50% interest

Mayor Jenkins stated that the City had an emergency situation at the Arena. The underground wiring had shorted out. He did not know how much it would cost to re-do the wiring but it would be cheaper to have the wiring going into the Arena overhead. Parks has \$150,000.00 in their budget for improvements, and Mayor Jenkins suggested that the City take the money out of Parks to repair the wiring at the Arena and then put the money back at a budget amendment hearing. Council Member Lowe made a motion for the Mayor to have the wiring repaired with the money from Parks. Council Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hadden made a motion to approve the Resolution to extend the Service Delivery Strategy with Dekalb County for another year. Council Member Anavitarte seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jenkins stated that the City had one response to the RFP for Property and Casualty Insurance. The Company who responded wanted so much information that it would take a week just to produce the information. Mayor Jenkins suggested that the City stay with the GMA Insurance. Council Member Anavitarte made a motion for the City to stay with the GMA Insurance. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jenkins stated that the low bid for the Storm Water Inspector's truck was from Hardy Chevrolet at \$21,810.00. This is a 2006 Silverado Work Truck with a tow package. Mayor Pro-tem Lang made a motion to accept the bid from Hardy Chevrolet at \$21,810.00. Council Member Weese seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Lowe and Council Member Anavitarte voting no.

Mayor Jenkins stated that the low bid for the Animal Control Officer's truck was \$12,800.00. This is for a 2006 Chevrolet Colorado Pick-up truck. Council Member Hadden made a motion to accept the low bid from Hardy Chevrolet at \$12,800.00. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Clerk was instructed to send out an RFP for Planning and Engineering Services immediately.

Roberto Torres was not present to speak concerning a canopy in his backyard.

Council Member Hadden made a motion to approve the Employee Review Forms and Instructions. Council Member Weese seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Lowe voting no.

Acting Chief McElroy gave a brief update on the Awards Banquet for the Police Department. Two awards were given out. The Medal of Valor and the Police Star Award. Four awards from each category were given out. One Officer won an award from each category.

The volunteer members of the SWAT Team were recognized for their bravery. Over eleven million dollars was seized in drug raids along with numerous drugs.

Council Member Hadden stated that she would like for the Council to provide gift certificates for those who won the awards and went beyond the call of duty. The Council agreed to provide gift certificates for the future Awards Banquet.

Council Member Hadden stated that she had been in touch with the Georgia Department of Transportation concerning Concord Building being built at the intersection of Chestnut and Buford Highway. Council Member Hadden stated that the DOT did not require decel lanes at the Concord building because there was no place to put them. Council Member Hadden reminded everyone that DOT had jurisdiction on Buford Highway. Council Member had the documentation for the DOT and stated that it would be available for the public.

Council Member Hadden stated that she had heard from several residents who had voiced concerns about the proposed twin towers that were going to be built behind the Waffle House. Council Member Hadden stated that the Council could not stop the development because the property was for a project such as this one. The only thing the Council could do was to make sure the developer abided by the regulations that were already in place.

Council Member Hadden stated that the Dot was already doing a traffic study at the intersection of Buford Highway and Chestnut. The Dot did not realize that Central Avenue and Buford Highway was the same intersection, but would compile traffic studies from both streets in to one study.

Council Member Hadden read a letter that she had compiled asking the DOT to use urgency in the traffic study being done at the intersection of Buford Highway, Chestnut and Central Avenue. The construction of a new two-story office retail complex is already underway at the northeast corner of this intersection and the only ingress/egress for the additional traffic is located on Chestnut Drive and only one exit out onto Buford Highway. A traffic light is needed immediately.

Central Avenue is a short span of street that leads directly and dead ends into the Doraville MARTA Station. It also handles all of the traffic leaving City Hall, The Library and the Civic Center. Even though two traffic lights are in close proximity to each other a third one is needed at the intersection of Chestnut and Buford.

Council Member asked the Mayor to reproduce the letter on City letterhead and send it to the DOT Traffic Engineer.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to lift the moratorium on zoning and building on October 18, 2005. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anavitarte stated that this was the first reading of the Three Strikes You Are Out Ordinance for business who sell alcohol to under age minors. The second reading will be held on October 17, 2005.

Council Member Anavitarte stated that he would have an Ordinance at the next Council Meeting that would bring uniformity to commercial signs along Buford Highway.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to waive the first reading of an Ordinance regarding Sex Offenders. The Ordinance would prohibit a sex offender from residing within 1,000 feet from a public or private school or educational facility, any public or private park, playground, library, recreational area, active or passive park land, child care facility, church, or public housing authority. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anavitarte stated this was the first reading of an Ordinance to eliminate Graffiti. This Ordinance would make it unlawful for any person, firm or entity engaged in a commercial enterprise to display for sale, trade or exchange, any aerosol paint container or glass etching product except in an area from which the public shall be securely precluded without employee assistance.

Council Member Anavitarte asked the Council to amend the agenda to include a Proclamation to declare October Hispanic Heritage Month. Council Member Hadden made a motion to amend the agenda. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve the Proclamation to declare October Hispanic Heritage Month. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney stated that this was the second reading and public hearing for the Dwelling Space Ordinance. The City Attorney read the Ordinance. Council Member Hadden made a motion to approve the Dwelling Space Ordinance. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney stated that this was the first reading of an Ordinance that would change the provisions for the sale of alcohol. The second reading will be held on October 17, 2005.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to waive the first reading of an Alarm System Ordinance. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to adopt the Alarm System Ordinance. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney stated that this was the second reading of an Antenna Ordinance. This Ordinance would not solve the problem of existing antennas but it would regulate future one. Council Member Hadden made a motion to approve the Antenna Ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Lang seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney stated that this was the second reading and public hearing for a Home Occupation Ordinance. The City Attorney read the Ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Lang made a motion to approve the Home Occupation Ordinance. Council Member Weese seconded the motion.

Council Member Anavitarte asked the Council to amend the agenda to add an Ordinance to provide the same Insurance Benefits to Council Members as provided to Employees. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve an Ordinance that would provide the same Insurance Benefits to Council Members as provided to Employees. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hadden made a motion to amend the agenda to add Council Member cell phones. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hadden made a motion to allow \$75.00 for Council Member cell phones. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion passed with Council Member Anavitarte voting no.

Ben Crawford gave a brief update on the Planning Commission and stated that members had been selected from the three Home Owners Associations. The Mayor and Council were presented with a list of names. The Council will make the appointments at the October 17, 2005 meeting.

Susan Fraysee gave a brief update on the LCI Study. Ms. Fraysee stated that the last Steering Committee meeting would be held on October 27, 2005. Ms. Fraysee has made a booklet containing all of the LCI Study material and will leave the booklet at the Doraville Library. Ms. Fraysee also gave a brief update on the Dekalb Transportation meeting that she attended along with Mayor Jenkins.

Acting Chief McElroy asked the Council to approve the rehiring of Rhonda Brown. Council Member Hadden made a motion to approve the rehiring of Rhonda Brown. Council Member Anavitarte seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Acting Chief McElroy ask for approval to purchase one Crown Vic at \$19,998.00 (state contract price) out of the Insurance Reimbursement account. Council Member Hadden made a motion to allow for the purchase of the Crown Vic out of the Insurance Reimbursement account. Council Member Anavitarte seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Comments: A gentleman stated that he thought that the Three Strikes You Are Out Ordinance was a great idea.

A lady inquired about the red light cameras. Chief McElroy will give an update at the next meeting.

A lady asked about the time frame for organizing the Planning Commission. Mayor Jenkins stated that the members would be appointed at the next meeting.

Mayor Jenkins adjourned the meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_Ray Jenkins, Mayor

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City Clerk