

CITY OF DORAVILLE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 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.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2006 minutes. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jenkins stated the City had received an estimate from DeKalb County for the Raymond Drive storm water project. The estimate totaled \$114,733.85. Council Member Hadden made a motion to approve the estimated cost of the storm water project on Raymond Drive. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Members Anavitarte and Spangler voting no. Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to rescind the vote to approve the estimated cost of the storm water project on Raymond Drive. Council Member Anavitarte stated that English Oak Park had been set as the number one priority for storm water and Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to wait until the estimate came in for English Oak Park before making a decision. Council Member Spangler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Spangler stated that English Oak Park had been set as the number one priority for the storm water projects and that it should remain number one.

Mayor Jenkins asked Charlene Fang, with Summit Bank to come forward. Ms. Fang stated that the Chinese New Year Celebration would be held on February 2, 2006, at the Chinese Conference Center in Chamblee. Ms. Fang stated that she hoped that everyone would get to know the Chinese Community better.

Mayor Jenkins stated that the City of Doraville had a table reserved, at the Chinese New Year Celebration, for twelve people. All of the Council Members are invited to attend.

Mayor Jenkins stated that the financial report was in the Council Member mail boxes.

Bernard Styles came forth and gave a lengthy update on the progress of the Paul Murphy Boxing Club. Mr. Styles introduced several of the boxing club members who had won world championship titles.

Mr. Styles stated that the Boxing Club had been formed in 1978 and had been the training area for several Olympic events. Mr. Stiles stated that not everyone who trained at the Boxing Club lived in the City of Doraville but that had not been a requirement in the past. One of the world champions drives a 100 miles one way to train at the Paul Murphy Boxing Club in Doraville.

Mr. Styles stated that each time one of his student boxers fought at a tournament, it was announced that he or she had been trained at the Paul Murphy Boxing Club in Doraville, Georgia. Mr. Styles stated that the publicity alone was worth keeping the Boxing Club open. Mr. Styles stated that the students were taught discipline and how to work together. These skills would go with them the rest of their lives.

Buddy Davis, President of the Amateur Boxing Association, stated that cities funding boxing as a sport and asked the City of Doraville to continue to sponsor the Paul Murphy Boxing Club. Mr. Davis stated that the Paul Murphy Boxing Club was a major part of Amateur Boxing Association and produced medalist in the Olympics. Mr. Davis stated that it was an honor to the City of Doraville to produce such fine boxers who won medals at the Olympics.

Council Member Hadden asked Mr. Styles to work with Carol Stevens, Recreation Director, to involve or have youths from our Doraville schools participate in the Boxing Club, and keep the Council updated on the progress at the Boxing Club.

Council Member Hadden stated that perhaps the Boxing Club could get financial assistance from donations. Council Member Hadden suggested that Charlene Fang, with Summit Bank, would consider sponsoring or contributing some funds towards the Boxing Club.

Council Member Hart stated that the Boxing Club was an asset to the City of Doraville and that the City should continue to support the Boxing Club.

A member and world champion boxer in the club stated that the spirit of Paul Murphy was still alive in all the students and trainers at the Paul Murphy Boxing Club. The Boxing Club produced champions of all weight classes. The Boxing Club taught the students discipline and the ability to work with others. The Boxing Club gave the students something positive to put their attention on and energy into. If this is just a matter of money, can we come to some agreement?

Council Member Pittman stated that she never knew what a fantastic Boxing Club the City of Doraville had and that she did not care if some of the students did not live in Doraville.

Susan Crawford asked if the Boxing Club could be shared with all of the children of Doraville. Mr. Styles stated that the Boxing Club was open to anyone whether they can pay the dues or not. He never turned anyone away.

Ms. Jeters, a three time world champion boxer and high school teacher, stated that the Boxing Club had been a "God Send" for all of them. She drives a 100 miles each way to train at the Paul Murphy Boxing Club because it is the best. The quality of trainers at the Boxing Club is fantastic. Ms. Jeters also stated that the USA representative for the 2008 Olympics is being trained at the Paul Murphy Boxing Club.

Charlene Fang stated that she would like to donate \$500.00 to the Paul Murphy Boxing Club.

Holly Shivers, with Robert & Co, presented the draft of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update. The last Comp Plan Update was in 1994. The Plan is composed of three parts: Community Assessment, Community Participation, and Community Agenda. The Community Assessment and the Community Participation parts are completed and will be sent to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review. Three public hearings have been scheduled for the completion of the Community Agenda portion of the Comp Plan.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve the Resolution to transmit the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Hart voting no.

Council Member Hart made a motion to hire Johnny Lawler, as a contract consultant, at the discounted rate of \$75.00 per hour for Planning and Zoning, Administration work and to assist the Mayor. The discounted rate will be good for a period of 6 months. Council Member Anavitarte seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve the age group in soccer for an 11 & 12 year old co-ed league. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve the hiring of Maurice Bryant to the Recreation Department. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hadden stated that she would have the information on Architectural Criteria & Standards to Mayor Jenkins on January 18, 2006. Council Member Hadden thanked her committee members, Julie Federor and Bonita Hoffmeister, for their excellent work and dedication in doing the research and write up on the Architectural Criteria & Standards.

Council Member Hadden stated that the Northwoods Community was in need of new signs. Council Member Hadden also stated that the Northwoods Community could use an additional planter in buffer area at Chestnut and Wheeler. New trees are needed in the islands of the Northwood's area. Council Member Hadden was given permission, by the Mayor, to set-up a committee to come-up with suggestions on new signage for the City's Welcome signs, park signs as well as neighborhood signs. It is possible a grant via the LCI Study may be available to help pay for such signage.

Council Member Hadden stated that she would like to see the Ordinance amended to raise the minimum fines for cruelty to animals. The City Attorney will have the Ordinance amendment drafted by the next meeting.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to appoint Senator Dan Weber to the Blue Ribbon Committee. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anavitarte stated that because of liability issues, he would like to pass an Ordinance to formalize the Planning Commission. Council Member Anavitarte had copies of Ordinance 05-10. The Ordinance would create a formal Planning Commission. This was the 151 reading of an Ordinance to create a formal Planning Commission. The 2nd reading will be held on February 6, 2006. Changes will be made to the Planning Commission Ordinance before the 2nd reading.

Several of the members of the Neighborhood Planning Committee asked why they had not been notified of this decision to formalize a Planning Commission. One member stated they had only been a group for about three months and had been doing research on Planning Committee's duties.

Council Member Hart asked for permission to form a committee to study the need for a traffic light at Chestnut Drive and Central Avenue. Mayor Jenkins let everyone know that a letter had already been sent to D.O.T. last year requesting D.O.T. re-evaluate this intersection.

Council Member Hart stated there were various code violations on Chestnut Drive. Mayor Jenkins stated that Sgt. Lowe was out on medical leave. Mayor Jenkins asked for the Police Department to assign Mr. Pritchard to code enforcement.

Council Member Hart asked the Council not to renew any leases on City owned building.

Council Member Hart asked for permission to have a site plan done for sidewalks on Chestnut connecting Beachwood to Buford Highway. Council Member Hart was given permission to get the site plan done for sidewalks on Chestnut connecting Beachwood to Buford Highway as long as it did not cost the City anything.

Council Member Hart stated that a sidewalk was desperately needed along Central Avenue to connect New Peachtree Road with Buford Highway. Council Member Hadden mentioned that the LCI Study had included these sidewalks as a potential project and that the City could apply for possible grant monies to help pay for these sidewalks,

Council Member Hart stated that the City needed development standards to require new developments, in the Central City area to be required to put in sidewalks using brick pavers.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to amend the agenda to include a Resolution to keep the GM Assembly Plant open. Council Member Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anavitarte read the Resolution and made a motion to approve the Resolution to keep the GM Assembly Plant open. Council Member Hart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney stated that this was the first reading of the amended Zoning Ordinance. The second reading will be held on February 6, 2006.

The City Attorney stated that this was the first reading of an Ordinance that would exempt accessory structures from the variance hearing process. The second reading will be held on February 6, 2006.

The City Attorney stated that this was the second reading of the Commercial Vehicle Ordinance. Council Member Hart made a motion that the Commercial Vehicle Ordinance be postponed. Council Member Spangler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Strickland was not present at the meeting.

Council Member Hadden gave a brief update on the DeKalb County Task Force Committee meeting. Council Member Hadden stated that the worst thing that could happen with the GM property is for it to not to be redeveloped. DeKalb County Officials realize that the GM property is in the City of Doraville and that Doraville would have control over any zoning connected with the GM property. DeKalb County will be developing overlay zoning districts for the property surrounding the GM site, but in unincorporated DeKalb County. Council Member Hadden reported that an Atlantic Station type of development appeared to be a potential highest and best use for the GM site, if it should close. The DeKalb Economic Partners such as the CDC and Emory University were mentioned as possible anchors for office space; initial employment/jobs could go over 6,000; that the State and County has set up re-training programs for GM employees at no cost to GM or the employees.

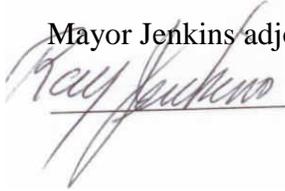
Council Member Hadden stated that she would like for Council Member Spangler to attend the next Task Force Committee meeting.

Susan Fraysee gave a brief update on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update Steering Committee. Three public hearings will be held in February. The schedule is as follows:

- February 6, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.
- February 9, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. till 10:00 a.m.
- February 15, 2005 from 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

The meetings will be held at the Doraville Civic Center and everyone is invited to attend.

Mayor Jenkins adjourned the meeting.



Ray Jenkins, Mayor

Attest; 
City Clerk