

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
City of Doraville
November 1, 2004

Those Present: Mayor Jenkins
Mayor Pro Tem Lamar Lang
Councilmembers: Thurman Roach
Ed Lowe
Jason Anavitarte
Marlene Hadden
David Weese
City Attorney: Rick Powell

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jenkins.

Mayor Jenkins stated that the Council would discontinue reading the minutes. The Council Members would have a copy of the minutes before the council meeting, to review, and the minutes would be approved at the council meeting.

Mayor Pro-tem Lang made the motion to approve the minutes from October 18, 2004. Council Member Roach seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Lang made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2004 regular meeting, August 23, 2004 called meeting, September 23, 2004 called meeting, September 20, 2004 regular meeting, September 23, 2004 called meeting, October 4, 2004 regular meeting and October 13, 2004 called meeting. Council Member Anavitarte seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Lamar Malone stated that he had been running a kitchen since 1987 out of a building at 4064 Flowers Road. Mr. Malone stated that he knew his business was out of compliance with zoning codes and wanted to do what it took to bring his business into compliance. The City Attorney and Inspector will meet with Mr. Malone and Mr. Rothman and explain what needs to be done to bring the kitchen into compliance with the city zoning codes.

Mr. Rothman withdrew his request for a cat rescue shelter at 4016 Flowers Road, Suite 470.

Frank Nunez, of the Doraville DUI School, was not present to discuss the signage problem.

Council Member Weese made the motion to remove the tennis courts at Old English Park with approval from DeKalb County and EPD concerning the drainage problem.

Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Harrell stated his company would like to develop the Lutheran Church property into a town home community. Mr. Howell stated that the property consisted of approximately seven (7) acres. Mr. Howell stated that he would like to have the property rezoned for 51 town home units. Existing mature trees would be saved and a buffer would be placed around the property facing the existing apartment complex. The town homes would sale for \$250,000.00 and up.

Mayor Jenkins stated that the Council would not make a consensus for rezoning at this meeting. Mr. Howell would have to make application for rezoning and go through the rezoning process.

Residents in the area were concerned with increased traffic from the development, property values and that the development did not fit in with the single family neighborhoods adjoining the property.

Other residents spoke in favor of the development and stated that it would add to property values and would be an incentive for others in the area to fix up their property.

Council Member Roach made a motion to approve the cost of moving the power poles at the Police Department. The cost of moving the power poles is approximately \$9,000.00. Council Member Anavitarte seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jenkins stated that the contract with DeKalb County for Storm Water Management was not ready and suggested that a work session be set up to discuss the contract with DeKalb County Officials.

Mayor Pro-tem Lang made the motion to roll the Hotel/Motel tax back to 3% and discontinue the Contract with the Convention Center. Council Member Anavitarte seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hadden reported on several commercial renovation projects.

Council Member Hadden asked the Council if no-parking signs could be put on residential streets that were already designated as no parking streets and add Raymond Drive as a no parking street.

Mayor Pro-tem Lang stated that the city had previously put up no parking signs and residents complained so much that the signs had to be taken down. The Mayor Pro-tem was reluctant to do this again.

Council Member Hadden suggested that no parking signs be placed in the dangerous areas such as curves and on hills.

Several residents expressed their desire for the no-parking signs to put up along all the streets but agreed that the no-parking signs should be placed in the dangerous areas only.

Mayor Jenkins stated that the Ethics Ordinance would be tabled until a later date.

Council Member Anavitarte made the motion to approve the resolution for submittal of the LCI Grant. Council Member Hadden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jenkins stated that each Council Member had been given a copy of the financial reports for September. Mayor Jenkins stated that if any Council Member had any questions, please ask.

Police Chief King stated that the Police Department had received 1,676 calls in the month of September. Seventeen of these calls were felonies. Chief King stated that with the holidays coming up he would caution everyone to be observant and not to hesitate to call the Police Department if they saw anyone unusual in their neighborhoods.

Police Chief King asked the Council to please get the wall at the Police Department replaced as soon as possible. Chief King stated that the bulldozer was holding the existing wall up and that it was a dangerous situation.

Mayor Jenkins stated that the plans for replacing the wall should be finished for review on Nov.2, 2004.

Mayor Pro-tem Lang asked why the city was paying \$12,000.00 for plans to replace the wall when the city had the manpower to replace the wall. The original wall was built with used crossties and has lasted 20 years.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to add Mayor Pro-tem Lang and the Police Department wall to the agenda. Council Member Weese seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Lang made the motion to allow the City Inspector and the Mayor to go ahead with getting the Police Department wall replaced. Council Member Weese seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney stated that each Council Member had a copy of the 911 Resolution. The City Attorney asked the Council's permission to negotiate the 911 fee contract. Council Member Hadden made a motion to allow the City Attorney to negotiate the 911 contract on behalf of the city. Mayor Pro-tem seconded the motion. Motion carried with Ed Lowe voting no.

The City Attorney stated that the city did not know who the tenant was at 5921 New Peachtree Road. The lease runs through November 30, 2004 and he suggest that someone from the city contact whoever is occupying the space to negotiate the new lease.

Council Member Roach made the motion to approve the 911 Resolution. Council Member Anavitarte seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A work session will be set up for the Storm Water Management contract with DeKalb County and the Georgia Power contract will be discussed at the called work session.

Citizen's comments: One citizen asked about the Marta bus route from Winters Chapel to Peachtree Industrial. He wanted to know if the route could be extended to include Flowers Road. Mayor Jenkins stated that the city did not regulate the bus routes but the City Clerk would get a schedule of the bus routes that serviced Doraville.

Another resident stated that residents on his street had parties and that the people attending the party parked on the street. He wanted to know where the people would park if the no parking signs were put up and enforced.

Another resident stated that he would like to see the town home development built. It would be an asset to the neighborhood and increase property values.

Another resident stated that he did not want to see 51 town homes built on 7 acres of land. He wanted the developer to lower the number of units per acre.

The Police Appreciation Day was a great success and plans are already under way for planning next year's event.

The pictures of the Police Appreciation Day are on the web at www.doraville.ga.com.

Jackie Byer reminded everyone vote on Nov. 2, 2004.

Mayor Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Ray Jenkins, Mayor

Date approved

Attest: