

Minutes
City of Doraville
December 6, 2004

Those Present: Mayor Jenkins

Councilmembers: Thurman Roach
Ed Lowe
Jason Anavitarte
Marlene Hadden
David Weese
City Attorney: Rick Powell

Mayor Pro Tem Lamar Lang was absent due to an illness.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jenkins.

Item number one was tabled. A Special Called Hearing will be held for this item.

Council Member Anavitarte made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2004 Regular Council Meeting, the November 15, 2004 Called Council Meeting and the November 20, 2004 Called Council Meeting. Council Member Roach seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Vescio was not present so item number three, Hotel/Motel Tax, was tabled until January 3, 2005.

Linda Hardy came forth and stated that Gillum, Driskel & Associates was a collection agency that did not charge the customer until a debt was collected. The company has been in business for over 20 years and has numerous clientele throughout the southeast. The company has an outstanding reputation for collections.

Mayor Jenkins asked if a contract would be necessary. Mrs. Hardy stated that a contract would be preferable. Mayor Jenkins stated that a study of the City's outstanding debt would be done and Mrs. Hardy would be to come back before the Council at a later date.

Chris Avers, with the Doraville Vision Planning Group, gave each of the Council Members, a draft of a proposal to form a Citizens Advisory Group. The Citizens Advisory Group would consist of nine members and would be a recommending group only.

Mayor Jenkins stated that a new Council Member would be appointed in January 2005, and that the Council would wait until the new member was appointed to make a decision on forming the Citizens Advisory Group.

Item number six was tabled until a budget amendment hearing could be held to allocate money in the budget for the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lang was absent. Item number seven was tabled.

The City Attorney opened the public hearing and second reading for the Storm Water Ordinance.

A gentleman from the audience asked why the Council would consider passing such an ordinance that would cost the residents of Doraville \$4.00 per month. Mayor Jenkins stated that this Ordinance for Storm Water Management was being mandated by the State. Storm water has become a big issue throughout the State of Georgia.

Council Member Hadden made a motion to approve the second reading of the Storm Water Ordinance and adopt the ordinance. Council Member Lowe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney opened the public hearing and second reading of the amendments to the PUD Ordinance. The ordinance would allow a planned development on a minimum of three acres of property and allow for up to 25 units per acre. Council Member Hadden made a motion to approve the second reading of the amendments to the PUD Ordinance and to adopt the amendments. Council Member Weese seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney opened the public hearing and first reading of an ordinance to allow for Special Events. The City Attorney stated that a set fee schedule should be developed and a provision made for non-profit fund raisers. Mayor Jenkins asked if the city could make provisions in this ordinance for leasing/renting the Civic Center. The City Attorney stated that the provision for leasing/renting the Civic Center could be added to this ordinance. The City Attorney stated that the second reading and public hearing for the Special Events Ordinance would be held on January 3, 2005.

The City Attorney opened the public hearing and first reading of an amendment to the Sign Ordinance. The City Attorney asked for permission to advertise the second public hearing and second reading of the amendments to the Sign Ordinance for the January 3, 2005 Council Meeting. Council Member Hadden made a motion to allow the City Attorney to advertise for a public hearing and second reading of the amendments to the Sign Ordinance for January 3, 2005. Council Member Anavitarte seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney stated that the lease renewal for City owned property at 5941 New Peachtree Road was complete and ready to be signed. The lease has been extended for a period of two years.

The City Attorney stated that the contract for the construction of the Police Department wall was complete and was waiting to be signed by both parties.

Council Member Hadden stated the plans for Concord Place at the intersection of Chestnut Drive and Buford Highway, were complete and awaiting review. Concord Place will be an office and retail center.

Council Member Hadden reported that the Comfort Inn will be renovating its facilities next year and will become a Best Western with conference facilities.

Council Member Hadden reminded everyone that the rezoning hearing for the Lutheran Church property will be held on January 3, 2005.

Council Member Hadden stated that the Northwood's Homeowners Association would hold a safe journey party for John King on December 22, 2004 at 5:30 p.m.

Interim Police Chief, Major McElroy stated that crime had taken a turn upward. The increase in crime was due to the holiday season. Major McElroy stated that the detectives were back in uniform and available to help during the holiday season.

Mayor Jenkins thanked Bridgett Weese and Doris Roberts for putting Christmas decorations in various parts of the City. The decorations were an added touch to the pole decorations put up by the Maintenance Crew.

Citizen comments: Major concerns from the citizens were as follows:

1. Completion of the city web site.
2. Lack of side walks on Tilly Mill Road.
3. Graffiti on walls and dumpsters
4. Concern of appointments to the proposed citizen advisory group.

Other comments were as follows:

1. Thanks to the Maintenance Department for decorating the City for the holidays.
2. Neighborhood Welcoming Group is forming.
3. Northwood's Neighborhood Association has signs for sale.

There be no further business the December 6, 2004, Council Meeting was adjourned.

Ray Jenkins, Mayor

Date approved

City Clerk