

Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
March 5, 2007
7:00 p.m.

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Mayor Cox led the invocation and pledge.

ROLL CALL: Those present were Mayor Joe Lane Cox, Council members Jonathan Cox, Mike Sosebee, Mike Wilson; and Linda Grant. Also in attendance were Dana Miles, City Attorney, Kim Cornelison, City Administrator/Clerk, and Steve Holder, Planning Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting held February 5, 2007. Sosebee/Grant.

Council unanimously approved the minutes of the work session held February 22, 2007. Sosebee/Cox.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A) Official name of new council chambers.
- B) Health Board Letter of Support: Niyelo program grant application.
- C) Intergovernmental Contract for Municipal Elections.
- D) Water/Sewer/Garbage Allocations (attached).
- E) Parade & Public Assembly Application: Art in the Garden, May 5 & 6, 2007.
- F) Parade & Public Assembly Application: Kiwanis Fun Run, May 5, 2007.
- G) Parade & Public Assembly Application: Annual Egg Hunt, April 7, 2007.

Council unanimously approved all of the items on the consent agenda. Cox/Grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Panel Christmas tree Proposal – December Lights. Kim Cornelison presented a proposal from December Lights, a local business, for an artificial 22 foot Christmas tree to be used for the annual tree lighting of the City. Unanimously approved, Grant/Sosebee.

Resolution to Approve Interest Rate on Water and Sewerage Revenue Bond Series 2006. Dana Miles presented a resolution to approve the interest rate for the loan portion of the Land Application System grant. Unanimously approved, Cox/Sosebee.

Parade & Public Assembly Application: GRHOF Community Yard Sale & Car Show. Kim Cornelison presented the application for a car show on April 7, 2007 and Community Yard Sale April 14, 2007. Unanimously approved, Cox/Sosebee.

Bid for Ceiling Contractor Services; Bid for Millwork Contractor Services; Bid for Paint & Stain Contractor Services; and Bid for Floor Covering Contractor Services. Steve Holder presented the results of the four different bid packages, with the staff recommendations of: Travis Garrison, ceiling contractor services; Signature Molding, Inc. for millwork contractor services; Allan Browder for paint and station contractor services; and 400 Floor Covering, Inc. for floor

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covering contractor services. The bid results are attached. Unanimously approved, Grant/Wilson.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Annexations and rezones:

ANX06-058: RD Sharma Premium Investments has made a request to annex 54.84 acres of TMP091-010. The subject property is located at the intersection of Hwy. 9 North and Hwy. 136 (the northeast corner of the intersection). The property is currently zoned CG and AG and will be PUD upon annexation. (Second reading). And ZA-12-06-1438: RD Sharma Premium Investments has made a request to, upon annexation, be rezoned from CG and AG to PUD. This rezone is in conjunction with ANX06-058.

Steve Holder presented the annexation and rezone request recommending approval with the stipulations provided by the Planning Commission. (Stipulations are attached to these minutes.) Dana Miles opened the public hearing. Approximately 80 people were in attendance. One person spoke in favor; no one spoke in opposition. Mr. Miles closed the public hearing and Mayor Cox called for a vote. Council unanimously approved with the stipulations provided, annexation ANX06-058 and zoning amendment ZA-12-06-1438. Grant/Sosebee.

ZA-11-06-1423: Gold Creek SL, LLC has requested a Zoning Map Amendment for TMP 90-26 consisting of 61+/- acres, also known as One Gold Creek Drive. The applicant is requesting to amend the master plan. Planning Commission recommends denial.

Steve Holder presented the zoning amendment. Dana Miles opened the public hearing. Approximately 80 people were in attendance. One person spoke in favor; four people spoke in opposition.

At 7:57 p.m. Mayor Cox called for a ten minute recess. Meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

Rebuttal time was provided for both sides; two professionals representing Gold Creek SL, LLC spoke in favor of the amendment, five people spoke in opposition.

Dana Miles closed the public hearing. Mayor Cox called for a vote. Jonathan Cox recused himself from voting on this issue because he had a professional conflict. Council denied the amendment three opposed, one abstained.

ZA-1-07-1466: Don Stephens, BYSTE Inc. has requested a Zoning Map Amendment for TMP 093-031 consisting of 1 acre, located at the corner of Hwy. 53 East and Perimeter Road. Current zoning is R-2. Requested zoning is HB (Highway Business District). And ANX07-001: Don Stephens, BYSTE, Inc. has made a request to annex 1 acre of TMP 93-031. The subject property is located at the intersection of Hwy. 53 East and Perimeter Road (the northeast corner of the intersection). The property is currently zoned R-2 and will be HB upon annexation. (First Reading).

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Steve Holder presented the annexation and zoning amendment. Planning Commission recommends approval. Dana Miles opened the public hearing. There were approximately 80 people present. Mr. Don Stephens spoke in favor, no one spoke in opposition. Dana Miles closed the public hearing. Mayor Cox called for a vote. Council unanimously approved annexation ANX07-001 and zoning amendment ZA-1-07-1466. Sosebee/Grant.

Ordinances:

Alcohol Ordinance: An ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 0 03/09/02 on alcohol and substitute in place a new alcohol ordinance; to fix annual license fees for the package sale of distilled spirits and off-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages within the municipality of Dawsonville, Dawson County, Georgia; to provide rules and regulations under which alcohol sales may be conducted; to provide for the licensing, control, taxation and regulation of the sale of distilled spirits, malt beverages and wine; to provide for the imposition of an excise tax; to provide punishment for violations hereof; and for other purposes as set forth herein. (First Reading.)

Dana Miles presented the ordinance stating that ordinance incorporates changes as discussed with the Mayor, council and staff. Council unanimously approved the first reading. Sosebee/Wilson.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Cox announced that things have improved at the detention pond. Paving is forthcoming at City Hall once the grading is completed. The build out for the new council chambers is progressing nicely and the elevator will be here the 15th. The sidewalk project is progressing very well and looks good.

Directional changes to roadways within historic downtown. Mayor Cox asked the council to approve making some directional changes to several Historic Downtown roads - make "One-Ways". Two areas the Mayor asked the council to specifically consider are between the hardware store and Hometown, and by the Poolroom. This should free up some space to create more parking. Council unanimously approved making these roads one-way's. Cox/Sosebee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Cox asked council to approve an executive session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of land. Unanimously approved, Cox/Sosebee.

Mayor Cox presented three different tracts of land that have been offered to the City to purchase. One tract in the historic downtown area which council previously discussed has had an appraisal and offer made to the owner. The Mayor is waiting for a response for the property owner.

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The second parcel is the two acre tract on Academy owned by the McClures. Mayor Cox disclosed the terms to the council; council was not in favor of proceeding with procuring this parcel.

The third parcel is the three acre tract adjacent to the City Hall complex owned by George Freisom. Mayor Cox disclosed the terms. Council authorized Mr. Miles to do some investigation on this tract and determine the feasibility of the terms.

Council unanimously voted to come out of executive session at 8:30 p.m. Grant/Wilson

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, the council adjourned the regular meeting at 8:33 p.m. Sosebee/Wilson.

Minutes approved this _____ day of April, 2007.

Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

Councilmember Jonathan Cox

Councilmember Linda Grant

Councilmember Mike Sosebee

Councilmember Mike Wilson

Attested: _____
Kim Cornelison, City Clerk