

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
August 6, 2007
7:00 P.M.**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Cox called the dedication portion of the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Those present included Mayor Joe Lane Cox, Council Members Linda Grant, Mike Sosebee, and Mike Wilson; staff present were Kim Cornelison, Steve Holder, Gary Barr, and Dana Miles, City Attorney. Jonathan Cox was absent due to personal illness.

DEDICATION CEREMONY:

Invocation and pledge: the Invocation was given by Dr. Jim Gaines, First Baptist, Dawsonville; Mayor Cox led the pledge of allegiance.

Recognition of Architect, Contractor, and Sub-contractors: Steve Holder, Planning & Zoning Director recognized the Duane Roof, architect, Greg Scott, contractor and all of the subcontractors who worked on the project.

Recognition of Staff and Special Guests: Kim Cornelison, City Administrator/Clerk recognized all of the special guests: Representative Amos Amerson, Nicky Gilleland, Board of Education Superintendent, Linda and Marty Williams from the Dawson County Chamber of Commerce, Danny Lewis and John Phillips of the GMRDC, Mayor Bill Stewart, City of Royston, Paul Kreager, UGA Carl Vinson Institute, all of the city staff, the members of the Planning Commission, the members of the Downtown Development Authority, and the members of the GRHOF Commission.

Recognition and appreciation: Mike Sosebee, Council Member recognized former Mayor, G.L. "Pete" Gilleland and thanked Pete his many years of service given to the City of Dawsonville.

Presentation of Proclamation: Linda Grant presented the proclamation dedicating the new council chambers as "G.L. 'Pete' Gilleland Council Chambers" to Mr. Gilleland. Dana Miles read the proclamation, a copy of which is attached to the minutes.

Presentation of Key to the City: Gary Barr, Water & Sewer Superintendent presented the Key to the City to Pete Gilleland. Mr. Barr recognized Mr. Gilleland's commitment to the City through all of the hard times and good.

Dedication: Joe Lane Cox, Mayor, stated that the City has come a long way. City Hall used to be in an old shed that was used to house a fire engine; when it rained they used to have to pull the fire engine out so that it could go on calls. The new facilities are a beautiful addition to downtown and asked the citizens to continue to support the council so that more great improvements can be made to town. Mayor Cox dedicated the new council chambers to former mayor, Pete Gilleland stating that he is one of a kind, and recognized and honored his ability to lead the City through the years.

Revealing of new Council Chambers Sign: Mike Wilson, Councilmember unveiled the sign that will hang over the doors of the council chambers. The sign says: G.L. "Pete" Gilleland Council Chambers.

At 7:15 p.m. The Council took a ten minute recess to allow the citizens to speak with former Mayor Gilleland and for photos.

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CITY RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 7:25 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the regular meeting held July 9, 2007 were unanimously approved. Sosebee/Grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Oath of Office: Walker Bramblett was sworn in as the new Municipal Court Judge for the City of Dawsonville.

Ratification and Approval of SPLOST V List: Dana Miles presented the City Council with the same SPLOST V projects list in priority order that has been prioritized and approved during executive session on June 4, 2007. Mr. Miles stated that the county has challenged whether or not this list has been previously properly approved. In an effort to resolve the county's objection so that the substantive issues of the case can be decided, the city attorney asked for ratification and approval of the same SPLOST V list again. Council unanimously approved and ratified the previously approved list of SPLOST V projects which is attached to the minutes. Sosebee/Grant.

Medical Leave – Councilman Jonathan Cox: Councilman Cox has sent a brief letter requesting a three month leave of absence due to personal medical issues. The council unanimously granted Councilman Cox a three month medical leave. Sosebee/Grant.

Historic Sign Permit: 59 Hwy. 53 West, His Rock Café: Steve Holder stated that the sign meets the requirements of the historic district sign ordinances. Council unanimously approved the sign permit. Sosbee/Grant.

Historic Sign Permit: 66 Hwy. 53 West, VanKeith Insurance Agency: Steve Holder stated that the sign meets the requirements of the historic district sign ordinances; further stating that the sign is the same size and type of sign previously existing. Council unanimously approved the sign permit. Sosbee/Wilson.

Historic Sign Permit: 58 Hwy. 9 South, Dawsonville Trading Co.: Steve Holder stated that the sign meets the requirements of the historic district sign ordinances; further stating that the sign will hang on the existing pole that has survived several businesses. Council unanimously approved the sign permit. Grant/Wilson.

Parade/Public Assembly Application: GRHOF North Georgia Nationals – Audio Sound Car Competition, August 26, 2007, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Kim Cornelison presented the application stating that the application was received late and has not been reviewed by the Sheriff or Fire Marshall; she asked for approval with the contingency that the Sheriff and Fire Marshall review and approve the event. Council unanimously approved the application with the stated contingencies. Grant/Wilson.

Local Assistance Grant Funds (Grant #08-C-L-126) - Georgia Racing Hall of Fame Museum: Mayor Cox stated that these funds are a part of the governors discretionary fund and was put in by Lt. Governor Casey Cagle, Senator Chip Pearson, and Representative Amos Amerson. These funds will be used to reimburse the City for the balance of the collateral goods of the museum purchased last year. The Council unanimously approved authorizing the Mayor to enter into the LAG agreement for the grant. Sosebee/Grant.

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Appointment of the Absentee Ballot Clerk and Elections Superintendent: Mayor Cox asked the council to appoint the absentee ballot clerk and elections superintendent stating that at the last election the city clerk was so appointed. Council unanimously approved Kim Cornelison as both the absentee ballot clerk and elections superintendent for the upcoming November 6, 2007 election.

Millage Rate Certification: The City Clerk explained how the millage is calculated and entered the same amount to be rolled back on the certification form, bring the net ad valorem to be collected to zero for the city residents. There will be no ad valorem taxes assessed in the city. Council unanimously approved the rollback to zero. Sosebee/Wilson.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Annexation

To hear Annexation Petition ANX 07-004: Gilbert Meredith has made a request to annex 0.587 acres of TMP 090-067. The subject property is located at Lot 15, Block E, Unit 2 of Gold Creek Subdivision. The property is currently zoned PCD and will be PUD upon annexation. These zoning classifications are like classifications that use different terminology to label them. (First reading).

Steve Holder read the annexation petition and Dana Miles opened the public hearing. Approximately 28 people were in attendance and no person spoke in favor or in opposition to the annexation petition.

Council unanimously approved the first reading. Sosebee/Grant.

Ordinance:

An ordinance to amend the water and sewer ordinance of the City of Dawsonville; to provide for separation of reuse and potable water; to provide for enforcement, for an effective date; and for other purposes. (Second hearing).

Mayor Cox presented the ordinance; Dana Miles opened the public hearing. Approximately 28 people were in attendance and no person spoke in favor or in opposition of the reuse ordinance. Council unanimously approved the second reading and adoption of the ordinance. Sosebee/Grant.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Dawson County Emergency Services Letter – Fire Prevention Education Materials: Mayor Cox presented a letter from Emergency Services regarding Fire Prevention Education and their desire to line up sponsors to fund educational materials. Council unanimously approved sponsoring 100 children for \$225.00 and to make any necessary budget amendments to fund the educational materials. Sosebee/Grant.

Letter of Appreciation – Northeast Georgia Council Boy Scouts of America: Mayor Cox read a letter of appreciation from the Boy Scouts of American Northeast Georgia Council recognizing Kim Cornelison's commitment and volunteerism to scouting by participating in summer camp this year.

General Announcements: Mayor Cox reminded everyone that the voter's registration deadline is October 8, 2007 to vote in the November 6th election. He also announced that anyone seeking to run for office must qualify from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., August 27 through August 31, 2007 in the City Clerk's office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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At 7:50 p.m. Mike Sosebee made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go in to executive session for the purpose of discussing future acquisition of real estate and to discuss pending litigation.

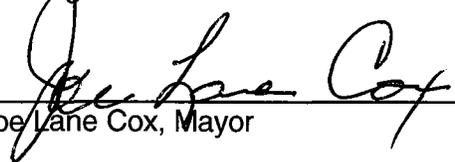
Mayor Cox presented the terms on a contract for the purchase of 3.02 acres of land adjacent to the Urban Redevelopment Plan property for the purpose of making a passive park. Council approved the transaction and wished to incorporated water, sewer, and storm water educational displays at the site. Council authorized Mayor Cox to execute the agreement.

Dana Miles updated the Council on the Phillips litigation.

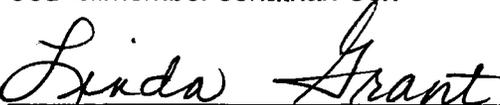
Dana Miles updated the Council on the SPLOST V hearing held Friday, August 3, 2007 and the need to be available to attend the ordered mediation to be held within two weeks of the hearing.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:30 p.m. council came out of executive session and adjourned the executive session and the regular meeting. Sosebee/Wilson.



Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

Councilmember Jonathan Cox


Councilmember Linda Grant



Councilmember Mike Sosebee



Councilmember Mike Wilson

Attested: 

Kim Cornelison, City Clerk



Proclamation

Dedication of the G.L. "Pete" Gilleland Council Chambers August 6, 2007



Whereas, Born October 10, 1918, G.L. "Pete" Gilleland is a native of Dawson County and a 80-year citizen of the City of Dawsonville; and

Whereas, "Pete" Gilleland married Bernice Parks on October 16, 1938, and they had two surviving children: Sandra and Tim. Four grandchildren and four great grandchildren; and

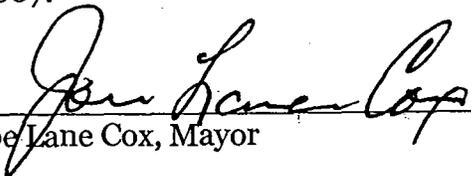
Whereas, "Pete" Gilleland served with honor and distinction in the Construction Battalion of the United State Navy during World War II and in pontoon barge operations during the invasion of Normandy; and

Whereas, "Pete" Gilleland honorably served the City of Dawsonville for twenty-two years: 1966 – 1971 as Councilmember; 1972 – 1974 as Mayor; 1975 – 1978 as Councilmember; 1995 as Councilmember; and from 1996 to 2003 as Mayor; and

Whereas, the citizens of the City of Dawsonville depended upon the experience, compassion, and services G.L. "Pete" Gilleland provided as Sailor for the United States Navy, and as a Councilman and Mayor for the City of Dawsonville; and

Now, therefore, I Joe Lane Cox, Mayor of the City of Dawsonville, do hereby proclaim August 6, 2007 as G.L. "Pete" Gilleland Day and dedicate the new city council chambers in honor of his tireless service the City of Dawsonville and to the United States of America as a Veteran of the World War II, and encourage all the citizens of Dawsonville to observe and participate in this celebration and dedication ceremony, in honor of G.L. "Pete" Gilleland as a tribute to his dedication and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dawsonville to be affixed this 6th day of August, 2007.



Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

Attest:



Kim Cornelison, City Clerk

City of Dawsonville SPLOST V Projects in Priority Order

1	City Hall purchase	2,600,000.00
2	Allen Street Extension	781,832.00
3	Main Street Extension	986,040.00
4	Sidewalks	500,000.00
5	Skate Park	50,000.00
6	Water/Sewer Improvements	1,000,000.00
7	J.C. Burt/Perimeter Road Improvements	1,250,000.00
8	Fire Engine	850,000.00
	Total	\$8,017,872.00

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DAWSON.

AFFIDAVIT OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Joe Lane Cox, Mayor, Jonathan Cox, Council Member; Linda Grant, Council Member, Mike Sosebee; Council Member and Mike A. Wilson, Council Member; being duly sworn, state under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief:

1.
The City of Dawsonville Council met in a duly advertised meeting on the 6th day of August, 2007.

2.
During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

The executive session was called to order at 7:50³ a.m. (p.m.)

4.
The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

_____ Consultation with the City Attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the City or any officer or employee or in which the City or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1);

_____ Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and _____;

X _____ Discussion of future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4);

_____ Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a City officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6);

_____ Other _____ as provided in: _____

This 6th day of August, 2007.

Joe Lane Cox
Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

City of Dawsonville, Mayor and council

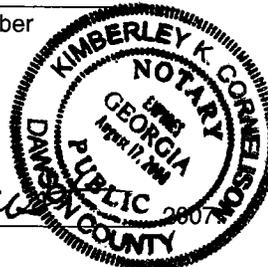
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Linda Grant
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Mike Sosebee
Mike Sosebee, Council Member

Mike A. Wilson
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Kim Cornelison
Kim Cornelison, City Clerk
Notary Public



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6 day of August

My Commissioner expires: August 18, 2008

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION
August 15, 2007
10:00 A.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: At 10:06 a.m. Mediator Bill Goodman called the meeting to order.

THOSE PRESENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY: Mayor Joe Lane Cox, Council Members Linda Grant, Mike Sosebee, and Mike Wilson; staff present were Kim Cornelison, City Administrator/Clerk and Dana Miles, City Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mike Wilson made a motion at 10:10 a.m. to go in to executive session for the purpose of mediation between the City and County regarding SPLOST V. Linda Grant seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

The members of the Dawson County Board of Commissioners convened and went in to executive session as well.

The room was cleared of all parties not directly related to the mediation.

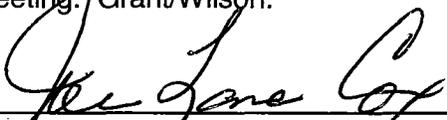
Mr. Goodman explained that his position as a mediator is to try and reach a compromised settlement; he concluded by giving a brief statement regarding how the mediation would be facilitated.

No amicable agreement was reached during the mediation session.

Mr. Goodman stated to the City Council that he would be available for any future mediations on this issue should both parties decide mediate again.

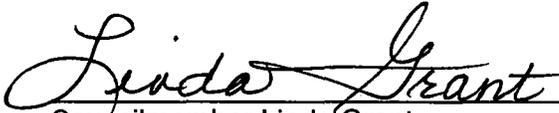
ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:15 p.m. council came out of executive session and adjourned the executive session and the called meeting. Grant/Wilson.



Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

Councilmember Jonathan Cox



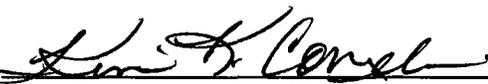
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1.

The City of Dawsonville Council met in a duly advertised meeting on the 15th day of August, 2007.

2.

During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.

The executive session was called to order at 10:05 a.m. / p.m.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

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X Other Mediation between the City + County as provided in: _____

This 15th day of August, 2007.

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Jonathan Cox, Council Member

Linda Grant
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Mike Sosebee
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Mike A. Wilson
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Kim H. Cornelison
Kim Cornelison, City Clerk
Notary Public

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of August, 2007.

My Commissioner expires: August 18, 2008