

CITY OF PEACHTREE CORNERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
June 26, 2012 @ 7:30 PM

The Mayor and Council of the City of Peachtree Corners held a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 7:30pm. This Special Called Meeting was held at Robert D. Fowler YMCA located at 5600 West Jones Bridge Road in Peachtree Corners, Georgia 30092. The following were in attendance:

Mayor	Mike Mason
Council Member	Phil Sadd, Post 1
Council Member	James Lowe, Post 2 - Absent
Council Member	Alex Wright, Post 3
Council Member	Jeanne Aulbach, Post 4
Council Member	Lorri Christopher, Post 5
Council Member	Weare Gratwick, Post 6
Acting City Attorney	Bill Riley
Acting City Clerk	Joan Jones
Consultants	John Kachmar and John McDonough

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Mason.

OPENING REMARKS: Mayor Mason thanked everyone for attending and remarked there will be a public hearing tonight on the budget and in order to give an opportunity for everyone wishing to speak on the budget there will be a three minute time limit. In addition, Mayor Mason remarked on the Carl Vinson study, what it did and did not include and the many one-time costs of things which will impact the budget over the next few months.

MINUTES: Council Member Gratwick motioned, seconded by Council Member Christopher to approve the June 19, 2012 Special Called Council Minutes as presented. There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public Comment

REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS: Consultant McDonough provided an update on the City Hall Lease and reported the Banking RFP committee has met and a recommendation will be forthcoming.

OLD BUSINESS:

2013 BUDGET ORDINANCE: The Second Read and Public Hearing of an Ordinance to adopt the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget for each fund of the City of Peachtree Corners, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures, adopting the anticipated revenues for each fund, prohibiting expenditures to exceed appropriations for each fund and prohibiting expenditures to exceed actual funding available for each fund was held. Consultant

John McDonough reviewed the proposed budget again clarifying there will be a Mid-Year Budget review in January 2013, he reviewed the fund balance/reserves and how that changes, explained his budget process on the one time start-up cost and reminded council this is an estimated startup budget, they will have a better view of expenditures and revenues later in the year.

Mayor Mason opened the Public Hearing on the proposed 2013 Fiscal Year Budget.

Ed Stiles addressed the council voicing his concern about the employee salaries and benefits, he asked council to consider the current situation between private and public sector benefits and what is the best for this city. In addition, he explained there is no need for a call center, when an answering machine will work and for council to reconsider what they have budgeted for professional services-it is just not feasible and this Mayor and Council ran on a proposed \$750K budget.

Ms. Sims requested the council to reject this budget as this is a "City Light" and the citizens want a responsive, low cost government, she commend with current technology, is a call center needed and what about the size and cost of city hall. In closing, she suggested the city rotate their meetings around town so more people can attend.

Mr. Peel commented he appreciated the council's public service, he is a 25 year resident and voiced his frustration on not having a public forum for council responsiveness. He stated this budget is excessive and voiced concern about borrowing money

Mr. Barden commented to council this is an excessive budget, the expense for litigation that includes the current moratorium and salary packages are too high. He remarked council needs to consider reducing what is not needed in this budget.

Mike Smith addressed the various line items such as salary, relocation package and the 25% contribution to retirement stating they are too excessive. This is a "City Light" and the city will be outsourcing its employees and that always cost more. He asked council to seriously look at this budget more closely before they adopt it.

Mayor Mason called for anyone else wishing to speak during this budget public hearing. There being no other speakers, Mayor Mason closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Wright motioned, seconded by Council Member Christopher to table this item until Thursday night. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT-GA POWER: The Second Read of an Ordinance Approving a Franchise Agreement between the Georgia Power Company and the City of Peachtree Corners, Georgia was held. Council Member Aulbach motioned, seconded by Council Member Gratwick to table this agenda item until such time the legal team completes their discussion with GA Power and brings it back to council. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

GIRMA MEMBERSHIP: Council Member Christopher motioned, seconded by Council Member Sadd to approve Resolution Authorizing the Membership into the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency. During discussion, Mr. McDonough noted this is for a first year cost to the city of \$7,650.00 and is a budgeted item. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously. (*RESOLUTION 2012-06-06*)

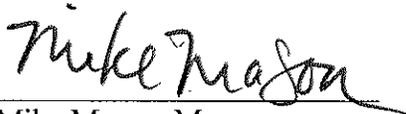
MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Mason thanked everyone for attending

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council Member Christopher motioned, seconded by Council Member Gratwick to go into Executive Session to discuss one legal matter. There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

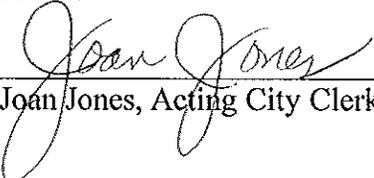
Council Member Christopher motioned, seconded by Council Member Gratwick to come out of Executive Session and resume the meeting. There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Sadd motioned, seconded by Council Member Christopher to adjourn the meeting. There be no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved:


Mike Mason, Mayor

Attest:


Joan Jones, Acting City Clerk