

Minutes
City Council Work Session
February 22, 2007
6:00 p.m.

Present: Jonathan Cox, Mayor Pro-tem, Council members Mike Sosebee and Mike Wilson, City Clerk Kim Cornelison, Planning Director Steve Holder, and City Attorney Dana Miles. Mayor Cox was absentee due to his required attendance of a GMRDC meeting; Linda Grant was absent due to illness.

- 1) Official name of new council chambers: G.L. "Pete" Gilleland Council Chambers. The City Clerk presented this in the Mayor's absence. Mayor Cox has asked the council to ratify naming the new council chambers G.L. "Pete" Gilleland Council Chambers. After positive discussion by the Council, this item was placed on the consent agenda for the March meeting.
- 2) Health Board Letter of Support: Niyelo program grant application. The City Clerk presented this in the Mayor's absence. Mayor Cox asked the council to send a letter of support for the Health Boards grant application. No funds would be required by the City, just a letter of support. After positive discussion by the Council, this item was placed on the consent agenda for the March meeting.
- 3) Panel Christmas Tree Proposal – December Lights. The City Clerk presented a proposal by December Lights for a Panel Christmas Tree explaining that there would be an annual set up charge, but that the tree would be owned by the City. There is a significant reduction in price by ordering the tree now. Council asked Clerk to find out what the set up price would be and consented to put this item under New Business on the March meeting agenda.
- 4) Intergovernmental Contract for Municipal Elections. The City Clerk presented this agreement to the council stating that it is the same contract and terms used in the 2005 election. There is not enough city staff to run an election, nor does the city own the touch screen voting units. The Board of Elections has already reviewed the contract and the terms are acceptable. After positive discussion by the Council, this item was placed on the consent agenda for the March meeting.
- 5) Water/Sewer/Garbage Allocations. The City Clerk presented a proposed allocation spreadsheet of the assets and liabilities of the complete enterprise fund. The City is now required to report the enterprise fund by service to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (i.e. water, sewer and garbage). In order to comply with the report, The Clerk has been working with the auditor to create a baseline report of the assets and liabilities. Ratification of the allocations presented will give the city the basis to move forward with this year's audit and all future audits. After positive discussion by the Council, this item was placed on the consent agenda for the March meeting.

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- 6) Parade & Public Assembly Application: Art in the Garden, May 5 & 6, 2007. The City Clerk presented this application stating everything was in order with the exception of the certificate of insurance. After positive discussion by the Council, this item was placed on the consent agenda for the March meeting.
- 7) Parade & Public Assembly Application: Kiwanis Fun Run, May 5, 2007 The City Clerk presented this application stating everything was in order. After positive discussion by the Council, this item was placed on the consent agenda for the March meeting.
- 8) Parade & Public Assembly Application: Annual Egg Hunt, April 7 or 8, 2007. The City Clerk presented this application stating everything was in order with the exception of the certificate of insurance. After positive discussion by the Council, this item was placed on the consent agenda for the March meeting.
- 9) 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 ZA-11-06-1423 zoning amendment. Jonathan Cox stated he will recuse himself from voting on the rezoning as he would be in conflict due to a professional business association he has with the applicant. The Planning Director stated that there was a lot of discussion at the Planning Commission meeting and that the minutes are still in the process of being transcribed and will be ready by the March 5, 2007 meetings.

- 10) 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). Connected to annexation ANX07-001. Planning Commission recommends approval.
- 11) 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.

Steve Holder presented the rezoning and annexation petitions (ZA-1-07-1466 and ANX07-001) stating that the property is located at the intersection of Hwy. 53 and Perimeter Road by the high school. The Planning Commission recommended approval and that the architecture of the building will be an upscale facility.

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- 12) 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.

The first reading of the revised alcohol ordinance will be heard at the March 5, 2007 meeting. The ordinance covers the recent package store referendum as well as clarifying some vague issues in the existing ordinance and keeping the ordinance in compliance with current state code. There has also been some standardization applied to the new ordinance regarding closing times making them all the same. Mr. Miles requested the board take the ordinance with them and read over it carefully to be prepared for the March 5, 2007 meeting.

On behalf of the Downtown Development Authority, Cathie Waddle presented several items the DDA is currently working on or desires to help facilitate.

- The DDA requests the City determine if the hotel-motel tax ordinance could be amended so that extended stay type motels would not be allowed or that they would have to modify their terms of accommodation to a weekly rental which could then be assessed excises taxes. Currently the ordinance provides for the collection of the tax on the first ten days of a permanent resident type status.
- Made Council aware of the DDA's support of a Harley Davidson corporate sponsored event involving 1500 Harley Davidson bike riders going on a ride which would stop at City Hall to have lunch and tour the museum.
- DDA has expressed a desire to see the museum reopened and there willingness to support this endeavor.
- Determined that there is an official driving tour of downtown Dawsonville; information is provided at the Chamber for interested individuals.
- DDA would like to have direct interaction with downtown businesses to make them aware of special events coming here so that the businesses could spruce up their storefronts etc.

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- DDA would like to implement a replacement program of the existing flower boxes around town as some are in disrepair.
- DDA is trying to work with local clubs and organizations for downtown or Dawsonville events. Possible ideas include a picnic and symphony on the lawns of Gold Creek.
- DDA desires to serve the City Council and establish monthly dialog to facilitate mutually agreed upon projects or goals.

Mayor Pro-tem, Jonathan Cox adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Cornelison, City Administrator/Clerk