

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 1, 2007  
7:00 P.M.**

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**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation was led by Steve Holder; Mayor Cox led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council unanimously approved the minutes from the regular meeting held September 10, 2007; motion by Sosebee, second by Grant.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Proclamation Recognizing October as National Downs Syndrome Awareness Month: The Shelf family came forward to receive the proclamation recognizing the month of October as National Down Syndrome Awareness Month. It was presented by Mayor Cox after it was read by Kim Cornelison.

Parade/Public Assembly Application: Kare for Kids Annual Mountain Moonshine Festival, October 26, 27, and 28, 2007. Kim Cornelison presented the application stating authorization had been received from the Sheriff's office, the Fire Marshal, and the Dept. of Transportation. Council unanimously approved the application; motion by Linda Grant, second by Jonathan Cox.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Zoning Amendment: ZA-6-07-1556: Avery Homes Inc. has made application to amend the zoning on property consisting of 15.402 acres off of Maple Street. The applicant seeks to change the zoning on the following tracts of land: TMP D02-01 from R-3R to R-6; TMP D002-02 from R2 to R-6; TMP 083-38-082 from R-3 to R-6. Public hearing held: September 10, 2007. Tabled to review traffic study.

Dana Miles read the zoning amendment reminding council that the public hearing was held at the September 10, 2007 meeting and the item was tabled in order for the council to have time to review the traffic study. The zoning amendment is now available for discussion. Mr. Miles also stated that the Planning Director has proposed conditions on the subject property. Steve Holder read the recommended condition which are attached and incorporated in to these minutes. Council unanimously approved the zoning amendment with the attached conditions. Motion by Grant, second by Jonathan Cox.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

To hear Annexation Petition: ANX-07-004: Gilbert B. Meredith has made application to annexion 0.587 acres of TMP 090-067, Lot 15, Block E, Unit 2, Gold Creek Subdivision, in to the City of Dawsonville. The subject property is currently zoned PCD in the County and would be PUD in the City. Annexations are subject to two public hearings. (Second hearing).

Steve Holder read the annexation and rezoning petition. Dana Miles opened the public hearing. There were approximately 28 people in attendance. Nobody spoke in favor or in opposition of the annexation and rezoning. Mr. Miles closed the public hearing and Mayor Cox called for a vote. Council unanimously approved Annexation Petition ANX-07-004. Sosebee made the motion; Grant seconded.

Enacting Code Ordinance: An ordinance adopting and enacting a code for the City of Dawsonville, Georgia; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the

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violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective. (First hearing).

Dana Miles explained the purpose of the ordinance stating that this ordinance would be the legislation that would adopt new Municode book as the official code of Dawsonville. The code book is the codification of the city's ordinances which is required by Georgia law.

Dana Miles opened the public hearing. There were approximately 28 people in attendance. Nobody spoke in favor or in opposition of the enacting code ordinance. Dana Miles closed the public hearing. Mayor Cox called for a vote by the council. Council unanimously approved the first reading of the ordinance. Motion by Sosebee, seconded by Jonathan Cox.

Speed Zone Ordinance: An ordinance to repeal the current speed zone ordinance of the City of Dawsonville, Georgia; to enact a new speed zone ordinance for the City of Dawsonville Georgia; to establish speed zones and regulations regarding the same within the city limits of the City of Dawsonville, Georgia; to provide for definitions, to provide for enforcement; to establish permitted detection devices; and for other purposes. (First hearing).

Dana Miles explained the purpose of the ordinance stating that staff has been working with Sheriff Carlisle to update the existing speed zone ordinance. Dana Miles opened the public hearing. There were approximately 28 people in attendance. Nobody spoke in favor or in opposition of the speed zone ordinance. Dana Miles closed the public hearing. Mayor Cox called for a vote by the council. Council unanimously approved the first reading of the ordinance. Motion by Sosebee, seconded by Jonathan Cox.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Cox announced that the state EPD department has just enforced a level 4 watering restriction. Essentially this means all outside watering is banned.

Mayor Cox invited city citizens and their families to a cookout he is hosting at Champions Café on Saturday, October 6, 2007 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. It will be an opportunity to get to know him, have some dinner, and to bring questions you would like him to answer. Staff and other council members will also be there to answer your questions.

Presentation of the Phil Landrum Public Service Award: Ms. Janice Riley, Executive Director of the Ninth District Opportunity: Presentation of the Phil Landrum Public Service Award. Ms. Riley explained that the Ninth District Opportunity's (NDO) slogan is "helping people to help themselves". Operating programs like the Head Start, weatherization on elderly and low-income homes, employment and training counseling, provide food 3 times a year to those in need to name a few. Ms. Riley stated that she has known Mayor Cox since 1981 when he was sole commissioner of Dawson County and that he has always been very supportive of NDO. He truly cares about people.

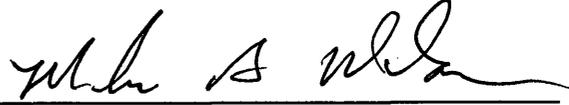
The NDO Board of Directors annually selects a candidate for the Phil M. Landrum Legacy Award; this is a person who serves their county, state and the citizens of Georgia in an exemplary manner. Mayor Cox was unanimously selected by the NDO Board as this year's recipient. NDO hopes to have Mayor Cox come back on the board of directors as the public representative of Dawson County.

Phil M. Landrum was the congressman from the 9<sup>th</sup> congressional district, thus the name Ninth District Opportunity, Inc.; he served as President Johnson's floor leader and was instrumental in getting legislation passed called the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 which created community action agencies. The award says: "honoring exemplary service to the citizens of Georgia presented to Joe Lane Cox, by Ninth District Opportunity Incorporated." Ms. Riley concluded by stating she can think of no one who is more deserving than the Mayor to receive this award.

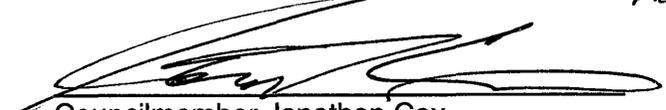
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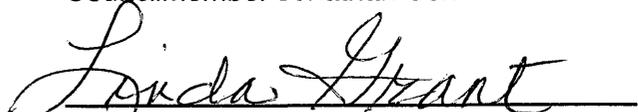
Upon receiving the plaque Mayor Cox stated that he is truly honored to be presented such a prestigious award. Mayor Cox stated that he knew Phil Landrum personally and that he was a gentleman and one of the greatest congressmen he could remember.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Mike Sosebee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Linda Grant. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

  
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Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

  
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MIKE WILSON, MAYOR  
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Councilmember Jonathan Cox

  
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Councilmember Linda Grant

  
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Councilmember Mike Sosebee

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Councilmember Mike Wilson

Attested:   
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Kim Cornelison, City Clerk

## Recommended Stipulations

- Dedicate five feet of property along Maple Street for additional R/W
- Provide restrictive covenants identifying project as “active adult” community
- Extend pavement along Maple Street from southern property line to Stegall street intersection a width of two feet.
- Design/build a minimum of twenty percent of livable dwellings to meet standards as described in the Universal Design Standards Manual.
  - i. Dwelling units shall be provided with a step-free or accessible entrance on an accessible route that complies with ANSI A117.1-1998 section 4.8 and that has a maximum slope not to exceed 1/12. The step-free entrance may be located on the front, side, or rear of the dwelling unit, or may be located through the garage. Apartments must have an accessible route to the entry.
  - ii. The building entrance doors shall have a minimum net clear opening of 32 inches when the door is open 90 degrees as measured between the face of the door and the opposite stop.
  - iii. All interior doors on the accessible floor level of such dwelling units except those serving closets, or serving pantries less than 15 sq.ft. in area, within the unit intended for use passage must provide a minimum net clear opening of 32 inches when the door is open 90 degrees, as measured between the face of the door and the opposite stop. All interior sliding or pocket doors on the accessible floor level of such dwelling units must provide a minimum net clear opening of 32 inches as measured when in the fully open position.
  - iv. All interior doors on the accessible floor level of such dwelling units must be equipped with levered hardware.
  - v. Interior hallways on the accessible floor level of such dwelling units shall have a minimum width of 36 inches, be level and provide ramped or beveled changes at door thresholds.
  - vi. A minimum of one bathroom must be provided on the accessible floor level of such dwelling units, which bathroom shall, at a minimum, contain a toilet and sink, and be designed and constructed so those with assistive devices can enter and close the door behind them.
  - vii. Walls of the accessible bathroom on the accessible floor level of such dwelling units shall be provided with wood blocking installed flush within

wall framing to support grab bars as set forth herein. The wood blocking shall be located between 33 inches and 36 inches above the finish floor. Height shall be determined by measuring from the finish floor to the center of the wood blocking. The wood blocking shall be located in all walls adjacent to a toilet, shower stall or bathtub.