

CITY OF DUNWOODY  
January 14, 2013  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Mayor and Council of the City of Dunwoody held a City Council Meeting January 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held in the City of Dunwoody City Hall, 41 Perimeter Center East, Dunwoody, Georgia 30346. Present for the meeting were the following:

Voting Members:           Michael Davis, Mayor  
                                  Adrian Bonser, Council Member  
                                  Lynn Deutsch, Council Member  
                                  John Heneghan, Council Member  
                                  Terry Nall, Council Member  
                                  Denis Shortal, Council Member  
                                  Doug Thompson, Council Member

Also Present:               Warren Hutmacher, City Manager  
                                  Sharon Lowery, City Clerk  
                                  Cecil McLendon, Assistant City Attorney  
                                  Lenny Felgin, Assistant City Attorney  
                                  Billy Grogan, Police Chief  
                                  Brent Walker, Director of Parks and Recreation  
                                  Edie Damann, Marketing and PR Manager  
                                  Kimberly Greer, Assistant to the City Manager  
                                  Lillie Read, Assistant to the City Clerk

A.    [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order.

B.    [ROLL CALL](#)

All members were present.

1.    [Proclamation Honoring the 2012 Sustainable Hero.](#)

Mayor Davis and Edie Damann presented the 2012 Sustainable Hero Proclamation to Tom Lambert.

C.    [INVOCATION](#)

Council Member Shortal gave the Invocation.

D.    [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

Council Member Thompson gave the Pledge.

E.    [MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS](#)

Council Member Deutsch asked citizens to help maintain the street in front of their house in the event of a snow or ice situation.

Council Member Thompson thanked Tom Lambert for all he has done for the City of Dunwoody and noted that he believes 2013 is going to be an excellent year.

Council Member Bonser reminded citizens that on 1/24 at 7pm there will be a zoning rewrite meeting in the Council Chambers.

Council Member Shortal noted that the City's household hazardous waste recycling event was a big success. He also reminded citizens that a Taste of Dunwoody is going to be held on 2/15.

Mayor Davis told citizens that, on Monday night, he is going to be the guest bartender at O'Brian's Tavern as part of a fundraiser for lymphoma and leukemia research.

F. [PUBLIC COMMENT](#)

Peter Gillis – was not present to speak.

Bob Lundsten – opted not to speak.

Jim Dixon – Martina Way – spoke against the Dunwoody Village Parkway Project.

Staci Harris – spoke in favor of having Tom Lambert at the Sustainable Hero of 2012.

Joe Hirsch – spoke in favor of the City's new comment cards. He also questioned the Council on executive session affidavits and how they are being executed.

Kevin Cochran – Summerset Lane – noted 3 concerns with the Brook Run Park Trail Project. 1) the lack of consultation with the citizenry, 2) the haste with which project revisions were made, 3) the reckless invitation that a wider trail will pose to skateboarders.

Jay Pryor – Cambridge Drive – expressed concern that the changes to Nandina Lane might cause congestion for people trying to turn left into Dunwoody Methodist Church.

Jeff Coghill – Devonshire Court – spoke against the Brook Run Park Trail as it is currently planned and ask that the City consider other alternatives.

G. [MINUTES](#)

1. [Approval of Minutes of the December 10, 2012 5:00 p.m. City Council Special Called Meeting.](#)
2. [Approval of Minutes of the December 10, 2012 6:00 p.m. City Council Special Called Meeting.](#)
3. [Approval of Minutes of the December 10, 2012 City Council Meeting.](#)
4. [Approval of Minutes of the December 17, 2012 City Council Special Called Meeting.](#)

Council Member Deutsch moved to table approval of the minutes until the next Council Meeting. Council Member Heneghan seconded.

Failed: For: 2 (Deutsch and Heneghan) Against: 5 (Bonser, Davis, Nall, Shortal,

Thompson); Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

Council Member Shortal moved to approve the minutes. Council Member Nall seconded.

Council Member Bonser requested that the minutes of the December 10, 2012 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm meetings be voted on before the minutes of the December 10, 2012 7:00 pm meeting and the minutes of the December 17, 2012 Special Called Meeting due to her absence from the first two meetings.

Council Member Shortal amended his motion and moved to approve items G.1. and G.2.

Passed: For: 4 (Davis, Nall, Shortal and Thompson) Against: 2 (Deutsch and Heneghan); Abstain: 1 (Bonser); Absent: 0

Council Member Shortal moved to approve items G.3. and G.4. Council Member Nall seconded.

Passed: For: 4 (Davis, Nall, Shortal and Thompson) Against: 3 (Bonser, Deutsch and Heneghan); Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

H. [APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA \(add or remove items from agenda\)](#)

Council Member Shortal moved to approve the agenda as presented with the exception of item M.6. under New Business. Discussion of Board Appointments, which he asked to have removed from the agenda. Council Member Bonser seconded.

Passed: For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.

I. [CONSENT AGENDA](#)

J. [ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL ITEMS](#)

K. [REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS](#)

1. [Sustainability 2012 Year Review. \(Rebecca Keefer\)](#)

Rebecca Keefer presented the Sustainability 2012 Year Review.

L. [UNFINISHED BUSINESS](#)

1. [Dunwoody Village Main Street Project Update. \(Michael Smith\)](#)

Michael Smith presented and answered questions of Council. He noted that the design has been submitted to GDOT for approval and the goal is to be under construction by August, 2013. The project is estimated to take 6-8 months after it is initiated. Once completed the right-of-way held by businesses should not be changed or impacted in any noticeable way because all access points will remain unchanged with respect to measurements.

2. [Discussion of Intersection Improvement Projects. \(Michael Smith\)](#)

Michael Smith presented and answered questions of Council. He noted that the City has initiated work on 4 of the 13 Tier 1a sites and is introducing 3 more. For 2013 Council identified the Mt. Vernon/Vermack intersection as the funding priority for both concept and final design and chose the Chamblee-Dunwoody/Spalding intersection as the funding priority for concept design.

3. [FIRST READ: Ordinance to Amend Chapter 24 to Adopt Regulations Governing False Alarms in the City of Dunwoody. \(ORDINANCE 2013-01-XX\) \(Chief Grogan\)](#)

The City Clerk provided the first read of the ordinance. Chief Grogan presented and answered questions of Council.

M. NEW BUSINESS (WORK SESSION ITEMS)

1. [Discussion of Amendment of City Position Allocation and Compensation Chart Related to Salary Ranges. \(Nicole Stojka\)](#)

Nicole Stojka presented and answered questions of Council. She noted that, in order to remain competitive with other municipalities, the City may want to consider increasing the salary maximums and upping the range spread to approximately 50%.

2. [Discussion of Addendum to Sentinel Offender Services, L.L.C. Contract to Adjust Probation Fees. \(Trina Gallien\)](#)

Trina Gallien presented and answered questions of Council. She told Council that the court's caseload as increased and that Sentinel Offender Services has requested probation fees be adjusted.

3. [FIRST READ: Ordinance to Amend City of Dunwoody Purchasing Policy. \(ORDINANCE 2013-01-XX\) \(Chris Pike\)](#)

The City Clerk provided the first read of the ordinance. Chris Pike presented and answered questions of Council.

Following discussion, Council Member Shortal requested the dollar amount be changed in Section E, Costs Under the Competitive Threshold, to \$7,500.

4. [Discussion of Resolution to Join GIRMA Membership for Workers' Compensation. \(Chris Pike\)](#)

Chris Pike presented and answered questions of Council. He noted that GIRMA has requested a resolution for the City to join their Worker's Compensation coverage and will make the contract retroactive to the first of the year.

5. [Discussion of Award of Public Safety Video Surveillance System Contract to Iron Sky, Inc. \(Chief Grogan\)](#)

Chief Grogan presented and answered questions of Council. The cost of the system is \$117,287.08 of which \$113,000 is currently budgeted, with the balance to be paid from forfeiture funds collected by the Police Department.

6. [Discussion of Board Appointments. \(Mayor Davis\)](#)

***(Deferred)***

- [Board of Ethics](#)
- [Community Council](#)
- [Development Authority](#)
- [Planning Commission](#)
- [Board of Zoning Appeals](#)

7. [Discussion of Ethics Ordinance. \(Warren Hutmacher\)](#)

Warren Hutmacher presented and answered questions of Council. The City Manager and City Attorney will research and bring a document back to Council for review in 30-60 days. The goal is to have a new ordinance in place within 90 days.

8. [Resolution for Ethics Ordinance Moratorium. \(RESOLUTION 2013-01-01\) \(Mayor Davis\)](#)

Warren Hutmacher presented and answered questions of Council.

Council Member Nall moved to amend the third paragraph in the resolution to delete the words "and not conducive to the understanding of the general public". Council Member Deutsch seconded.

Passed: For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.

Council Member Nall moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Bonser seconded.

Passed: For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.

9. [Discussion of a Parks and Recreation Board. \(Warren Hutmacher\)](#)

Warren Hutmacher presented and answered questions of Council. Council will have further discussion on this item at the February work session.

10. [Discussion of DeKalb Municipal Association Request for Funding. \(Warren Hutmacher\)](#)

Warren Hutmacher presented and answered questions of Council. He noted that the fee to participate in the program would be \$1.13 or \$58,511 for 2013. If Brookhaven joins the program in 2014 the cost is estimated to go down to \$0.85 per capita for a cost of \$39,788.

N. [OTHER BUSINESS](#)

O. [INITIATION OF TEXT AMENDMENTS](#)

Council Member Shortal asked about changing the requirements for public comment so that when citizens come to address the Council they must give their name and address. He also mentioned checking on the signatory system for the executive session affidavit and making sure that it is in line with best practices.

P. [PUBLIC COMMENT](#)

Barbara Pryor – 4735 Cambridge Drive – noted that the reasons given on the City’s website for the changes to the Brook Run Park Trail Project do not, in her opinion, match with the reality of the situation. She asked the Mayor and Council to reconsider their plans for the park.

Q. [MAYOR AND COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS](#)

R. [EXECUTIVE SESSION](#)

1. [For the purposes of legal, real estate, and personnel discussions.](#)

S. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

Council Member Shortal moved to adjourn. Council Member Bonser seconded.

Passed: For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0.