

SUMMARY

City of Carrollton Mayor and Council Meeting

January 4, 2016

4:30 p.m.

Public Safety Complex, Court/Council Chambers, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia

I. OATH OF OFFICE

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Carroll County Probate Judge Betty Cason administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Walt Hollingsworth and Councilmember Jim Watters. Judge Bill Hamrick administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Met Lane.

II. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor and Council met in regular session on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the Public Safety Annex Building, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. Mayor Hollingsworth called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Members present: Mayor Walt Hollingsworth, Councilmember Gerald Byrd, Councilmember Met Lane, and Councilmember Jim Watters. (Councilmember Ward II seat vacated by Mike Patterson on September 4, 2015 to qualify for the Mayor seat in the November 2015 election).

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hollingsworth.

IV. INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Pastor Jay Sutton of Trinity Baptist Church.

At this time a motion was made by Councilmember Met Lane to suspend the rules to allow the newly elected officials to address the attendees and motion was seconded by Councilmember Jim Watters. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Ward II seat vacant.)

Mayor Hollingsworth expressed appreciation to his family and to those in attendance and advised that it was a very special day for him and for the City of Carrollton. Mayor Hollingsworth advised that it means a lot to him to see a room full of people in attendance for the meeting. He stated that he appreciates everyone from the bottom of his heart for placing their trust in him and he hopes that he lives up to everything that is expected of him.

Councilmember Jim Watters said he had it easy during the recent election because he didn't have anyone to run against him. In addition, Councilmember Watters stated that he felt privileged to serve again. At this time Councilmember Watters recognized his mother as well as others in attendance who were representing him.

Councilmember Met Lane wished everyone a Happy New Year. Councilmember Lane thanked God for the opportunity to serve as a Councilmember. In addition, he thanked his wife, and his family and stated that he and his wife have three young children. In addition, Councilmember Lane thanked his parents who were in attendance. Councilmember Lane also expressed appreciation to Councilmember Jim Watters, Jay Gill, Jason Swindle and Jim Naughton. Councilmember Lane also

thanked his neighbors who supported his campaign and gave him campaign contributions. Councilmember Lane stated that Councilmember Watters had encouraged him to run for the Council position. Councilmember Lane also expressed appreciation to his law office partner, Greg Shadrix, and recognized Councilmember Gerald Byrd who he stated was instrumental in helping him become familiar with City government. In addition, Councilmember Lane recognized City Manager Tim Grizzard, Carrollton Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Director Peter Maierhofer and Carrollton Housing Authority Director Charles Griffin, noting that those individuals had helped him tremendously to become familiar with City government. Councilmember Lane stated that he has had an opportunity to attend meetings of several of the boards, commissions and authorities recently. Councilmember Lane also thanked the residents in Ward IV who voted for him and he vowed to do everything that he could to represent them.

At this time, Councilmember Lane made a motion to suspend the rules to allow pictures to be taken of the newly elected Mayor and Councilmembers and their families and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Watters. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Ward II Seat vacant.)

Councilmember Byrd welcomed Mayor Hollingsworth and Councilmember Lane and advised them that he would do all that he could to support them.

V. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Bobby Freeman congratulated Mayor Walt Hollingsworth, Councilmember Met Lane, and Councilmember Jim Watters.

Ms. Annie Boykin requested a traffic light at the intersection of Hwy. 27 and Spring Street. Assistant City Manager Tim Grizzard advised that the traffic signal was under the jurisdiction of the Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT). Assistant City Manager Grizzard advised he would address the matter with DOT again.

VI. MINUTES (December 14, 2015)

Motion by Councilmember Lane, seconded by Councilmember Watters to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Ward II seat vacant.)

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Lane to approve and adopt the agenda as presented. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Ward II seat vacant.)

CLERK NOTE: All discussion on the following agenda items will be uploaded once completed in full. To remain in compliance with Georgia Code, the motion or action taken is provided below the agenda item.

- 1. Rezoning Request: (Previously tabled item)
Rezone 12.39 acres from R-M, C-2 and R-15 to Planned Development–Residential
Property Location: 0, 305, 309, 315, 319, 333 Foster Street and 122 Park Lane
Petitioners: Student Quarters Campus Walk, LLC**

A motion was made by Councilmember Watters, seconded by Councilmember Byrd to approve the rezoning request for 12.39 acres from R-M, C-2 and R-15 to Planned Development – Residential for property located at 0, 205, 309, 315, 319, 333 Foster Street and 122 Park Lane. Those voting in favor: Mayor Hollingsworth and Councilmember Byrd. Those voting opposed: Councilmember Watters and Councilmember Lane. (Motion failed due to a tie vote of 2-2, Councilmember Ward II seat vacant.)

City Attorney Chuck Conerly advised that a motion that is duly seconded to approve a rezoning request that does not pass due to a tie vote is considered a denial of the rezoning request.

2. Resolution 01-2016: Code Amendment to Sec. 2-26, Meeting Time

Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Watters to approve Resolution 01-2015: Code Amendment to Sec. 2-26, Meeting Time to change the meeting time of all future regularly scheduled Mayor and City Council meetings to be on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Ward II Seat vacant.)

3. Resolution 02-2016: Code Amendment to Sec. 2-30, Mayor Pro-Tem

Motion by Councilmember Watters, seconded by Councilmember Lane to approve Resolution 02-2016: Code Amendment to Sec. 2-30 of the Code of Ordinances relating to the designation of the presiding officer and to provide for the election of the Mayor Pro Tem by the Mayor and City Council. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Ward II Seat vacant.)

4. Election of Mayor Pro-Tem

Motion by Councilmember Lane, seconded by Mayor Hollingsworth to nominate Councilmember Gerald Byrd as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion by Councilmember Lane, seconded by Mayor Hollingsworth to close the nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Ward II Seat vacant.)

Motion by Councilmember Lane, seconded by Mayor Hollingsworth to elect Councilmember Gerald Byrd as Mayor Pro-Tem. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Ward II Seat vacant.)

5. Resolution 03-2016: Present and Future Elected Officials Retirement

Motion by Mayor Hollingsworth, seconded by Councilmember Watters to approve Resolution 03-2015: Present and Future Elected Officials Retirement Plan which amends the City of Carrollton Retirement Plan so that on or after January 1, 2016 there is no eligibility for Mayor and Councilmembers to receive retirement benefits and any eligible Mayor and City Councilmember will cease to accrue any additional retirement benefits as of January 1, 2016. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Ward II Seat vacant.)

6. Resolution 04-2016: Code Amendment to Sec. 2-32, Meeting Agenda Posting

Motion by Councilmember Lane, seconded by Councilmember Watters to approve Resolution 04-2015 so that all meetings of the Mayor and Council shall be in accordance with an agenda to be approved at the beginning of the meeting. In addition, in the absence of an emergency or other exigent circumstances, the Agenda should be posted at least five business days prior to any meeting of the Mayor and Council. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Ward II Seat vacant.)

7. Executive Session: Personnel and Potential Litigation

Motion by Councilmember Gerald Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Jim Watters to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation and personnel. (Motion passed 4-0, with Councilmember Ward II seat vacant). Detailed vote count: Those voting in favor: Mayor Walt Hollingsworth, Councilmember Gerald Byrd, Councilmember Met Lane and Councilmember Jim Watters. Those voting opposed: None.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

MINUTES TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ARE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2 (e)(2)(c)

At this time the Mayor and Council returned to the Court/Council Chambers. Upon return to the Court/Council Chambers, **motion by Councilmember Watters, seconded by Councilmember Byrd to reconvene to Regular Session. (Motion passed, 4-0, with Councilmember Ward II seat vacant). Detailed vote count: Those voting in favor: Mayor Walt Hollingsworth, Councilmember Gerald Byrd, Councilmember Met Lane and Councilmember Jim Watters. Those voting opposed: None.**

Following the motion, an affidavit was circulated and signed by each member of the Mayor and Council attesting that the items discussed (potential litigation and personnel) during Executive Session were pursuant to Georgia State Law (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2).

At this time, a motion was made by Councilmember Watters, seconded by Councilmember Lane to appoint Assistant City Manager Tim Grizzard, as the Interim City Manager for the month of January 2016 and City Manager beginning February 1, 2016 with his salary being the same as the retiring City Manager (Mr. Casey Coleman) plus 5% and this will include the same car allowance stipend as given to the retiring City Manager. (Motion passed with those voting in favor: Councilmember Byrd, Councilmember Lane, and Councilmember Watters. Those voting opposed: none. Those abstaining from the vote: Mayor Hollingsworth. 3-0-1, Councilmember Ward II Seat vacant.)

8. Resolution 05-2016: Multi-Family Building Permit Moratorium

Motion by Councilmember Watters, seconded by Councilmember Lane to approve Resolution 05-2016 to impose a six-month moratorium on the acceptance of applications for apartment developments in the City of Carrollton with the addition of the following amendment to the Resolution: 4. This moratorium shall not apply to any project for which construction, grading, and/or soil and erosion control plans have been submitted and/or an application for a land disturbance permit has been submitted to City staff for review and approval prior to January 4, 2016. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Ward II Seat vacant.)

VIII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Byrd thanked City staff involved in all of the holiday events; including the “Shop With A Cop” event. Councilmember Byrd expressed appreciation to the Police and Fire Departments for their assistance when his mother became very ill last month. Councilmember Byrd praised City employees for representing the Mayor and Council so well.

Councilmember Met Lane complimented Mayor Hollingsworth in his conducting of the meeting. In addition, Councilmember Lane gave kudos to Police Chief Joel Richards for the reduction of DUI's

and crime and also expressed appreciation to Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Jonathan Dorsey.

Councilmember Watters expressed appreciation for the Greenbelt.

IX. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Grizzard expressed appreciation to City employees that worked on stormwater issues that had incurred during the inclement weather on Christmas Eve.

X. ADJOURN

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.