

MINUTES

City of Carrollton Mayor and Council Meeting

May 2, 2016
6:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor and Council met in a regular session on Monday, May 02, 2016, in the Public Safety Complex, Court/Council Chambers, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. Mayor Hollingsworth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Mayor Walt Hollingsworth, Councilmember Gerald Byrd, Councilmember Met Lane, and Councilmember Rory Wojcik. Members absent: Councilmember Jim Watters.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hollingsworth.

III. INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Pastor Frederick Ricks.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS

James Gross, owner of La Trattoria Restaurant in downtown Carrollton and a resident at North Lakeshore Drive, expressed concerns regarding traffic issues in downtown Carrollton. Mr. Gross stated that traffic moves way too fast in the area and it isn't safe. Mr. Gross advised that he will be in attendance at a Merchants Meeting on May 10th to discuss the traffic situation on Adamson Square. Mr. Gross also suggested a meeting with the Main Street Board to get a consensus regarding the traffic issues. Mr. Gross suggested that the Mayor and Council take into consideration a five-year plan addressing downtown traffic. Councilmember Byrd agreed that something needs to be done regarding the traffic problem and stated that he would like a copy of the report from Mr. Gross regarding the upcoming Merchants Meeting.

V. MINUTES (April 11, 2016)

Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Wojcik to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Watters absent).

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Motion by Councilmember Lane, seconded by Councilmember Wojcik to approve the agenda as presented. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Watters absent).

1. Proclamation: Dr. Price Michael

A proclamation was read and a key to the City was presented to Dr. Price Michael in honor of his accomplishments and leadership to the University of West Georgia and the City of Carrollton.

2. Water Tank Tower Lease

City Manager Grizzard presented to the Mayor and Council for their consideration a request to move forward with the approval of the Water Tower Lease Agreement between the City of Carrollton and Verizon Wireless for the water tower located at Brumbelow Road. City Manager Grizzard advised that the lease of the water tank tower brings in revenue of approximately \$50,000 annually.

Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Wojcik to approve the Water Tank Tower Lease Agreement between the City of Carrollton and Verizon Wireless for the water tank tower located at Brumbelow Road and authorize the City Manager to negotiate any minor variation. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Watters absent).

3. Birkdale Blvd. Traffic Calming Measures

City Manager Grizzard advised that sealed bids were received for the Birkdale Blvd. Resurfacing and Traffic Calming Project as follows:

Baldwin Paving -	\$369,139.45, Proposal Rating – 10.00
McIntosh Specialty Services -	\$412,243.36, Proposal Rating – 9.60

City Manager Grizzard advised that the project is funded out of the Streets and Sanitation Fund and is budgeted as a part of the current fiscal year's paving project budget.

City Manager Grizzard stated that it is staff's recommendation to award this project to Baldwin Paving in the amount of \$369,139.45.

Motion by Councilmember Lane, seconded by Councilmember Byrd to enter into a contract with Baldwin Paving in the amount of \$369,139.45 for completion of the Birkdale Blvd. traffic calming measures. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Watters absent).

4. Alcohol Ordinance Discussion

City Manager Grizzard addressed the Mayor and Council on a need to amend City's current Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. City Manager Grizzard mentioned the possibility of a microbrewery opening in Carrollton. City Manager Grizzard stated that there was some language which needs to be included in the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance regarding microbreweries and brew pubs. City Manager Grizzard stated that another matter which needs to be addressed is the issue of brown-bagging alcoholic beverages downtown and whether or not we want to allow it.

Erica Studdard who is working with staff to draft an ordinance to allow for microbreweries stated that brown bagging occurs downtown despite the current prohibition. City Attorney Chuck Conerly stated that brown-bagging is a violation of the City's open container ordinance. City Attorney Conerly advised that a decision needs to be made as to whether or not we want to allow it.

Councilmember Wojcik stated that he loves the idea of a brew pub. Councilmember Wojcik also said that he would like to hear the opinions from individuals other than the merchants. Councilmember Wojcik advised that he posted a poll on his social media page regarding the issue of brown-bagging alcoholic beverages and a majority of the responders did not know that brown-bagging isn't allowed downtown. Councilmember Wojcik stated that he would like to see the ordinance changed.

Councilmember Byrd stated that he has observed several events at the AMP and has never witnessed any violence and that the patrons are always very well behaved. He stated that he has not seen one single incident where open containers resulted in a brawl or fight.

At this time, Councilmember Lane made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for public comments on the matter and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Wojcik. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Watters absent).

Mr. Greg Smith spoke on behalf of the new microbrewery business that he wants to open, Printers Ale Manufacturing Company, which will manufacture beer. Mr. Smith stated that the building will include a tasting room and staff will be available to provide tours of the facility. Mr. Smith stated that the business would be a brewery only and not a restaurant.

City Attorney Conerly explained that a microbrewery is a beer manufacturing and distribution facility and a brew pub is a restaurant which also manufactures beer on site.

Mr. James Gross, the owner of La Trattoria Restaurant in downtown Carrollton stated that he isn't against brown-bagging. Mr. Gross stated that he has had some of his customers request to bring in their own bottle of specialty wine and that it is prohibited to do so in the City's current Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. Mr. Gross stated that he would like for the proposed ordinance to allow patrons to bring their special wines into restaurants.

City Attorney Conerly explained the current ordinance in detail and stated that the idea is to clean up the current Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance as much as possible in order to eliminate confusion.

There being no additional public comments, Mayor Hollingsworth announced that he would be going back to discuss the regular agenda items.

5. Appointment: Board of Development Appeals (1)

Motion by Councilmember Met Lane, seconded by Councilmember Gerald Byrd to reappoint Queentine Vallair to a new term on the Board of Development Appeals (new term expires April 1, 2019). (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Watters absent).

6. Appointment: Historic Preservation (2)

Motion by Councilmember Wojcik, seconded by Councilmember Byrd to reappoint Alison Tanner and Jacqueline Dost to new terms on the Historic Preservation Commission (new term expires May 1, 2019). (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Watters absent).

VII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Byrd thanked City Staff for their work at Bristol Lakes. In addition, Councilmember Byrd expressed concerns regarding the traffic situation at Thomas Homes. Councilmember Byrd also stated that he would like to review the redlined draft of the proposed Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. Councilmember Byrd also stated that he wants an employee climate survey presented to employees. In addition, Councilmember Byrd stated that he wants staff to look into the possibility of a hands-free cellular phone ordinance.

Councilmember Lane thanked those in attendance at the meeting for speaking out about issues of concern.

Mayor Hollingsworth expressed appreciation to the Recreation Department for hosting the recent State Gymnastics Meet. Mayor Hollingsworth also thanked the Fire Department and noted that he has received praises for the Fire Department regarding the recent apartment fire at Governors Court Apartments. Mayor Hollingsworth also thanked the EMS, Police, and Fire Department for their participation in the Narcan event, noting that staff members are now certified and departments will soon be equipped to handle drug overdose situations should the need arise. In addition, Mayor Hollingsworth also expressed appreciation to Tommy Holland for the work on Hays Mill Road. Mayor Hollingsworth also stated that he attended a great meeting with City Manager Grizzard and City Engineer Tommy Holland regarding traffic issues at Oak Mountain.

VIII. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Grizzard stated how well employees address public concerns. City Manager Grizzard also thanked Mayor Hollingsworth for all that he does.

Councilmember Lane also thanked Mayor Hollingsworth for the time he takes in the interest of the City.

IX. ADJOURN

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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