

CITY OF DACULA

442 Harbins Rd
P. O. Box 400
Dacula, GA, 30019

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

October 7, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Mayor King called the October 7, 2021 Council Meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. and a roll call of the members was taken. A quorum was present. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Council Members Present:

Trey King, Mayor
Sean Williams, Council
Daniel Spain, Council
Denis W. Haynes, Jr., Council

Ann Mitchell, Council - Absent

City Staff Present:

Joey Murphy, City Administrator
Heather Coggins, Finance Director
Brittni Nix, Director of Planning & Economic Development
Jack Wilson, City Attorney
Amy Morris, Accounts Payable
Angelica Schaper, Court Administrator
Courtney Mahady, Administrative Clerk
Chris Parks, Public Works Director
Amy White, City Marshal

II. INVOCATION:

Robert Thomas gave invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Scout Troop 576 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. MINUTES:

1. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 2, 2021.

Mayor King called for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Council Meeting on September 2, 2021.

Councilman Spain motioned to approve. Councilman Haynes, Jr. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

2. Approve Assistant City Administrator job description

Mayor called for motion to approve the Assistant City Administrator job description.

Councilman Williams motioned to approve. Councilman Spain seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Appoint Assistant City Administrator

Mayor called for a motion to appoint Heather Coggins as the Assistant City Administrator effective immediately.

Councilman Haynes, Jr. motioned to appoint Heather Coggins. Councilman Williams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Amend City Code of Ordinances, Section 2-7

Mayor King called for a motion to amend the City Code of Ordinances to add Section 2-7, (City Administrator) effective immediately.

Councilman Spain motioned to amend the City Code of Ordinances. Councilman Haynes, Jr. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve City Administrator job description

Mayor King called for a motion to approve the City Administrator job description.

Councilman Williams motioned to approve. Councilman Haynes, Jr. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Approve settlement with Gwinnett County for Harbins Road improvements

Mayor King called for a motion to accept Gwinnett County's offer to approve the conveyance to the County for the Harbins Road Improvement, and authorize the Mayor to sign the documents to complete the settlement.

Councilman Haynes, Jr. motioned to accept. Councilman Spain seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Consulting Agreement: Joey Murphy

Mayor King called for a motion to approve the Consulting Agreement with Joey Murphy at \$55.00 per hour effective November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022.

Councilman Williams motioned to approve. Councilman Haynes, Jr. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Consulting Agreement: McFarland-Dyer & Associates, Inc.

Mayor King called for a motion to approve the Consulting Agreement with Bowman Consulting Group Ltd. formally McFarland-Dyer & Associates, Inc. at \$175.00 per hour on an as needed basis.

Councilman Spain motioned to approve. Councilman Haynes, Jr. seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.

9. Consulting Agreement: Precision Planning, Inc.

Mayor King called for a motion to approve the Consulting Agreement with Precision Planning, Inc. based on the provided rate schedule on an as needed basis.

Councilman Haynes, Jr. motioned to approve. Councilman Williams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

10. PUBLIC HEARING: 2021-CD-RZ-04, Applicant: Starlight Homes of Georgia, LLC c/o Mahaffey, Pickens, Tucker, LLP, Owner(s): Ernest Walker Cain, Jr. and James H. Wilbanks requests rezoning from R-1200 Single-Family Residential District to TRD Transitional Residential District. The property is located in Land Lot 275, Parcel 001 of the 5th District and contains 74.04 acres more or less.

Councilman Williams motioned to open the public hearing. Councilman Haynes, Jr. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Director of Planning & Economic Development, Brittni Nix, presented the staff report for the application for rezoning from R-1200 Single-Family Residential to TRD Transitional Residential District. Ms. Nix stated staff recommended approval of the application with 19 conditions.

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Shane Landham, 1550 North Brown Rd, Suite 125, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043, on behalf of the applicant, presented the rezoning application. Mr. Landham stated that the proposed development is compatible with the policies in the comprehensive plan as well as the zoning classifications and land uses of the surrounding area. He also requested that a change be made to one of the conditions to include a traffic impact study.

Comment in opposition

Dawn Young, 2340 Fortune Drive, Dacula, Georgia 30019, inquired if there was going to be another meeting after the traffic impact study was conducted. Ms. Young also shared her concerns with the possible accidents that would occur with the increase of traffic along Stanley Road.

Lanita Cornell, 309 Church Street, Dacula, Georgia 30019, shared her concern with the increase of homes and traffic within the city limits.

Councilman Spain motioned to close the public hearing. Councilman Williams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Mayor King called for a motion to table application 2021-CD-RZ-04 until the December 2, 2021 Council meeting to further study the request and find some solutions that could potentially address the concerns.

Councilman Spain motioned to table application 2021-CD-RZ-04 until December 2, 2021. Councilman Haynes, Jr. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

12. PUBLIC HEARING: 2021-CD-AA-01 and 2021-CD-RZ-05, Applicant: New Rock Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Owner: New Rock Springs Missionary Baptist Church requests annexation and rezoning from RA200 Agriculture-Residence District (County) to R-1400 CZP Single-Family Residential District (City). The property is located in Land Lot 331, Parcel 007 of the 5th District and contains 3.0 acres more or less.

Councilman Haynes, Jr. motioned to open the public hearing. Councilman Williams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Director of Planning & Economic Development, Brittini Nix, presented the staff report for the applications for annexation and rezoning from RA200 (County) to R-1400 CZP (City). Ms. Nix stated staff recommend approval of the applications with five (5) conditions.

Public Comment:

David Stone, 2491 2nd Avenue, Dacula, Georgia 30019, inquired if the church would incur any fees as a result of being annexed into the city.

Mayor King stated that since it was a religious institution the fees would be waived.

Councilman Haynes, Jr. motioned to close the public hearing. Councilman Williams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Annexation Application: 2021-CD-AA-01, Applicant: New Rock Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Owner: New Rock Springs Missionary Baptist Church requests annexation into the City of Dacula. The property is located in Land Lot 331, Parcel 007 of the 5th District and contains 3.0 acres more or less.

Councilman Spain motioned to approve with 5 conditions [listed below]. Councilman Williams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Permitted uses within the subject property shall be limited to church use only.
2. No outdoor storage shall be permitted.
3. Any new ground sign shall be monument type only with indirect lighting. Ground sign shall be limited to a single monument-type sign with a brick or stacked stone base of at least 2 feet in height. Neon or self-illuminating ground signs shall be prohibited.
4. Parking lot and security lighting shall be directed in towards the property so as to minimize the adverse impact on neighboring and nearby residential properties.
5. All trash dumpsters shall be screened by an enclosure using a 6-foot high fence with black or green vinyl coated chain link with opaque green or black slats. Pickup shall be limited between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday thru Saturday. Dumpster enclosures shall remain closed, locked, and in good repair at all times.

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15. Design proposal for Hebron Church Road Asphalt Improvements Project

Mayor King called for a motion to approve the Hebron Church Road Asphalt Improvements project bid package and grant authorization to solicit for public bids.

Councilman Williams motioned to approve. Councilman Haynes, Jr. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

16. Authorization to purchase trashcans

Mayor King called for a motion to authorize the City Administrator to purchase 112 trashcans from Rehrig Pacific Company.

Councilman Spain motioned to approve the purchase. Councilman Haynes, Jr. Motion passed unanimously.

17. Security fencing for the public works utility barn

Mayor King called for a motion to approve PPI's proposal to design the security fencing for the public works utility barn in the amount of \$7,140.

Councilman Williams motioned to approve. Councilman Spain seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. STAFF COMMENTS:

Heather Coggins informed the audience that early voting starts October 12, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Precinct Commander Amanda Cain spoke about what was going on in and around Gwinnett County.

VIII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT(S):

18. Submission of the FY-2022 Proposed Budget and FY-2021 Budget Adjustment to City Council and the citizens of Dacula

Mayor King submitted the FY-2022 Proposed Budget and FY-2021 Budget Adjustment to City Council and the citizens of Dacula for review. He also noted that Public Hearings for the budget are scheduled for November 4, 2021 and December 2, 2021.

Mayor and Council thanked Joey Murphy for his years of service to the City of Dacula, as his last day is October 29, 2021.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

David Stone, 2491 2nd Avenue, Dacula, Georgia 30019, thanked Joey for his service to the City of Dacula. Mr. Stone thanked the staff for the parking signs in front of his store and inquired if the rest of 2nd Avenue was going to be repaved.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Spain motioned to adjourn. Councilman Haynes, Jr. seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes approved

November 4, 2021

Date

Courtney Mahachy

Signature