



City of Roswell

38 Hill Street
Roswell, Georgia 30075

Meeting Minutes - Final Mayor and City Council

Mayor Jere Wood
Council Member Nancy Diamond
Council Member Rich Dippolito
Council Member Kent Igleheart
Council Member Jerry Orleans
Council Member Betty Price
Council Member Becky Wynn

Monday, February 1, 2010

7:30 PM

City Hall

WELCOME

Present: 7 - Mayor Jere Wood, Council Member Nancy Diamond, Council Member Rich Dippolito, Council Member Kent Igleheart, Council Member Jerry Orleans, Council Member Betty Price, and Council Member Becky Wynn

Staff Present: City Administrator Kay Love; Deputy City Administrator Michael Fischer; Assistant City Attorney Bob Hulse; Fire Chief Ricky Spencer; Environmental/Public Works Director Stuart Moring; Transportation Director Steve Acenbrak; Director of Community Development Alice Wakefield; Deputy Director of Community Development Clyde Stricklin; Transportation Planning Manager Chris Chovan; Historic and Cultural Affairs Manager Morgan Timmis; Community Development Program Coordinator Stefanie Dye; Economic Development Manager William Keir; Community Relations Manager Julie Brechbill; Building Operations Technician Doug Heieren; and City Clerk Sue Creel.

Mayor Jere Wood called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

Pledge of Allegiance - Jack Casseday with Boy Scout Troop 431

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of January 20, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes.**
Administration and Finance
Approved
2. **Approval to Amend the Tree Care Planting and Replacement Master Plan.**
Community Development
Approved

- 3. **Approval of a Resolution to submit a 2010 Historic Preservation Fund Grant in the amount of \$6,000.**
Community Development

Approved

Enactment No: RES 2010-02-03

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Orlans, seconded by Council Member Diamond, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 6

REGULAR AGENDA

Mayor's Report

- 1. **Reading of a Proclamation for Black History Month.**

Mayor Wood read "The celebration of Black History Month was begun by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the son of former slaves, and Black History Month has been celebrated nationally in America since 1926. The Historic and Cultural Affairs Division of the City of Roswell Recreation, Parks, Historic and Cultural Affairs Department working with a volunteer Steering Committee established the "Roswell Roots: Festival of Black History and Culture" in 2002. The 2010 Roswell Roots Festival includes exhibits and special events throughout the month of February for the citizens and surrounding communities to attend and celebrate Black History Month in Roswell."

Historic and Cultural Affairs Manager Morgan Timmis spoke on the many exhibits and events that will occur during the month of February. Gail Bohannon spoke about the Groveway Community Group Program. Mayor Wood thanked the Steering Committee and the Cultural Arts Division for the Festival and encouraged everyone to attend the events.

Community Development - Councilmember Betty Price

- 2. **Approval of a Resolution adopting the Urban Redevelopment Plan and boundary map for the purpose of applying for the Opportunity Zone program.**

Presented by Alice Wakefield, Director

Director of Community Development Alice Wakefield stated this matter is to allow the City to move forward with establishing an Opportunity Zone Program. She asked that this item be deferred until the February 8, 2010 Mayor and Council meeting so that it can be advertised in the newspaper. Ms. Wakefield stated this is a great program that will benefit the City of Roswell and is unique to Roswell and North Fulton. As part of the Opportunity Zone tax credit program, businesses are eligible for a state job tax credit of \$3,500 per employee for five (5) years. There are no restrictions on the type of job, and only two (2) or more jobs need to be created to be eligible.

Mayor Wood thanked Brandon Beach, Ken Hodge, Al Nash, and Joe Young for bringing this program to Roswell's attention. Mr. Beach explained this is an opportunity that exists in North Fulton because of the 2000 census and is a great reason for new businesses to consider coming to Roswell as a business only needs to hire two (2) or more employees to receive the \$3,500 per employee tax credit for five (5) years. Mayor Wood asked the impact this could have in creating jobs in the City of Roswell. Mr. Beach spoke on how existing businesses could benefit. Mr. Hodge spoke on the dramatic effect it could have on the economic development of the North Fulton area. Mr. Nash spoke on how citizens are concerned about economic development, and how this program funded by the State will benefit the City of Roswell. Mayor Wood noted to qualify there needed to be a census track of 15% below poverty level. Mr. Young confirmed there are two (2) census tracks along Highway 9 that qualify. The Mayor asked if there were other qualifications required of businesses to qualify for the tax credit. Mr. Young replied that the tax credit is available in the 15% unemployed census block groups and in surrounding areas. Once a redevelopment plan is approved and an application submitted, the Department of Community Affairs will make a decision if the areas characterized by blighted disinvestment are eligible for redevelopment. Mayor Wood asked about the time frame. Mr. Young stated it could be as soon as 60 days or up to a year. Mayor Wood asked the length of eligibility of the program. Mr. Young responded that currently is was 10 years.

Councilmember Price asked if there would be any administrative function required by the City. Mr. Young responded there was none but noted that Union City had taken on a small administrative function through their business license division to send a brochure or publication to each business every year when they renew their business license explaining their potential eligibility of the tax credit. He encouraged Roswell to do the same as Union City. He noted the granting of the tax credit is automatic if a business hires an employee and files the paperwork.

Mr. Young confirmed for Councilmember Orleans that the \$3,500 tax credit is for a consecutive five (5) years for a total of five (5) credits per employee.

Mayor Wood asked the next steps. Ms. Wakefield responded to have the public hearing on February 8, 2010. Once the Resolution is executed, staff will hand deliver the application to DCA. Ms. Wakefield said she hoped to deliver the application by February 10, 2010.

There was no public comment. Mayor Wood noted the public hearing for this item will be held at the February 8, 2010 Meeting.

3.

Approval for the Mayor and/or City Administrator to sign a contract with Caldwell Landscape, Inc. for a Tree Planting Project in the amount of \$33,328.94.

Presented by Alice Wakefield, Director

Director of Community Development Alice Wakefield stated Caldwell Landscape, Inc. was the lowest local bidder in the amount of \$33,328.94. This project is part of the Tree Care Planting and Replacement Master Plan for the year 2009.

Councilmember Dippolito asked if there was a map or listing of where the trees will be located. Ms. Wakefield responded that an item on the Consent Agenda (#2) just voted was the list of locations where the trees should be planted within the timeframe of 2004-2012. She noted the list was amended based on direction from the Committee to add the Old Alabama Road Tree Replacement for Roswell DOT for

2010. Councilmember Dippolito asked which areas have been completed. Ms. Wakefield explained the amended list is for items 24-27. Councilmember Dippolito stated, for clarification, items 1-23 were completed and the amended list regards items 24-27.

A motion was made by Council Member Betty Price, seconded by Council Member Jerry Orleans, that this Item be Approved. Council Member Price, Council Member Orleans, Council Member Wynn, Council Member Dippolito and Council Member Diamond voted to approve the motion. Council Member Igleheart abstained from voting. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 5

Abstain: 1

Environmental / Public Works Department - Councilmember Becky Wynn

4. Approval of a Resolution to submit a grant project list for the FY2011 Federal Appropriations request through the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD).

Presented by Stuart Moring, Director

Environmental/Public Works Director Stuart Moring stated a few years ago the City entered into an Agreement with other communities who are part of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District to seek federal assistance from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Core of Engineers, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Each year the City participates in conferences and calls with colleagues who are part of this and submits a request. The four projects are water supply intake rehabilitation on Big Creek, Big Creek sub-basin rehabilitation, reconstruction of 2 dams at Leita Thompson Park, and development of an additional water supply elevated tank probably in the southwest part of the water service area to improve flow and reliability. Mr. Moring stated that normally there are local match requirements, as in money previously received and future money that will be received under the EPA's STAG Program (State and Travel Affairs Grants). The City has put up the value of the Big Creek Park wetland areas and some of that value is remaining that would go against the match. Because these are different programs, currently there is no way to know what the match would be, but typically it has been between 25-45% of the total cost of the project.

A motion was made by Council Member Becky Wynn, seconded by Council Member Kent Igleheart, that this Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 6

Enactment No: RES 2010-02-04

City Attorney's Report

5. Approval of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, Article 2.6 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Terms of Office for Boards and Commissions. (Second Reading)

Assistant City Attorney Bob Hulsey read "The City of Roswell desires to update its Code of Ordinances to clarify the terms of appointments to Boards and Commissions of the City and limit the number of terms that may be served on Boards and

Commissions of the City. The Mayor and Council have determined it is in the best interest of the public to appoint members of Boards and Commissions for only a limited number of terms. To accomplish the foregoing, the Mayor and Council pursuant to their authority, adopt the following ordinance. Chapter 2, "Administration," Article 2.6, "Boards and Commissions," Section 2.6.3 "Terms of Office" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Roswell is hereby amended by deleting said Section in its entirety and adding a new Section 2.6.3 to read as follows: Board and Commission members shall serve three-year terms. A member of any Board or Commission shall not serve more than three (3) full consecutive terms on any Board or Commission after adoption of this Ordinance, but may at the election of Mayor and Council be appointed to serve on another Board or Commission. If members are currently serving an unexpired term, said term shall not be considered an initial term for purposes of these term limits. The remainder of this Ordinance is incorporated by reference."

Mayor Wood asked which Boards and Commissions the Ordinance applies to. Mr. Hulsey replied the Ordinance applies to all except Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and the Recreation Commission. Mayor Wood asked if Council chooses to do so if the Ordinance could be applied to the HPC and the Recreation Commission. Mr. Hulsey replied no, because those are determined by state law. Mayor Wood stated his understanding was the terms of the HPC and Recreation Commission was set by State law, but the renewal of the term could be determined locally. Mr. Hulsey agreed but noted it would take a separate Ordinance due to the language of this particular Ordinance.

Mayor Wood asked Council to consider bringing forward an ordinance for terms limits for the HPC and the Recreation Commission.

A motion was made by Council Member Jerry Orlans, seconded by Council Member Becky Wynn, that this Item be Approved on Second Reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 6

Enactment No: ORD 2010-02-01

Adjournment:

After no further business, the Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. for a Work Session on the Big Creek Bridge Road Project.