



Legislative Work Session

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Douglasville, GA 30134
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~Minutes~

Thursday, November 15, 2018

6:00 PM

Conference Center, 6700 Church Street

Rollcall

Members Present:

Mayor Rochelle Robinson, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Segal, Councilman Mark Adams, Councilwoman LaShun Burr Danley, Councilman Sam Davis, Councilman Christopher Watts

Members Absent:

Councilman Mike Miller, Councilman Terry Miller

Members Staff:

Joel Dodson, Suzan Littlefield, Marcia Hampton, Chelsea Jackson, Vicki Acker, Karin Callan, Karen Knight, Travis Landrum, Jason Post, Greg Roberts, Phil Shafer, Gary Sparks, Aaron Szarowicz, Nathan Todd, Briana Watts, Patrice Williams, Rachel Bordeaux

1. Call To Order

Mayor Rochelle Robinson; 6:04 p.m.

2. Invocation

Executive Pastor Henry Greenidge of Trinity World Christian Center

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Segal

4. Announcements - Presentations

- A.** Mayor Rochelle Robinson and the City Council presented Douglas County Director of External Affairs, Tiffany Stewart-Stanley with a congratulatory letter for being recognized by Georgia Trend Magazine, 40 under 40.

5. Other Business

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Segal provided the following information:

- November 13 (Tues.) Town Hall Meeting at the Police Department (very informative, well attended)
- Final Official Vote Totals for the two (2) referendums that passed on November 6:
 - 1) Redevelopment Powers - YES 6,321 (54.32%) and NO 5,316 (45.68%)
 - 2) Brunch Bill - See following statement mentioned earlier under Public Safety Committee, item C:

"Mayor Pro Tem Segal asked that the Minutes reflect the actual vote that was cast by the citizens of the City of Douglasville in the Special Election last week (11/6/18), and that was votes in favor of the change to the Sunday serving hour was 7,996 YES (66%) and 4,113 NO (34%); that's over 12,000 people who voted on that and that's a lot more than we will have in the Municipal General Election next year so I think it does very accurately reflect the will of the people of the City of Douglasville."

6. Chief of Police - Gary Sparks

- Mayor Robinson asked Chief Sparks about the police officers now being allowed to wear beards. Chief Sparks responded that now officers are allowed to wear beards as a part of their community outreach program that our officers are looking similar to their community. We are going away from the militaristic look somewhat. I think it's more conducive to our idea of 21st century policing.
- Chief Sparks also mentioned that this past weekend they began an outreach effort in the Mill Village area; therefore visited the Mill Village Apts. in partnership with local fraternities to do educational, homework tutoring with the kids, parenting classes and other. We will be taking that same philosophy to other apartment complexes. It's going to be our approach to trying to combat the gang influence or the criminal, addictive thinking mindset of some of our young people, trying to empower our young people toward their greatness. We're going to implement this with some of our fraternities and other civic organizations that would like to get on board with us.
- Third week of Youth Against Violence with 22 students tonight but an average of 30 normally.

7. City Manager - Marcia Hampton

City Manager Hampton made the following announcements:

- Tomorrow will be the elected officials final trip this year - a community visit to Suwanee. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Conference Center. We will meet with their Mayor and City Manager, as well as a few others. We will look at the Town Green and talking about open container and some of the other things they have around their town square so all of this will be information you will need to discuss as we look at the amphitheater.
- On Monday, we will start at 4:00 pm again; we have several rounds of interviews to complete.
- City Hall will be closed next Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving.

8. Staff Reports

- A.** Staff report regarding upcoming events.
Communications Committee - Chairman Sam Davis

Community Outreach Coordinator Aaron Szarowicz made the following announcements:

- Tuesday, November 27 from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
UDO (Unified Development Ordinance) Meeting at the Conference Center

- Tuesday, December 4 from 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
New Hire Breakfast at the Conference Center

- Tuesday, December 4 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Employee Service Awards at the Conference Center

- Tuesday, December 4 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Downtown Master Plan Update Meeting #2, Phase 1 at the Conference Ctr.

- Thursday, December 6 from 12:00 Noon
Keep Douglasville Beautiful will be officially presented with 5 awards during the Annual Keep Georgia Beautiful Awards Luncheon at the Macon Marriott Ctr.

- Friday, December 7 from 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
City of Douglasville Christmas Parade, Tree Lighting, Pictures with Santa and Movie for the kids at the Conference Ctr.

- Saturday, December 8 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Breakfast with Santa at the Community Room of the Police Department

9. Adjournment

7:24 p.m.