



City Council Meeting
MARCH 19, 2018

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 PARK PLAZA
6:30 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

❖ *Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM*

II. ROLL CALL

- Council Members
 - Mayor Donald F. Mitchell
 - Jason Binder
 - Ben Burnett
 - Dan Merkel
- Staff
 - Bob Regus, City Administrator
 - Coty Thigpen, City Clerk
 - Sam Thomas, City Attorney
 - James Drinkard, Asst. City Administrator
 - Peter Sewczwicz, Director of Public Works
 - John Robison, Deputy Director of Public Safety
 - Morgan Rodgers, Director of Recreation and Parks
 - Kathi Cook, Director of Community Development
 - Eric Graves, Senior Engineer

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Service Award - John Maloney - 30 years

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Council Meeting Minutes (Meeting of 02/21/2018 & 3/5/2018)

B. Approval of Settlement- Morris

- *Council Member Merkel offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.*
- *The motion was seconded by Council Member Binder*
- *Motion approved (4-0)*

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. PH-17-38 Sae Han Church/3385 Kimball Bridge Road

Consideration of a change to previous conditions of zoning to allow for a detention pond to be placed underground for the purpose of providing more parking for the expansion of the church. The property is located at 3385 Kimball Bridge Road on the south side of Kimball Bridge Road and west of Waters Road and is legally described as being located in Land Lot 916, 1st District, 2nd Section, Fulton County, Georgia.

(NOTE: This item was not removed from the table and was not considered at this meeting.)

B. PH-17-37: UDC Changes Downtown Code - Parking (Second Reading)

- Director of Community Development, Kathi Cook, came forward to present this item on behalf of staff
- This item was presented to the City Council as a workshop item at the January 16, 2018 Council meeting. Council asked that the proposed Downtown Parking regulations be discussed further at the upcoming Council Retreat.
- This item was heard at the February 1, 2018 Planning Commission meeting. No one from the public spoke for or against the request. Planning Commissioners recommended changes to the proposed Downtown Parking regulations, including defining criteria for on-site parking special exceptions and changing the parking in lieu fee schedule to create a category for spaces 1-5 at a rate of \$4,500/space and parking spaces 6-10 at a rate of \$7,000/space. After discussion, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the item, but the motion failed 3-4. Therefore, the item moves forward to City Council without a recommendation.
- Staff recommended approval of PH-17-37 Unified Development Code, Appendix A: Alpharetta Downtown Code
- Consideration of amendments to Unified Development Code (UDC) Appendix A: Alpharetta Downtown Code, Section 2.4 Parking and Loading.
- Staff and the City's Parking Consultants propose the following regulations to consider addressing parking in the Downtown Overlay:
 - Minimum parking requirements for 'Schools, Senior High'.
 - Allowance for parking requirements to be satisfied through payment of parking in-lieu fees.
 - Approval process requires consideration of a public hearing application by City Council
 - Parking In-Lieu Fee Schedule
 - Fees due at issuance of building permit or business license
 - On-site parking special exceptions
 - Requests heard by Planning Commission and decided by City Council
 - May be utilized when the full provisions of on-site parking are unnecessary or when a site is unable to accommodate required parking due to the size, shape, topography, existing buildings, existing

trees, other natural features or required buffers.

- *City Attorney, Sam Thomas, read the Ordinance title into the record*
- *Council Member Merkel offered a motion to approve PH-17-37: UDC Changes Downtown Code - Parking*
 - *The motion was seconded by Council Member Binder*
 - *Motion approved (4-0)*

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recommended Amendment to Speed Zone Ordinance

- Director of Public Works, Pete Sewczwicz, came forward to present this item on behalf of staff
- Amend the existing speed zone ordinance in order to incorporate added residential zones and changes to existing speed limits for the purpose of public safety. Authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.
- The City of Alpharetta's Speed Zone Ordinance was last amended November 2012. Additional streets and changes to roadway limits, since the last amendment, require that changes be made to address speed complaints to ensure safety.
- Per Georgia Uniform Traffic Code, all speed limits enforced by municipal law enforcement agencies using speed detection devices must be:
 - a) submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation for approval;
 - b) approved by the municipality; and
 - c) approved by the Georgia Department of Public Safety.
- The Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the List of Roadways satisfying (a) above.
- This Council Agenda Item, and thus the Ordinance Amendment, fulfills (b) above.
 - *City Attorney, Sam read the Ordinance title into the record for a 1st reading*

Public Comment

None

- *Council Member Burnett offered a motion to amend the existing Speed Zone Ordinance in order to incorporate added residential zones and changes to existing speed limits for the purpose of public safety and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents*
 - *The motion was seconded by Council Member Merkel*
 - *Motion approved (4-0)*

B. Mayfield Road Culvert Replacement, ITB 18-007

- Director of Public Works, Pete Sewczwicz, came forward to present this item on behalf of staff
- Staff recommends awarding Bid No. 18-007 to The Dickerson Group, Inc. in the amount of \$823,943.60 for the Mayfield Road Culvert Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.
- Through the City's routine stormwater inspections, it has been determined that the existing culvert

under Mayfield Road carrying Foe Killer Creek has deteriorated beyond repair causing sinkholes to form at the roadway edge near the existing guardrail and causing the existing walls to buckle away from the pipe. This project will include the removal of the existing culvert and replacement with a new bottomless culvert, replacement of the roadway including expansion to include bike lanes and sidewalks on either side, and removal and preservation of the existing pedestrian bridge for future use elsewhere in the city. This project will include design, permitting, and construction of the new culvert and roadway. The project will require the closure of Mayfield Road during construction. Closure will be limited to the months when Fulton County Schools are out for summer break and will be reopened by the time school starts. Public Works will work closely with City Hall in distributing the detour plan for the summer months for this particular area of the City.

- The project was advertised for competitive bid on February 1, 2018. Bids were received on March 1, 2018.
- The low bidder, The Dickerson Group, Inc., is an experienced contractor and has successfully worked on bridge and culvert projects in the past. They are an on call culvert replacement company for Gwinnett County and accomplished several projects in Gwinnett County the summer of 2016 and 2017 near schools where they had to open cut roads and replace culverts. They have assured city staff that they understand the time sensitivity of the road closure as it relates to the school year. Based on their low bid and past experience, staff recommends awarding this project to The Dickerson Group, Inc.

Public Comment

- Don Nahser, 305 Karen Drive, Alpharetta, GA, came forward to speak on this item
- *Council Member Burnett offered a motion to award Bid No. 18-007 to The Dickerson Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$823,943.60 for the Mayfield Road Culvert Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.*
 - *The motion was seconded by Council Member Merkel*
 - *Motion approved (4-0)*

C. Presentation of the North Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Adoption

- Senior Engineer, Eric Graves, came forward to present this item on behalf of staff
- Staff recommends the adoption of the North Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan, as summarized by the 2018 Recommendations Report
- In October of 2015, Council authorized a Memorandum of Agreement between the five major North Fulton Cities to work in conjunction with the Atlanta Regional Commission to update the North Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Agreements were signed, consultants selected, and the Scope of Work agreed to by August of 2016.
- The goal of this project is to develop an implementation strategy for the highest priority projects in the North Fulton Region. To that end, it is essential that the North Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan be adopted by all North Fulton jurisdictions. By partnering together for the highest need projects, the North Fulton Cities can help maximize their share of regional funding.
- In November of 2017, the Kimley-Horn Consultant Team updated the City Councils on the project's progress and draft recommendations. Input from the project stakeholders, the public participation effort, and jurisdiction officials have now been incorporated into the final summary report, The North Fulton County Transportation Comprehensive Plan: 2018 Recommendations Report.

- *City Attorney, Sam Thomas, read the Resolution aloud*

Public Comment

None

- *Council Member Merkel offered a motion to adopt the North Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan, as summarized by the 2018 Recommendations Report*
- *The motion was seconded by Council Member Binder*
- *Motion approved (4-0)*

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IX. REPORTS

- Council Member Binder announced that he would like to propose a Resolution regarding the North Fulton Comprehensive Traffic Plan to be considered at the next Council Meeting
- Council Member Burnett commended Mayor Mitchell on fulfilling his duties of Mayor Pro Tem by transitioning to acting Mayor

X. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ *Mayor Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:59PM*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Coty Thigpen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Coty Thigpen, City Clerk