CITY OF DUNWOODY
June 15, 2009
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

The Mayor and Council of the City of Dunwoody held a Special Called Meeting on Monday, June 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. The Meeting was held in the Council Chambers of at Dunwoody City Hall, 41 Perimeter Center East, Dunwoody, Georgia 30346. Present for this meeting were the following:

Mayor	Ken Wright
District 1, Post 1	Denis Shortal, Council Member
District 3, Post 3	Tom Taylor, Council Member
At Large, Post 4	Robert Wittenstein, Council Member
At Large, Post 5	Danny Ross, Council Member
At Large, Post 6	John Heneghan, Council Member
Staff Present:	Brian Anderson, City Attorney
	Warren Hutmacher, City Manager
	Sharon Lowery, City Clerk
	Karine Roy, Assistant to the City Clerk
	Chris Pike, Finance Director
	Tyra Little, Purchasing Manager
	Bill Grogan, Chief of Police

Mayor Wright called the Meeting to order.

ROLL CALL AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION led by Council Member Wittenstein.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Council Member Heneghan.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Wright requested public comment. There was no public comment. Mayor Wright closed public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance to adopt the proposed 2009 Millage Rate. (ORDINANCE 2009-06-XX): City Manager Warren Hutmacher gave a brief presentation, explaining that this was the third of three required public hearings on the proposed millage rate; the proposed millage rate is 2.74 mills.

Mayor Wright requested public comment.

Betsy Choder – stated that she opposes the proposed millage rate for the following reasons: 1) there is no legitimate government purpose stated; 2) the 2.74 mill rate was used by the County last year

and their tax digest does not compare to the City's – the City has less infrastructure; and 3) the budget shows revenues are exceeding costs.

Mayor Wright closed public comment and public hearing without objection.

SECOND READ: Ordinance to adopt the proposed 2009 Millage Rate (ORDINANCE 2009-06-34): City Clerk Sharon Lowery read ordinance 2009-06-34. Council Member Ross moved to approve the ordinance. Council Member Wittenstein seconded. Council Member Shortal reiterated that the City's infrastructure has declined over the last twenty years. Mayor Wright said the City is being run like a small business, adding that it is not smart not to have a reserve. Mayor Wright called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Amendment Section IV of the agreement with DeKalb Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc: City Manager Warren Hutmacher stated the contract was executed in June and the first payment will be in July. He explained that the amendment would have the first payment back to April 1. Council Member Ross moved to approve. Mayor Wright seconded. Council Member Wittenstein asked what caused the delay for the contract. City Manager Warren Hutmacher stated that a number of exhibits needed to be added. Council Member Shortal asked about the services that have been performed since April. Council Member Ross replied that leads have been provided to our hoteliers. Mayor Wright called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Wright requested public comment.

Bob Dallas – stated that it is his understanding that the CVB is leaning toward a 501(C) (6). He said there are two different models as to how organizations like this should be set up and that trust and organization have to be looked at. Mr. Dallas said the "Jones" model is based on command and control and the "Levitan" model puts faith in the people you are working with. He suggested the board is made up of 3 hoteliers, 1 from PCID, 3 appointed by the City, 1 from a business, and 1 from retail/restaurant.

Mayor Wright closed public comment.

ADJOURN

Mayor Wright motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Ross seconded. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The vote carried unanimously.

Approved by:

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Ken Wright, Mayor

Attest:

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Sharon Lowery, City Clerk