



Action Agenda

Board of Commissioners
March 2, 2011
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in an Official Workshop Session on Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at 3:30 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Commissioners Present:

Herb Frady, Chairman
Robert Horgan, Vice Chairman
Steve Brown
Lee Hearn
Allen McCarty

Staff Present:

Jack Krakeel, County Administrator
Scott Bennett, County Attorney
Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant
Floyd L. Jones, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order.

Chairman Frady called the March 2, 2011 Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting to Order at 3:30 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda.

Commissioner Horgan moved to accept the Agenda as published. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Report from Parks and Recreation Director Anita Godbee on progress of efforts to form a Kenwood Park and Recreation Association.

Parks and Recreation Director Anita Godbee gave a report to the Board on the progress of efforts to form a Kenwood Park and Recreation Association. Mrs. Godbee informed the Board that the next step for the Kenwood Park and Recreation Association would be to elect temporary officers in order to apply for their nonprofit status. She said once the Association is officially nonprofit, the County would require the Association to sign a contract with Fayette County, as is required for all the other similar associations. She concluded that before the Kenwood Park and Recreation Association signs a contract with Fayette County she would return to the Board and provide an additional update.

County Administrator Jack Krakeel recommended that the Board direct the County Attorney to review the Kenwood Park and Recreation Association's bylaws, since ultimately the Board would have to approve it in order for the Association to function under Fayette County's Recreation Commission. The Board consented to the County Administrator's request.

2. Consideration of staff's request for updates and minor modifications to various Human Resources policies. This item was tabled from the December 9, 2010 meeting pending further clarification.

Assistant Human Resources Director Lewis Patterson explained the need for minor modifications to the Human Resources policies, and he answered the Board's question.

The Board directed that staff's request for updates and minor modifications to various Human Resources policies be placed on the March 10, 2011 Consent Agenda.

3. Discussion with Human Resources Staff regarding possible changes in the County's self-insured employee health plan in preparation for the annual renewal date of June 1, 2011.

Human Resources Director Connie Boehnke and Ms. Jackie Turner, representing Pacific General, discussed possible changes to the County's self-insured employee health plan with the Board.

The Board tabled Human Resources' request until its March 10, 2011 meeting.

4. Discussion of proposed transportation projects to be submitted to the Atlanta Regional Roundtable for consideration under the Transportation Investment Act.

County Administrator Jack Krakeel and Public Works Director Phil Mallon discussed the proposed transportation projects to be submitted to the Atlanta Regional Roundtable for consideration under the Transportation Investment Act.

The Board took no action based on this discussion. County Administrator Jack Krakeel requested the Commissioners to either individually or collectively provide feedback to Mr. Mallon concerning their thoughts on the proposed transportation projects, and the Board consented to the request.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Consideration of Resolution No. 2011-06 regarding Fiscal Responsibility and Protecting Fayette County's Quality of Life, as presented by Commissioner Brown.

Commissioner Steve Brown gave prepared remarks concerning Resolution 2011-06, and moved to place the Resolution on the next Board of Commissioners Agenda for approval. Discussion followed.

The Board decided, via a 3-2 consensus, not to proceed with discussion or passage of Resolution No. 2011-06 until after more information was available and after the vote of the Regional Roundtable occurred

RECESS: The Board of Commissioners moved into a temporary recess at 5:02 p.m. and returned to the Official Workshop Meeting at 5:16 p.m.

6. Discussion of Senate Bill 86 which relates to eliminating some statewide planning mandates.

County Administrator Jack Krakeel and Director of Community Development Pete Frisina explained Senate Bill 86 to the Board and answered the Board's questions.

The Board consented to sending a letter to the County's legislative delegation tentatively supporting Senate Bill 86 as long as language is included stating the total abolishing of statewide planning mandates could be dangerous to the Fayette community and that specific reforms be listed.

7. Ms. Kiana Robinson, owner of Kidology Preschool in College Park, would like to request the Board's consideration of amending the Zoning Ordinance related to set-backs and buffers, which would allow her to establish a similar facility in north Fayette County.

Ms. Kiana Robinson, her associate Mr. Farmer, and Director of Community Development Pete Frisina discussed Ms. Robinson's request with the Board.

The Board consented not to amend the Zoning Ordinance as requested, and to not consider this request at a later date.

8. Director of Community Development Pete Frisina will discuss how the Zoning Ordinance relates the number of animals allowed; and the issue of beekeeping.

Director of Community Development Pete Frisina discussed the Zoning Ordinance that relates to the number of animals allowed, and he also spoke about beekeeping issues that had recently arisen in the County. Mr. Mike Maxwell, a local beekeeper in Fayette County, also spoke to the Board.

The Board suggested that the Ordinance should separate requirements placed on dogs from requirements placed on cats. The Board further thought that commercial kennels should be regulated under Zoning, that it was "far-fetched" to require a single-family dwelling to be a kennel, and that the language concerning noncommercial kennels be removed with animals regulated under a dog and cat ordinances. The Board also considered that regulating pets and animals based on a nuisance factor, rather than a numerical factor may be the best approach to consider. The Board also considered removing the term "kennel" from residential zoning.

The Board directed Mr. Frisina to prepare draft ordinances that address its suggestions concerning regulating dogs and cats, and to return to the Board at a later date.

Concerning beekeeping, the Board considered regulations could be written based on the size of the beekeeper's property. The Board further suggested creating a committee of local beekeepers, for the committee to include Planning and Zoning staff, and for the committee to study the beekeeping issue with the view of presenting a draft ordinance before the Board.

9. Director of Community Development Pete Frisina will update the Board on the County's requirements to perform a Full Plan Update of the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan.

Director of Community Development Pete Frisina discussed the County's requirements to perform a Full Plan Update of the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan, and he answered questions from the Board.

The Board consented to allow staff to perform a Full Plan Update of the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan, to take the update through the Public Hearing process with the Planning Commissioner and the Board of Commissioners, and to eventually submit the Community Agenda to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review and approval.

10. Director of Community Development Pete Frisina will ask for direction on how to redesignate remnants of old road right-of-way resulting from the reconfiguration of property that was formerly portions of Huiet and Lester Roads, as related to existing platted properties known as Waterlace and Postal Commons.

Director of Community Development Pete Frisina asked for direction on how to redesignate remnants of the old road right-of-way resulting from the reconfiguration of property that was formerly portions of Huiet and Lester Roads, as related to existing platted properties known as Waterlace and Postal Commons.

The Board consented to authorize the County Attorney to draft a resolution abandoning the old road right-of-way in order for the areas in question to become general County property, and to place the resolution on the March 10, 2011 Agenda for approval.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

11. New Hope Baptist Church has contacted the County concerning a site across S.R. 74 South, formerly known as Starr's Mill Baptist Church, but used in recent years as a part of the New Hope South Campus.

County Administrator Jack Krakeel asked for Agenda Item 11 to be discussed in Executive Session as Real Estate Acquisition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Horgan moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item 11 as Real Estate Acquisition. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. and returned to Official Workshop Session at 6:42 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Steve Brown: Commissioner Brown spoke about three different instances where the dog park in Peachtree City has had dogs "dumped" on the site that people have picked up on the sides of the roads because the County's Animal Shelter cannot accept them on weekends. He said the problem being experienced at the dog park is that they cannot accept the liability for the dog at the park. He suggested for a system to be established utilizing local police or some other agency so that a dog can be taken to a designated place during the weekend.

County Administrator Jack Krakeel replied that he would be glad to look into the issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Horgan moved to adjourn the March 2, 2011 Board of Commissioners Workshop meeting. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. The Board adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, Deputy Clerk