

NPU-T Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 9, 2010

The General meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm EST by Chairman Knowles

1) Invocation

- a) In the absence of the NPU-T Chaplain, Bill Cannon, a moment of silence was observed.

2) Approval of Agenda –

A motion was made by Mark Malaguerra to adopt the agenda as presented with deviations as the chair deems necessary. This was seconded by Steffi Langer-Berry.

The Vote: Yes- 4; No - 0; → Motion Carries

3) Approval of Minutes – May 2010

- a) Copies of the May minutes were distributed for approval prior to the meeting in softcopy. Hardcopies were available at the meeting for members without e-mail access.

A motion was made by Larry Carter to adopt the minutes as published. This was seconded by Mark Malaguerra.

The Vote: Yes-4; No - 0; → Motion Carries

4) Police, Fire, and Community Prosecutor's Updates (5 minutes per report)

a) Police –

i) Zone 4 – Lt. Bennett spoke about the most recent crime statistics on Beats 401 & 402.

- (1) Burglaries are down 26%.
- (2) There are increases in aggravated assaults (domestic violence) and non-vehicle larcenies (shoplifting).
- (3) A copy of the crime statistics was provided to the NPU-T chair.

ii) Zone 1 – No representative present.

b) Fire – No representative present.

c) Community Prosecutor – Ms. Blackett-Jones (Zone 4) 404.699.5294

iii) ADA Jones spoke about several initiatives including:

- (1) Review of existing laws and gaps in them as they relate to copper thefts/sales, pawn shops, flea markets, etc.
- (2) There will be a Zone 1 Mini Court Watch training session held on July 14th at 6pm at the Booker T. Washington High School. The training is free.

d) Council Member Julian Bond (404.330.6770) – Ms. Shepherd

iv) Ms. Shepard was on hand for

e) Morehouse Community Revitalization Task Force - Devon Lambert

v) Mr. Lambert spoke about several initiatives regarding GIS.

f) Department of Watershed – Brent Brewer

i) Talking points were distributed

- ii) A question was asked as to situations regarding vacant properties and/or dormant accounts. A specific situation happened where a foreclosed property had accrued a \$14,000 past-due balance. Mr. Brewer spoke about recent changes because the department of Watershed**

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Management had realized that there was a large discrepancy in accounts that were in arrears and there were funds that had not been collected.

➔ **Patrick Berry presented an overview of the finances and was present to accept donations for the operation of NPU-T.**

➔ **First time attendees to NPU-T were recognized.**

4) Presentations

a) Fulton County Board of Registration: Voter Education / Out Reach

- i) Mr. Henderson spoke about the upcoming election scheduled for July 20th.
- ii) Voter registration deadline is June 21st for the July 20th election.
- iii) Saturday, July 10th will be a "Family Voter Day"

b) Atlanta Beltline 5k Run/Walk

- i) **Marshall Thomas provided information about the upcoming event.**
- ii) **Patrick Berry outlined how the 5k will tie in with the Westview Centennial Celebration on Saturday, June 26th.**

5) Planner's Report – Brandy Crawford (404.330.6522 bcrawford@atlantaga.gov)

- a) Planner Crawford was not present.

6) Zoning and Land Use

a) Street Abandonments

- i) James P. Brawley Dr., SW and Raymond Street, S.W. between Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Beckwith Street.
- ii) Mitchell Street, S.W. between Pascal Boulevard and James P. Brawley Drive.
- b) Deferred from the May meeting as the final legislation had not been drafted as of the May NPU-T general body meeting and there was no final proposal to act upon.
 - i) Planner Crawford outlined that the applicant is Clark Atlanta University and the purpose of this is to close the designated streets to street traffic for pedestrian safety of pedestrians on the campus.
 - (1) James P. Brawley Dr., SW and Raymond Street, S.W. between Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Beckwith Street.
 - (2) Mitchell Street, S.W. between Pascal Boulevard and James P. Brawley Drive.

The Discussion: the applicant has indicated that the other property owners on the streets in question have also signed up to support the street abandonment.

The Action: Since the legislation has not been drafted, there is no item requiring a vote by the NPU-T general body at this time. The applicant has been advised to communicate with the impacted neighborhood prior to coming to the NPU-T general body for a vote.

The Vote ➔ none needed...pending legislation being provided to NPU-T.

5) License Review Board

- a) **No items on the June Agenda**

6) Text Amendments, Ordinances & Resolutions

- a) **Mark Malaguerra spoke about the underlying purposes of the amendments that were on the agenda for information only.**

- **Public Hearing** June 1, 2010 **12:30 P.M.10-0-0628 A**
SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / HUMAN RESOURCES
COMMITTEE TO AMEND SECTION 18 OF THE ATLANTA HOUSING CODE OF 1987 AND SECTION
8-2094 OF THE ATLANTA COMMERCIAL, INSTITUTIONAL, & INDUSTRIAL BUILDING

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MAINTENANCE CODE SO AS TO PROVIDE A NEW MINIMUM PENALTY SCHEDULE FOR CODE VIOLATIONS; SO AS TO PROVIDE A NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR INITIAL AND SUBSEQUENT INSPECTIONS TO DETERMINE IF SUCH VIOLATIONS EXIST AND/OR HAVE BEEN CORRECTED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. *(No NPU Vote Required)*

- **10-0-0629** (2) AN ORDINANCE BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE AMENDING THE ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 46-38 TO INCREASE CERTAIN RATES FOR RENTAL OF THE BOISFEUILLET JONES ATLANTA CIVIC CENTER; AND TO DIRECT THAT THE REVENUE FROM THE RATE INCREASES BE DEPOSITED INTO THE ACCOUNTS SET FORTH HEREIN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. *(No NPU Vote Required)*
- **Public Hearing** June 2, 2010 **10-0-0875** AN ORDINANCE BY: FINANCE-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AMENDING THE CITY OF ATLANTA OCCUPATION TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF: (1) INCREASING THE CAP ON REVENUE SUBJECT TO THE TAX FROM ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS (\$100,000,000) TO TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS (\$200,000,000); (2) INCREASING THE RATE PER EMPLOYEE FROM FIFTEEN DOLLARS (\$15.00) TO TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00); (3); ENACTING A NEW SUBSECTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000) TO BE ALLOCATED INTO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. *(No NPU Vote Required)*
- **10-0-0876** AN ORDINANCE BY FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ASSESS FEES TO RECAPTURE THE FULL COST CHARGED TO THE CITY FOR THE USE OF REMOTE PAYMENT SYSTEMS MADE AVAILABLE AS A CONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC; TO AUTHORIZE FUTURE ADJUSTMENTS TO THAT FEE STRUCTURE TO REFLECT THE ACTUAL COST TO THE CITY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ESTABLISH SUCH ACCOUNTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER A SYSTEM TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECEIPT OF SUCH FEES AND THE DISBURSEMENT OF SUCH FEES TO THE SERVICE PROVIDERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. *(No NPU Vote Required)*
- **10-0-0729 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 78, ARTICLE III, SECTION 78-57, SUBSECTION (b), OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING EXISTING FIRE INSPECTION FEES, FIRE PLAN REVIEW FEES AND FIRE PERMIT FEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (No NPU Vote Required)**
- **Public Hearing** Thursday, May 27, 2010 **6:00 P.M.** **10-0-0805** An Ordinance by City Utilities Committee to authorize the revision in Application Fees for the abandonment of public streets pursuant to the provision of Chapter 138, Section 138-9 and Appendix B of the Code Of Ordinances, City of Atlanta, Georgia; and for other purposes. *(No NPU Vote Required)*
- **10-0-0904** An Ordinance by City Utilities Committee to authorize the revision in permit fees for Encroachments pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 138, Section 138-20 and Appendix B of the Code of Ordinances, City of Atlanta, Georgia; to add an Annual Inspection Fee to all Encroachment Agreements; and for other purposes *(No NPU Vote Required)*
- **10-0-0905** An Ordinance by City Utilities Committee to authorize the revision of Annual Fees for Recycling pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 130, Section 130-82 and Appendix B of the Code of Ordinances, City of Atlanta, Georgia; and for other purposes. *(No NPU Vote Required)*

7) Special Events / Outdoor Festivals

a) **Patrick Berry spoke about the Westview Centennial.**

8) Neighborhood Association Reports (2 minutes per report)

- a) WEND – Brent Brewer spoke about:
 - i) The West Fest event that was held in May.

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- ii) National Night Out will be at the Wrens' Nest in August
- iii) In the process of developing a presentation for the Empire Board of Realtors regarding the state of schools in the NPU-T area.
- iv) The Mayor has been invited to attend the West End Merchant's Coalition on June 24th.
- b) Beecher Donnelly – April Anderson
 - i) Monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, June 15th at the corner of Beecher and Copland and will be a cookout.
 - ii) In August, on the Sunday before school starts, the Beecher Donnelly association will be hosting a back-to-school festival.

5) Committee Reports (3 minutes per report)

- a) Written reports were provided to the NPU-T chair.
- b) Mark Malaguerra provided a report concerning the recent leadership committee meeting with Mayor Reed.

6) Atlanta Planning Advisory Board Report –

- a) **No report.**

7) Announcements –

- a) Marlena Middlebrook was on hand from Council Member H. Lamar Willis' (404.330.6041) office to take community concerns.
- b) Leslie Battle with Council Member Ivory Young's office (404.330.6046) was on hand to take community concerns. He will be hosting a town hall meeting on Saturday, July 10th.
- c) The next APAB meeting will be on the 3rd Saturday of June.

4) Adjournment– The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

\$ 11.50 in Donations were collected by NPU-T treasurer, Patrick Berry

40 individuals were recorded on the NPU-T sign-in sheets.