A CDBG public hearing was held before the council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes
Mauldin City Council
Informal Session
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7:00 PM

Members present were Mayor Don Godbey, Council members Gabe Hunter, Bob Cook, James Kennedy, Dale Black, and Michael Reynolds.

1. Call to order.- Mayor Godbey
   a. Invocation- Councilman Hunter
   b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Black
   c. Welcome- Mayor Godbey
   d. Proclamations and Presentations- Martin Livingstone, GCRA

Mr. Livingstone presented the CDBG resolution and funds available to Mauldin. This item will be moved to the front of the formal session.

2. Report from City Administrator

   Trey Eubanks: I am going to cite the information in your council report and start with a letter from Greenville County we have received. We are going to incur some costs associated with a tipping fee starting July 1, 2008. They indicated this was coming and have given us some costs to expect. This fee will allow the County to fund address operations and maintenance of Twin Chimneys Landfill. We currently pay $13.25 per ton and we are going to look at how to handle this with the upcoming budget and I will make you aware of recommendations.

   The legislative agenda for MASC is attached along with a report on funding from the State’s Chief Economist, William Gillespie. He presented this report at the SCCMA conference I attended this past weekend. It speaks to some challenges the state will face this year and I wanted to bring that to you for your information.

   The Highway 276 corridor improvement project- we do intend to use enhancement funds so therefore we have to have DOT’s approval on the RFP. We are working with them now and hope to have something very soon. I am looking at April, having gone through the council of talking to firms and coming to council. A number of firms have contacted us and are very interested in working on this project that will make a significant impact now and in the future.

   The cultural center project- to update that- electrical work is complete on the sign. Due to the change of the column widths, we are evaluating how to get those signs installed between the two openings. We want to do this right. The sign company we are meeting with is the same company that manufactured the logo for the entranceway sign and the sports center sign and senior center sign. It is taking a bit of time, but we want to make sure we are doing it right. The water feature is being installed and here again, there has been a concerted effort to
make sure the city and interested parties are involved such as the Garden Club, who are going to put some sweat equity into this project as well. It is important to communicate the whole way. We want to be concerned with root bases and drip lines, the total distance will be evaluated. All that is going to be reported and discussed as we go along with the project.

Next week on February 6th in the morning, we will work with ACOG on goals. I have information back from Joe Newton today that he is available. On February 7th, there is a municipal reception for local officials at 5:00 p.m. The MASC legislative conference is February 20th. If there are any questions or comments, I will take them.

Councilman Cook: The entranceway sign looks a lot better and is easier to read. I don’t know if you want to divulge what was done.

Trey Eubanks: I will give credit where it is due. Our innovative PW Director came up with a way to put a temporary covering on the letters so that it can be evaluated by the public. I do believe it is easier to see. We are working to have that made permanent.

Mayor Godbey: The comment about the landfill and the tipping fees, we are finding out now that the municipalities are having to spend more than we expected to get the trash to the landfill and more to put it there. Is that what I am understanding?

Trey Eubanks: Yes, sir. It is a long term cost we will have to deal with.

Mayor Godbey: Help from the County would be much appreciated by the municipalities. We need to pay attention to this as best we can.

3. Reports from Standing Committees
   a. Fire (Chairman )
      i. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief- no report
   b. Police (Chairman Cook)
      i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief.

Chief Turner: Good evening. As I have promised, we have given you a new look on the monthly report to give you a little more information. I hope you looked at that.

Chairman Cook: It is more readable. I think the pictures are nice and it is a good change.
Chief Turner: I wanted to update you on a new thing that came in over the weekend. This is a recognition letter from Carolina Motor Club on achieving the distinction of being one of the top five communities in our category on traffic safety. What they want to do, the SC Department of Public Safety and AAA Carolina wants to have a sign installed at an entranceway to our city to highlight that achievement. This sign would be erected at a site of our choosing. This is the fourth year we have gotten this and there is a place for us to put different years. I think this is a good thing for us to have. We have been great and recognized the last couple of years. I am going to pass this around for the audience to look at and I would like your opinions on this. We were thinking 385 off of 276, there is really not a lot in that area. We want residents and other motorists to know that they are our priority and concern when they are in the City of Mauldin.

Councilman Black: I think the new report is really nice. Do the two new officers you hired bring you back to full staff?

Chief Turner: It would have if not for the grant. We are looking for two persons. What we had over the last two months- one officer is working now for SLED and we had one officer retire within the last fifteen days.

ii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court / Administrative Judge

Angela Cooper: For the month of December, 2007 there were 472 new cases filed with municipal court. We had quite a few drivers' license violations. We just completed last week our jury trial term and we disposed of 25 cases. We also have scheduled for next Tuesday, another night roster call where we want to dispose of about 50 cases.

c. Recreation (Chairman Reynolds)

i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director.

Van Brannon: We are having our annual AARP tax service on Thursdays at the Senior Center. The new game room is now completed. Basketball is going well. We are using the senior center and sports center. Things are going smoothly. Baseball and softball signups are next month. The Green property, we do have the hold harmless and we are in the process of having an appraisal, environmental assessment done. We have received approval for both PARD projects for the Pine Forest upgrade. Contractors are going to come in and give us some pricing. We have had one meeting with the community on what they would like to see and we are going to have another soon.

We have 3400 members in the sports center. It was very crowded an hour ago. The biggest loser contest is going on. We have an adult basketball program. Our rec convention is in the fall in Greenville and we have been asked to provide offsite tours for all the recreation providers in the state. They will all get to see our beautiful facility.
Mayor Godbey: I got something today on the MASC achievement awards.

Van Brannon: I have been tasked with that.

Mayor Godbey: We are at 3400 and we thought we would have 500 at this time. That is great.

d. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)

i. Reports and Communications from Building and Zoning Director.

Pete Nomikos: The zoning and property standards inspector returned to work today after being out for two weeks with an emergency appendectomy. We should be advertising for the vacant building inspector position so we can be back up to full staff. At that time, or hopefully sooner, I should have the weekly reports back to you.

ii. Discussion on survey standards.

Chairman Hunter moved this item to the formal session. This will bring us in compliance with the County.

iii. Discussion on Abespro annexation and rezoning.

Chairman Hunter moved this item to the formal session.

iv. Discussion on Pavan business license appeal.

Chairman Hunter: There has been a request from a local convenience store that failed to pay taxes. An audit was conducted in October and Pavan had not paid for gasoline sales. They were notified that they owed $1,084 and $375 in late fees and penalties. Pavan has paid the penalty and tax. Mr. Patel did not understand that he had to pay tax on gasoline. He was told by someone he listened to that this was not required. It came out of committee that we reimburse the penalty and late fees. This item was sent to the formal session.

Councilman Black: Is this just one year?

Chairman Hunter: One year. Up to now, he has paid on time and does not have a history of being late. If you read the letter, there may be some misunderstanding of what he was told.
e. Public Works (Chairman Kennedy)

i. Reports and Communications from Public Works Director

Greg Fincher: Mr. Mayor and Council, we have a new mantra from Nat Starks, every time you see him and ask how things are going he says, “Steady popping, Jim.” I don’t know who Jim is, but we are steady popping. Things went well in the inclement weather. We had our sand trucks out clearing the roads and the parking lot at the sports center. Believe it or not, we had one citizen out there at 4:30 a.m. You have a small pamphlet of some pictures that are going on. We have made racks for the Christmas lights, the fence at Jenkins Street and there is a light there at night so you can see, and we are now members of the APWA. This will give us some buying power and it is also a wealth of information from other municipalities and Canada. I got one today about cell phone usage. We were members at one time, we are back involved with that now. We built restrooms in house for our inmate labor. This keeps a centralized environment. We started work on the baseball and softball fields as well. We held a speed bump school with the temporary speed bumps we obtained from Greenville County if any of you would like to stop by and look at that. I think that is where Nat got steady popping.

Councilman Black: Where do we stand on Mount Leafmore?

Greg Fincher: We are going to keep what is there now and mix some topsoil with that to try and make some more dirt. The Christmas trees, we carried those to Mount Leafmore and ran those through the grinder. We are going to try to get some real good dirt for the cultural center. We are trying to recycle some of this stuff.

Mayor Godbey: With these early steps, it will give us something to work with on how to do this effectively.

Councilman Black: Has there been any talk amongst the PWD around the area to try to enhance the recycling program since the tipping fees are increasing?

Greg Fincher: Actually, the citizens of Mauldin do a better job than most of the municipalities. I got word of that through APWA. Our citizens recycle a whole lot more than other municipalities. Our citizens are recycling and that will help us some. There is some grumbling about what we can do and I am going to research other options that we can do. As Trey said, it is going to escalate and that affects our budget.
ii. Discussion on traffic calming policy.

Chairman Kennedy: Numerous traffic issues have been presented to staff and council in recent months. Traffic Calming criteria was previously compiled but never adopted. Increased traffic is a symptom of the growth our community is facing. Input has been provided by the Police Chief, the Fire Chief and the Public Works Director on the attached policy. If you read the attachment, the pertinent item is the criteria with the six items. That is what we are looking for.

Mayor Godbey: This is on putting efforts to solving issues. Is there a mechanism for reversing efforts? If not, we might need to look at that. If it doesn’t work effectively, what is the process to do that?

Trey Eubanks: I can respond. I think you bring up a good point. The direct response, if council decides to reverse something, that would be done. I do want to point out that we need to be careful to ramp up measures. The first step is the traffic study. That criteria reveals if we need to move on. Then we will get input and have public hearings and then ultimately bring it to council. If we follow this process, I do not see that we will have to reverse this in many instances.

Councilman Cook: I agree with Mr. Eubanks if the staff and council goes by this criteria. If we go by this, we shouldn’t have reversals.

Mayor Godbey: This is a policy that doesn’t even require a single vote. This is something we are endorsing. My sense is staff is requesting our endorsement. I think that was part of the confusion of a similar policy three or four years ago that had similar language.

Greg Fincher: This will give us a basic policy. We are doing the best we can and it is never going to be right. You cannot make everybody happy. This will be more stringent at the front end.

Councilman Black: Do we have something on the books that requires traffic calming in new neighborhoods?

Peter Nomikos: Yes, there is something. We haven’t had any new neighborhoods since that was passed. But they will have to adhere to that.

Councilman Cook: This is not going to be left to staff, right?

Mayor Godbey: Staff is asking for endorsement and I am in favor of pushing it forward. Any changes will come to council. That way we will be formally on record.

Trey Eubanks: This is what staff will follow. Every policy cannot be crafted to address every situation. Staff will not deviate from this process unless we come to council for that.
Mayor Godbey: Controversial policy issues ought to come before council.

Councilman Cook: I didn’t’ want staff to take the blame for something, council needs to take the blame.

Chairman Kennedy moved this item to the formal session.

iii. Discussion on commercial garbage collection.

Chairman Kennedy: The city currently provides commercial garbage collection to 12 customers. The process entails hoisting and tipping the dumpster using a pulley and cable system. Our Public Works Director advises that this process presents safety issues. Furthermore, there will be a significant expense associated with procuring proper and adequate equipment if we are to continue providing this service. Mr. Duggan was asked to provide input at last month’s committee meeting. He recommends making this change via ordinance and language is attached for your consideration. During the previous fiscal year we averaged approximately $528 per month in revenue from these twelve customers. The expense associated with providing the service exceeds the revenue.

Michael Reynolds: How many times do we have to vote on this?

Mayor Godbey: I think after the meeting, we can let them know what we did tonight.

John Duggan: You will note on page 2, it says it will take effect 30 days after second reading. This is for the concern of council that our customers have time to find another carrier. They will have a month until second reading followed by 30 days from then. It will be two months from tonight. I put that in there based on your concerns from the last meeting.

Mayor Godbey: Please run a letter by Mr. Duggan before you send it out.

Trey Eubanks: We are looking at two months. If we are wanting to move a little quicker, we can amend the language. I think 45 days is an adequate time. If those letters can go out this week, that would be good.

John Duggan: Because this meeting is late this month and the next one is on the 18th, they are getting 45 days. We are two weeks late with this meeting.

Councilman Cook: He’s alright tonight.

Mr. Reynolds: There was some question on who owned the containers. Did we clarify that?

Trey Eubanks: It varies from site to site. I think it might be too strong to say agreements. Those agreements vary. We need to move out of it. We will address the ownership issues. Private haulers will have a
different emptying procedure and I believe all the containers we are using will be replaced by the private hauler.

Chairman Kennedy moved this item to the formal agenda.

f. Finance and Policy (Chairman Black)
   i. Reports and communications from Finance Director.

   Lisa White: You have the December finance report. We began to get some property taxes in December and in January received a good bit more. Our interest is on track. The sports center membership revenue is on track. It is at 50%. Our insurance switch over has gone well. This month we have put together a wellness team that has the nurse, the broker, Sandra Cox, and Jennifer Wenning at the sports center who is a fitness guru. They came up with a wellness program. We will have lose weight in 08 and notices went out in the employees' paychecks. We have some lunch and learns scheduled on diabetes and other issues. We will see how skinny we all get at the end of the period.

   Chairman Kennedy: On the sports center parking lot project, also the sports center processing fee, is there money you can put in this account? The parking lot project started last year and this is a little bill and the processing fees at the time of the budget, we didn't anticipate the fees. We can take something out of another fund, or wait and see how it is at the end of the year. Overall, there are at 49% and they are doing ok with revenue.

   ii. Discussion on CDBG resolution.

   This item was sent to the formal session.

g. Committee of the Whole
   i. Discussion on Danbury road closing.- A public hearing will be held before the council meeting on February 18th at 6:30 pm. to address the concerns of the residents. Councilman Cook proposed that the residents for and against speak for 15 minutes apiece.

   John Duggan: I need to revisit closing streets because there is a required process. I will get that to Mr. Eubanks.

   Councilman Cook: I have a format I can send to each of you on how to conduct the public hearing. A flyer will be put on each resident's trash can in those neighborhoods telling them of the public hearing.

   Mayor Godbey: We will also allow comment tonight on this since it was on the agenda.

4. Adjournment.
There will be a 10 minute break before the formal session to allow those present wishing to address City Council an opportunity to sign the speaker’s log.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk
2. Reading and Approval of minutes- Informal and Formal sessions- December 17, 2007, special called January 7, 2008.

Councilman Hunter made a motion to accept both minutes with Councilman Reynolds seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

3. Public Comment on items appearing on the agenda.

   a. George Caldwell: 830 Knollwood Drive. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak. I hear you talking about the policy. The speed bump was installed improperly. I have talked to the PW department at the County and the County Administrator and they both said they told the Public Works Director that he could put them down but that they would not be responsible and that he needed to follow certain procedures. I know you can’t see this, but this is what you should have followed. One side of Knollwood Drive is in the City and the other is the County. They told him to follow the procedure. 75% of the people on Knollwood Drive must approve it. 25% of Ashford must approve of it. No one followed these procedures. The former Mayor RC Jones said the City bought a temporary bump for $2800. I have a petition- 94% of the people on Knollwood would like to have the bumps removed. I need my copies back. I couldn’t get the others because they were not at home. The people in Ashford said they weren’t told about the speed bumps. I was told that a handful of people in the homeowner’s association wanted it and they ran with it. They said they can’t see to come out of their subdivision at the stop sign. I went to the stop sign and sat out in the road. I could see over the hill sitting down. I know you can see in a car. They installed it dead in front of my house and you moved it. You said my neighbor, Mr. Herbert said it was fine to move it up to him. I talked to Mr. Herbert and he said he didn’t talk to anyone from the city about the speed bump.

   We hope you, and you are talking about reversing. Every night, boom boom boom, every night. I don’t get no relief. I am a disabled veteran from the military because of an explosion, and I take medicine, that is hard to accept. Under the disability act, something needs to be done about that. I can’t understand that. You have procedures if I break the law. Those should have not been put down. People are damaging their cars and the city won’t pay for it. The City is liable for everything. I talked to the County Administrator and the Engineering Department and they said they knew what to follow. The former Mayor said there should have been a study. I picked this paper up this morning. I didn’t think they would give it to me. The County Administrator told me if you need any more help, come back. We constantly hear noise all night and all day. The people from the Motor Mile test the cars down the street all day. Hopefully there can be some closure on this. 75%- I got 94%. 25% of Ashford. The residents in Ashford don’t know why they are there. I appreciate your time and hopefully we can get to it. No matter what goes on in the city, no matter wrong or right, someone is going to notice it and it will be brought back up. You may not think they are paying attention, but they are.
b. Ralph Crawley: I live at 750 Knollwood Drive, which is about 5/10 of a mile down from where the speed bumps were put up. George did a pretty good job, but the tryouts with the cars, it is every day. People on Motor Mile, since there is a such a big population on the road they used to go out by Gene Gore’s place, now they come to Knollwood and turn around at the mailboxes at my house, change drivers, and go again. They are going way beyond the speed limit. The teenagers are speeding, sometimes they are doing 60 mph when they go across my driveway. Even if those speed bumps were required or needed, they are not marked correctly. You cannot see those things. It is written hump in the flat part of the road and at night, you can’t see that. If it is raining, you can’t see it. You can see the rear end marks and the bumper marks in the road. What I think we need, and don’t misinterpret what I am going to say, but the police do patrol Knollwood at 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and maybe twice on the weekend. I think if you have the police patrol on that, I think you will recover your cost in short order.

c. Lloyd Merritt: I live at 504 Forrester Drive. I got in the city to stop speeders. They haven’t stopped. They don’t patrol out there. They pass me on a double yellow line. I have had it done about half a dozen times. Why can’t we put a patrol out there and get those speeders? We could get a lot of revenue. I can’t understand it. Why can’t we get some help? That is a 25 mph speed zone in front of my house. We have a man that cranks up a loud muffler, and when he comes down Mapleton Drive, he doesn’t slow up. He comes in to Forrester and has it wide open. Why can’t we get some patrol out there, sir? We ain’t had it. I got in the city for that reason. Is there anything we can do when somebody passes you on a double yellow line? Get their tag number? Can you? What about this man that speeds all the time?

Mayor Godbey: Mr. Merritt, please address us. We will work with you.

Mr. Merritt: It is frustrating and we would like more patrols.

d. Bennie Howell: I live at 135 Montclair Road. Danbury runs beside my house. If you can tell me why or who wants Danbury closed. I have lived there 12-13 years. I have never seen a policeman stop anybody for speeding. Actually, I haven’t seen any speeders. That’s not saying they didn’t, I just haven’t seen them. I came home one day from work when they first started with the barricades. It looked like a science fiction picture with a wall in the middle of the street. We have a bus that comes through there. It wastes gas if you have to go pick up kids. That is a waste of money to go through Montclair and Fargo. If someone could tell me why they are closing it. Should someone have come by and told us that they were going to put the blockade up?

Mayor Godbey: We are bringing it forward as how to operate from this time forward. This will shape the policy for the entire city.
Warren Andres: I live at 2 Danbury Lane. I, too, am opposed to closing Danbury Lane. November 23, 2005, a petition was sent to install speed bumps and Bartlett and Fargo. There are 65 homes on Fargo and Bartlett, the petition represents 34 homes. There are 51 names, but only 25 signatures. Bob and Mary Smith does not constitute a valid signature, much less two. There was a barricade put up last Spring. The homes on Danbury Lane, 100% on a petition to remove the barricades. They were removed. At that time, I gave some reasons to remove them. It eliminates access to neighboring streets and traffic signals. The barricades limits access to Danbury by emergency vehicles and exposes the city to potential liability. Later that year, in September, a speed bump showed up. This was after the barricades and the city put a monitoring device to alleviate that street's speed. On May 21st, Chief Turner reported that the average speed was 25 or less, most being in the teens or single digits because it is a small area. Here we have a study. Why the City chose to put a speed bump here in September, I don't know. I would like to know. Can anyone tell me?

Mayor Godbey: The administrator and public works director can get with you after the meeting.

Warren Andres: In response to the speed bump and rumors that the city was considering closing Danbury Lane, we came up with another petition. This petition was in November. A number of Mauldin residents have asked the City to close Danbury Lane. The fact that the proposed action would leave a single way to and from 10 residences. We are concerned citizens and ask to deny the requests of a few chronic complainers and commit to leaving Danbury Lane open. In addition, we assert that the speed bump was not done to improve public safety and should be removed. This was brought to council in November. Why is the city contemplating closing Danbury Lane? Can anyone answer that question?

Mayor Godbey: We will have an open public forum in February. You can talk to each of the council members between now and the meeting and encourage your neighbors to. We are moving forward with getting accurate policy not just on one road, but on an issue that impacts the City as a whole. We should have a policy that meets certain criteria so that these situations come up on a case by case basis.

Warren Andres: Why not apply that policy in this situation? Why a public hearing? Did the citizens of Danbury Lane come to you with those concerns?

Mayor Godbey: Sir. What we are doing tonight is hearing your comments. I don’t have a problem with you having a dialogue with the council members, but this isn’t the right forum to do that. We are hearing your concerns.

Danny Day: Congratulations to the new Mayor and Council. I live on Fargo Street. I know you are in a tough spot. You have competing goals.
What is amazing to me is that it seems to me that your number one complaint is traffic. I applaud the policy, it sounds really good. This started back in October, 2005 when some people in Glendale III were tired of speeders. Some idiots like me signed a petition. Once you shut that street off, and I know because I walk through their neighborhood, it killed the traffic in our neighborhood. I came October, 2007 with a petition to kill the speed bumps because I didn't want to have to deal with the speed bumps. I didn't want my whole neighborhood to be punished because of the actions of others. You have a neighborhood with two ways of egress which is Glendale III, you have a neighborhood with three ways of egress which is Montclair. Then there is a connector street. I am not sure why it was built. You can remedy this and we asked you to do that. In all fairness, this is not a competing neighborhood thing. We just want to restrict the traffic that comes through Glendale III. And it is not just them, I also walk at 10:00 pm or 11:00 pm and if you recall I brought you a picture of some beer cans. I don't think anyone in this section of the neighborhood dumped them and I hope my neighbors didn't. As a reminder, we will be back on the 18th. I will give you a map so you can be familiar with the egress. We are just trying to restrict the amount of traffic whether it is another neighborhood, or other people who know about that cut-through.

We are trying to get a solution. It is a straight shot to Bethel Drive, why they want to cut through Glendale III is beyond me. If you will recall on October 25th, I asked for the legal procedures to shut a street. I look forward to getting that and they should get it too. I know you are tired of seeing me. I would like to see a resolution one way or another. If you can't shut the street, I can live with that, just tell me you can't and why you can't. If you can, I would be an advocate of that. It is not just them coming through. The gentleman is right, I have seen a school bus. We don't want a war. We just want a simple solution. I walk that street every day and the amount of traffic it killed was amazing. I don't think it is all Montclair folks. We will see you again on the 18th.

Mayor Godbey: The attorney will look into the statutes.

Danny Day: I didn't keep asking for the procedures, but I would like to see it. Is there a statistical study? They have the same right to ask us not to cut through their neighborhood.

g. Dean Kirkland: Distinguished ladies and gentlemen of the entire room. I have laid there late at night. I live at 963 Fargo Street in the back. People speed down the hill. The speed limit is 25 it is a residential neighborhood. Over here is Fargo, Bartlett, and Bangor. I didn't know, he asked why people want to make the extra turns and go out of their way to come through Fargo. I don't know. I want you to hear me real loud. When that road was shut off, it was almost like a Ghost town down there. I am not interested in what the people in Montclair think or want. When it
comes to our subdivision, it is first for us, and they should be the same for theirs. Evaluate it, turn it upside any way you want to. I had a conversation with the people that are here to speak and I know he and his wife are tremendous speeders. He said he never did. Sir, I know the difference between 25 mph and 45 mph when you go down the hill and gear shifting and pop pop. We have a meeting set up on the 18th and the attorney was asked by the Mayor three months ago to get this man’s answer. The meeting needs to be canceled until we can get an attorney to tell us what we should be doing. Three months is unacceptable. Yes, I can get mad. Don’t take it personally.

Mayor Godbey: This is not a forum just to vent. We will hear the issues.

Dean Kirkland: I want to hear how it is going to be conducted. I want it spelled out. There may be a legal problem.

Mayor Godbey: We will operate under the ordinances.

Dean Kirkland: If he doesn’t know sitting there tonight, how does he or anybody know what will go on.

Mayor Godbey: This body has scheduled a meeting. You can speak at that time.

Dean Kirkland: How do you meet when you don’t have the tools in place?

Mayor Godbey: We are listening to you.

Dean Kirkland: I am a voter. I want to know. Why are meeting on the 18th if we don’t know how to conduct it?

Mayor Godbey: It is this body’s decision.

Dean Kirkland: No answer?

Mayor Godbey: There was a unanimous decision.

Dean Kirkland: What right does the people in subdivisions that outnumber us two to one have a right to come in here and vote? How does a small neighborhood win against a big one? I won’t be railroaded. I hear we pay him $150 and hour and we don’t need that kind of incompetence.

Mayor Godbey: Any other things you have to say under traffic calming, we will be glad to hear.

Dean Kirkland: Why should any other side have any say so? I would be the same way if it was them against us. Why do they have legal say so?

Mayor Godbey: You are having your say right now, Mr. Kirkland.
Dean Kirkland: No, I am not. You said if we wanted to talk about it tonight we could talk about it.

Mayor Godbey: I said we could talk to council and you have done that.

Dean Kirkland: I want feedback from the council, sir.

Mayor Godbey: That isn’t the purpose of this forum.

Dean Kirkland: No one answers questions here?

Mayor Godbey: That isn’t the purpose. If you look under Robert’s Rules of Order …

Dean Kirkland: What gives them the right to come through our neighborhood like that? We can’t close the street. Can somebody tell me why?

Mayor Godbey: That will be discussed on February 18th, Mr. Kirkland.

Dean Kirkland: I think you are missing the point. We are not ready for the 18th. We don’t know how to be prepared because we don’t know what you are going to do. How can we be prepared?

Mayor Godbey: You can communicate with the administrator.

Dean Kirkland: Through a garbage can that is what it is about.

Elizabeth Wiygul: I live at 4 Danbury Lane. Thank you for your time. It is my understanding this will be discussed February 18th. I have been informed that the policy will be made available to the residents prior to the meeting and I believe that will cover it. Will the reversal of the hump on Danbury Lane also be discussed?

Mayor Godbey: I don’t think that what we passed tonight to look forward is just a policy endorsement. It has no reversal. That is not written in the policy and it can be a planning and zoning issue as I talked about form-based zoning during the election.

Elizabeth Wiygul: I had no clue on some of these traffic issues. Will we be able to bring up that the hump was put in place without notice?

Mayor Godbey: Sure. And because it is a short amount of time that the folks in that area bring their information and get a spokesperson for meaningful dialogue for that open meeting.

Ms. Wiygul: It is my understanding that there have been studies done by Chief Turner and before Chief Turner got here. Are those studies going to be made available before the meeting?
Mayor Godbey: That is a matter of public record. We can get that for you.

4. Reports and Communications from city officers.

5. Reports from standing committees.
   a. Fire (Mr. )
   b. Police (Mr. Cook)
   c. Recreation (Mr. Reynolds)
   d. Planning and Economic Development (Mr. Hunter)
   e. Public Works Committee (Mr. Kennedy)
   f. Finance and Policy (Mr. Black)

6. Reports from special committees.

7. Unfinished Business
   - Planning and Economic Development (Mr. Hunter)
     a. Consideration and action survey standards.

     Chairman Hunter made a motion to adopt the survey standards with Councilman Black seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

     b. Consideration and action on Abespro annexation and rezoning.

     Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept this annexation and rezoning with Councilman Reynolds seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

8. New Business
   - Fire Committee (Mr. )
   - Police/ Judicial Committee (Mr. Cook)
   - Recreation Committee (Mr. Reynolds)
   - Planning and Economic Development Committee (Mr. Hunter)
     a. Consideration and action on Pavan business license appeal.

     Chairman Hunter made a motion to return the business license penalties to Pavan with Councilman Kennedy seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

   - Public Works Committee (Mr. Kennedy)
     b. Consideration and action on traffic calming policy.

     Chairman Kennedy made a motion to adopt the policy with Councilman Cook seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

     Mayor Godbey asked that we look at reversal of traffic calming also.
c. Consideration and action on commercial garbage pickup.

Chairman Kennedy made a motion to accept this ordinance on first reading with Councilman Black seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

- Finance Committee (Mr. Black)
  d. Consideration and action on CDBG resolution.

Chairman Black made a motion to adopt the CDBG resolution with Councilman Hunter seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

- Committee of the Whole
  e. Consideration and action on Danbury road closing.

9. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda.
11. Adjournment.