



CITY COUNCIL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

03-R-0631

A RESOLUTION  
BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWARD SHOOK

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE  
COMMISSIONER AND STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING  
DEVELOPMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION TO  
DEDICATE THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S 2004 AND EACH  
SUBSEQUENT YEAR'S COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
(CDP) TO THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF WILLIAM FRANKLIN "BILL"  
KENNEDY, JR., RETIRED ZONING ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE  
CITY OF ATLANTA

- WHEREAS**, William Frankin "Bill" Kennedy, Jr., former Zoning Administrator for the City of Atlanta departed this life on Wednesday, April 9, 2003; and
- WHEREAS**, Bill Kennedy, from 1961 to 1994, served six mayors of the city of Atlanta during his 33-year tenure as a valued member of the city's planning staff; and
- WHEREAS**, Bill Kennedy served in the crucial role of Zoning Administrator for the last 15 years of his service to the city of Atlanta, from 1979 to 1994; and
- WHEREAS**, Bill Kennedy wrote or co-wrote numerous landmark city ordinances on zoning, signage, development impact fees and preservation and had unparalleled input into Atlanta's current development code known as the Zoning Ordinance adopted in 1982 and amended through this date; and
- WHEREAS**, Bill Kennedy made many significant contributions to Atlanta's Comprehensive Development Plan, which, among other things, articulates this City's long-term goals and vision; and
- WHEREAS**, Bill Kennedy's service included membership in and other contributions to numerous boards, commissions, and task forces both locally and nationally that directly benefited Atlanta and the surrounding region; and
- WHEREAS**, Bill Kennedy was a leading advocate in the creation of Atlanta's influential and successful Neighborhood Planning Units, which give all citizens a direct voice in the planning, building, and preservation of their communities; and
- WHEREAS**, Bill Kennedy was a tireless guardian of Atlanta's neighborhoods and green spaces; and
- WHEREAS**, Bill Kennedy often provided crucial assistance to the City by testifying on its behalf in various legal proceedings; and



**WHEREAS**, Bill Kennedy's efforts to promote, preserve, and improve Atlanta continued unabatedly after his retirement from the city as he served as a private consultant advising metro Atlanta businesses and developers as well as city and county governments on planning, land use and zoning; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Kennedy, even after his retirement from the city, always had the best interest of the city of Atlanta at heart and routinely provided services and assistance to neighborhoods and other civic-minded organizations on a pro-bono basis; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Kennedy, during his tenure with the city and thereafter, effectively balanced the interests of developers against those of neighborhood residents and preservationists yet managed to win the trust of everyone involved; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Kennedy, effectively guided developers through the city's regulatory process, shared his expertise in zoning and land use to the benefit of neighborhoods and their residents and showed excellent insight into preservation of the past and its relationship to the city's future; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Kennedy had an integral role in Atlanta's growth as an international city by being a visionary who built consensus between all the key players- local developers, preservationists, neighborhoods, the planning and zoning department and the city's governing bodies and mayors; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Kennedy's efforts, in both the public and private sectors measurably improved Atlanta for all of its residents, businesses, and visitors and regardless of circumstance, those efforts were unfailingly characterized by his matchless expertise, professionalism, grace, and integrity; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Kennedy, the father of three daughters was an extremely gentle, generous and kind spirited man who touched the hearts of many and who will be sorely missed by family, friends and business associates alike.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Atlanta does hereby authorize and direct the Commissioner and staff of the Department of Planning Development and Neighborhood Conservation to formally dedicate the City of Atlanta's 2004 and each subsequent year's Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) to the life and memory of Bill Kennedy, retired Zoning Administrator, by prefacing that document with appropriate language to reflect the city's appreciation and honor to William Franklin "Bill" Kennedy Jr.,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that Bill Kennedy will forever be held in our deepest respect and loving memory.

A true copy,

*Rhonda Daughin Johnson*  
Municipal Clerk, CMC

ADOPTED by the Council  
APPROVED by the Mayor

APR 21, 2003  
APR 28, 2003

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4/21/03  
5:32 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

03-R-0631 Honoring Life & Memory of Bill Kennedy

ADOPT

YEAS: 15  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 0  
EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 1

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	Y Fauver	Y Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	Y Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Boazman	B Woolard

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**ADOPTED BY** *Adopted by Full Council 4/21/03*  
**COUNCIL**

- CONSENT REFER
- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION  
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 Readings  
 Consent  V Vote  RC Vote

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 APR 21 2003

*Howl Shook*  
 COUNCIL PRESIDENT PROTEM

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 APR 21 2003  
*Rod Douglas*  
 MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION  
*Andy Yancy*  
 APR 28 2003