



**Chris Grivakis
Background**

Experience in finance/ banking for 20+ years working with companies experiencing negative cash flow and/or other major issues. My experience includes auditing and financial analysis on on-going results to help achieve positive outcomes.

I have the background and experience to analyze the cost/benefits of our city’s projects, setting budgeting needs, and adjusting budgets as needed. I have been an active participant in DHA meetings for several years where city issues are presented and have questioned potentially adverse proposals (traffic circle, higher-density Perimeter area, high-density townhomes).

Goals

Avoid high-density in Perimeter – city council is reviewing the land-use on Perimeter area. The consultant proposal at August DHA meeting allows 35-stories around mall and 14-stories around Wal-Mart/Ashford Dunwoody Rd. This would choke the area, threaten its viability, increase traffic through our city, and burden our schools. We need smart/balanced growth.

Prioritize projects and move nice-to-have projects to bottom of list. The 2016 budget has \$1.3MM for: connector road study, gateway, park cameras. Use these funds for paving/sidewalks including Village Mill sidewalks requested by citizens. We can revisit connector road, gateways, and cameras in future when other needed projects are finished.

Create school master plan stating critical needs and how we want future SPLOST money allocated. Where do we want schools located? Do we renovate or build new? This plan can help the school board select what we want in future SPLOST’s rather than having a project picked for us with no input from us. This also helps our reps know our ongoing needs. I would fight to obtain \$2MM music/art wing removed from the DHS renovation.

Parks – no ballparks were built! Look to develop fields, via IGA, at Kingsley, PCMS, DHS. I met with principals about this many weeks ago. Include a turf field at DHS (the principal wants this and our kids can use this year-round!).

Police – expenses increased 39% in two years and now comprise 34% of the 2016 budget. We need to address this and consider innovative ideas that can help decrease incidences of crime such as a Citizens Patrol (they have this in Sandy Springs!).



**Steve Chipka
Personal Background**

Dunwoody Resident since 1981 Retired BellSouth 10/01/2001
Graduated from Florida International University – BBA – Marketing & Finance
Executive Education – Financial Strategies for Decision Makers - Duke & Wharton
Endorsing Financial Management Instructor – AT&T (1 of 2)

Primary Management Style:

- Accountability
- Project Tracking – Beginning to End
- Measurements
- Use of Organizational Effectiveness Tools – People, Processes & Systems

What experience do you bring to the job to set policy for your city and what is your motivation to serve?

Retired BellSouth Manager, started as a technician, moved into Sales, then on to corporate training with a focus on Financial Management training for Account Teams to better relate to customer CFOs. Moved into Market Management, working with new product teams focusing on customer needs. Finished my career at BellSouth in the Performance Improvement and Organizational Effectiveness teams, helping internal clients meet their objectives with systems, processes, and people. I believe the City of Dunwoody needs someone who can listen to the residents and use business skills to manage city resources more effectively.

What will be your top two priorities during your term of office and how will you pursue them?

1. Create a project tracking system which will track resources for a project from planning to completion. Present method seems to be calendar based with no transparency or accountability. An example is the 911 CAD-to-CAD Interface project which has gone on for 4 years.
2. Improve the lead time of City Council Agenda availability so the public has more time to research and develop public comments at City Council meetings.

I will pursue these priorities by ensuring I have an understanding of current issues related to them and develop recommendations for systems/processes to improve performance.

As a focus for my term(s) as Mayor I will focus on the core needs of the City of Dunwoody:

Police - Parks - Paving



**Denis Shortal
Background**

Was the youngest of five siblings. Worked on the family farm and attended rural public and Catholic grade schools. Managed and operated the family farm starting at age 14. Graduated from a rural high school where I was a varsity athlete and President of senior class.

Worked for a year in construction jobs before attending college. Commissioned in the Marines upon graduation from the University of Missouri. Completed flight school and became a fighter pilot. Flew over 300 combat missions in Vietnam in the F-4B Phantom. Awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses and 23 Air Medals. Advanced through the ranks commanding a Squadron and a Marine Expeditionary Brigade retiring as a Brigadier General. Also, retired as an airline pilot. Married to Meredy Shortal for 47 years. Have three children, Brian a cardiologist, Matt a Marine F-18 pilot and wealth management director and Andy an international shipping director. Have four grandchildren.

Goals and Priorities:

1. Restore open and positive leadership for the city council and all citizens
2. Bring an attitude that creates a mutual respect between the city council and the citizens
3. Stay true to the long term core values we promised the citizens when we became a city
4. Work for local control of our schools including personal interaction with state legislators
5. Use zoning to protect our residential neighborhoods
6. Expedite paving schedule using surplus funds and reallocation of funds and maintain newly paved roads to extend life cycle
7. Design scope of infrastructure projects to produce desired results at a reasonable cost
8. Enhance parks and recreational facilities for use by citizen across the age spectrum
9. Develop a 10-year Park Improvement Plan created by a citizens committee ... not a costly consultant
10. Maintain a right-sized police force that is responsive and efficient
11. Continue fiscal prudence with tax payers dollars to preserve Dunwoody's long term financial security



Mike Davis is a 26 year resident of Dunwoody. He and his wife Mary Pat raised their four daughters here. They have 4 grandchildren, two here in the metro area and two up north. Mike has been involved in community service his entire adult life. He coached 19 seasons of girls softball and basketball, and served as

president of Mill Glen Swim and Tennis club. As a member of St. Jude the Apostle Church, he has served as president of the men's club and served on the finance and pastoral councils.

As mayor, Mike has taken on the responsibility of spokesperson and ambassador for the city. Over the past 4 years he has met with over 700 business leaders of companies located in the city. The businesses we have here in the city pay the lions share of the taxes allowing Dunwoody to keep its taxes the lowest in the county. He often speaks about working to keep housing prices high so the white collar corporate managers of tomorrow will be interested in purchasing the houses we have today.

Dunwoody is known for its safety. People come here to shop, dine, work and live. Mayor Davis takes the responsibility of policing very seriously. Newer technologies like cameras in our parks and body cameras on our officers were implemented before it became the hot topic this year. Mike continually looks for opportunities to improve policing without simply putting more feet on the street.

Traffic and Schools are Mike's hot buttons. He led the charge at the state level for the diverging diamond, the 400/285 fix, the westside connector and pushed for intersection improvements on our city streets. He has continually met with mayors, city councils, state representatives, and senators to push for local control for Dunwoody schools. Under any measure DeKalb County Schools are failing our children and something must be done.

As a term-limited mayor he is seeking his last term to continue making Dunwoody the city we all know it can become.