

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND WORK SESSION
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Monday, May 20, 2024
5:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Walden called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilmember William Illg, Councilmember Sandy Sawyer, Councilmember Mark French, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, City Attorney Kevin Tallant, City Manager Bob Bolz, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Public Works Director Trampas Hansard, Utility Director Jacob Barr and Downtown Development Director Amanda Edmondson. Stacy Harris was in attendance for Planning and Zoning.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and pledge were led by Councilmember Illg.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Farmer's Market is open every Saturday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm and the next Food Truck Friday will be held on June 7, 2024.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to amend the agenda to add item #11a LMIG-SAP Grant made by S. Sawyer; second by W. Illg. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** None
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve the consent agenda for the following items (a) made by W. Illg; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting held May 6, 2024
 - Executive Session held May 6, 2024
8. **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** City Manager Bolz introduced Seth Reece, who is newly employed in the Utilities Department and Joanna Zwemke and Andrew Purcell (not in attendance) as the PIN Interns working with Director Edmondson. The Mayor and Council recognized Stacy Harris as the April 2024 Employee of the Month. Hayden Harris received a one-year service award; Westin Lee received a seven-year service award and Beverly Banister received a nine-year service award.
9. **PROCLAMATIONS:** Mayor Walden read the following proclamations and thanked the staff for their hard work and dedication to the City.
 - **NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK, MAY 19 – 25, 2024**
 - **NATIONAL ACCOUNTING DAY, MAY 19, 2024**

BUSINESS

10. **ATLANTA MOTORSPORTS PARK: SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST TO EXCEED SOUND LIMITS, JUNE 14 - 16, 2024:** Alicia Massie was in attendance representing the Atlanta Motorsports Park. Council discussed various points concerning the request with the applicant. Councilmember Illg requested the sound reports from the previous special event held on March 25, 2024 for the specific timeframe of the event in order to make an informed decision regarding the new request. Councilmember French requested more notice of these requests in the future and would like to see specific hours set with no track activity on Sunday in consideration of church services; Councilmember Phillips agreed. Additional discussion occurred.

Mayor Walden issued a call to hold a Special Called meeting to occur on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 8:00 am.

Motion to table the item to the Thursday, May 23, 2024 Special Called City Council meeting at 8:00 am made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Council instructed the applicant to send the requested reports to City Manager Bolz. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
11. **CONSIDERATION OF AWNING PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION FOR THE GEORGIA RACING HALL OF FAME:** Motion to approve the purchase and installation of an awning for the front entrance of the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame in the amount of \$5,180.00 to be paid out of the FY 2024 General Fund budget made by W. Illg; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

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- 11a. **LMIG-SAP GRANT:** Motion to approve the application for the LMIG-SAP grant to fund the replacement of school zone flashing beacons on Perimeter Road in the amount of \$17,159.74 which includes a 30% match to be paid out of FY 2024 SPLOST VII fund made by W. Ilg; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

WORK SESSION

12. **PRESENTATION BY TURNIPSEED ENGINEERS: WATER/SEWER RATE STUDY:** Lamar Rogers from Turnipseed Engineers presented the 2024 Utility Rate Study and reviewed current rates, expenditures and revenues. He is recommending a three phase water and sewer rate increase be considered and discussed the increased percentages. City Council will review the information and will consider a decision at the June 3, 2024 regular meeting,
13. **FY 2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET:** City Manager Bolz provided the proposed draft of the FY 2024-2025 budget. He stated the Public Hearing and presentation of the budget will be held at the June 3, 2024 regular meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

14. **BOB BOLZ, CITY MANAGER:** He noted there were no leak adjustments.
15. **ROBIN GAZAWAY, FINANCE DIRECTOR:** (Not in attendance) Financial reports representing fund balances and activity through April 30, 2024 were provided in the packet.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Ilg stated the Gospel in the Park event was great and thanked Amanda Edmondson.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:23 p.m. a motion to close regular session and go into executive session for potential/pending litigation, real estate and/or personnel discussion was made by W. Ilg; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

At 6:52 p.m. a motion to close executive session was made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Motion to resume regular session was made by W. Ilg; second by S. Sawyer. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

RESERVED FOR POTENTIAL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

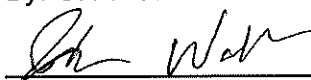
Motion to appoint Andersen, Tate & Carr as secondary legal counsel for the City of Dawsonville made by M. French; second by S. Sawyer. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:55 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Phillips; second by W. Ilg. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Approved this 3rd day of June 2024

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



John Walden, Mayor

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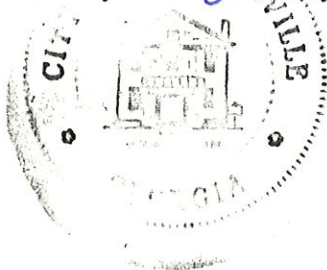
Sandra Sawyer, Councilmember Post 3



Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

Attest:


Beverly A. Barister, City Clerk



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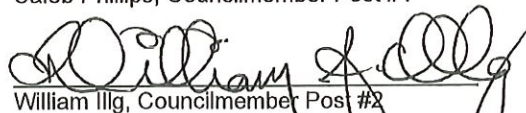
Mayor John Walden, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, Councilmember William Ilg, Councilmember Sandra Sawyer and Councilmember Mark French; being duly sworn, state under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief:

1. The City of Dawsonville Council met in a duly advertised meeting on May 20, 2024.
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 6²³ p.m.
4. The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law: (check all that apply)
 - ☒ Consultation with the City Attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the City or any officer or employee or in which the City or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1);
 - ☐ Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and _____;
 - ☒ Discussion of future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1);
 - ☐ Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a City officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2);
 - ☐ Other _____ as provided in: _____.

This 20th day of May 2024; By the City of Dawsonville, Mayor and Council:


John Walden, Mayor


Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post #1


William Ilg, Councilmember Post #2


Sandra Sawyer, Councilmember Post #3


Mark French, Councilmember Post #4

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
20 day of May, 2024.


Signature, Notary Public

My Commission expires: Feb 18, 2028

