

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND WORK SESSION
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Monday, July 19, 2021
5:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Eason called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilmember John Walden, Councilmember Mark French, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, City Attorney Kevin Tallant, City Manager Bob Bolz, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Public Works Director Trampas Hansard, Planning and Zoning Director David Picklesimer, Finance Administrator Robin Gazaway and Utilities Operation Manager Jacob Barr.
Councilmember Illg was not present.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and Pledge were led by Councilmember Phillips.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Eason announced the next Food Truck Friday will be held on August 6, 2021. He reminded residents the Farmers Market vendors are on site Wednesday and Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. He also announced qualifying for two Councilmember seats (Post #2 and Post #4) will occur from August 16, 2021 – August 19, 2021 from 8:30 – 4:30 pm at the Dawson County Board of Elections office.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by C. Phillips; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (3-0)
6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** None
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve the consent agenda for the following items (a, b) made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (3-0)
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting and Work Session held June 21, 2021
 - b. Approve Resolution to Establish a Bank Account for SPLOST VII (Exhibit "A")
8. **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** The Mayor and Council presented David Picklesimer with a two-year service award. Jon Davis received an award for the June 2021 Employee of the Month and Steven McNeal received an award for the Employee of the Second Quarter.

BUSINESS

9. **ANX C2100043 and ZA C2100043:** Allen Street Properties LLC and B & K Turner Family LLP have petitioned to annex into the city limits of Dawsonville the 70.808 acres (amended application) tract known as a portion of TMP 090 004 001, located at Perimeter Road, with a request to rezone from County Zoning of RSR (Residential Sub Rural) and RA (Restricted Agriculture) to City Zoning of R3 (Single Family Residential). Public Hearing Dates: Planning Commission on September 14, 2020 and November 9, 2020. City Council on November 16, 2020 and June 21, 2021. City Council for a decision on July 19, 2021.

Planning Director Picklesimer read the annexation and rezone request and stated the Council can vote on the request at this meeting. He noted the applicant has requested to postpone until October 18, 2021. Mayor Eason asked Attorney Tallant to comment on the reason for the request to delay. Attorney Tallant stated it was his understanding the applicant was working with another property owner to seek annexation so a larger portion of the parcel could be requested to annex into the City.

Motion to postpone ANX C2100043 request and ZA C2100043 request to the October 18, 2021 City Council meeting made by C. Phillips; second by M. French. Councilmember French stated he believes the parcel number used in the advertisement in the legal organ did not match the parcel number on the application. He asked Attorney Tallant whether this would need to be re-advertised and/or returned to the Planning Commission. Attorney Tallant stated he will confirm the correct procedure to move forward and assured Councilmember French it will be taken care of. Vote carried unanimously. (3-0)

10. An Ordinance to Amend The City of Dawsonville Code of Ordinances Regarding Fire Prevention and Protection; To Provide for an Effective Date; And for Other Purposes (First Reading: July 19, 2021; Second Reading and Consideration to Adopt: August 2, 2021)

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Planning Director Picklesimer read the ordinance amendment. Second reading and consideration to adopt will occur at the next City Council meeting on August 2, 2021.

11. TRANSFER PROPERTY OWNERSHIP FROM DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) TO CITY OF DAWSONVILLE:

Motion to approve the transfer of property ownership for Main Street Park (TMP D04 020) and City Hall (TMP D04 020 001) from the Downtown Development Authority to the City of Dawsonville made by M. French; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (3-0)

12. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) – RESOLUTION AND PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS: Finance Director Gazaway provided a brief overview of the American Rescue Plan Act including funding, guidelines and restrictions and presented a resolution for consideration of approval.

Motion to approve the American Rescue Plan Act resolution made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (3-0) (Exhibit "B")

13. 2021 GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION (GMA) SAFETY GRANT AWARD:

Motion to approve the acceptance of the GMA Safety Grant award in the amount of \$6,000 made by C. Phillips; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (3-0)

WORK SESSION

14. OVERNIGHT PARKING ON CITY PROPERTY: Attorney Tallant explained he was presented with an issue the City is having regarding overnight parking on several City properties. In accordance with the ordinance, the Council can establish (by vote) two-hour parking in designated areas and instruct staff to install signs. Another option is to develop a resolution outlining time limits and restrictions. He further stated in an emergency the ordinance provides the City Manager with the authority to address the issue. City Manager Bolz provided examples of the problems the City has experienced with overnight parking issues.

Motion to authorize staff to limit the areas of Main Street, Wallace Park, the cemetery, City Hall complex, the Farmers Market, Main Street Park and Memory Lane in the vicinity of the dog park to two-hour parking and install signs made by C. Phillips; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (3-0)

STAFF REPORTS

15. BOB BOLZ, CITY MANAGER: City Manager Bolz stated the Planning Director approved an administrative variance on a property in Sweetwater Preserve to reduce a rear setback from 20 feet to 17 ½ feet and the leak adjustment total was \$475.32. No questions from Council.

16. ROBIN GAZAWAY, FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR: Financial reports representing fund balances and activity provided through June 30, 2021. No questions from Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:24 p.m. a motion to close regular session and go into executive session for personnel was made by J. Walden; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (3-0)

At 5:31 p.m. a motion to close executive session was made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (3-0)

Motion to resume regular session was made by J. Walden; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (3-0)

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ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Motion to amend the agenda to add item #17 Personnel Matter made by M. French; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (3-0)

- 17. PERSONNEL MATTER:** Attorney Tallant reviewed the terms of an agreement for consideration of approval regarding the separation of former employee Nalita Copeland. They include a small monetary payment, changing Ms. Copeland's status from termination to resignation in lieu of termination, the City will not contest unemployment benefits and she will receive a letter acknowledging her years of service with the City.

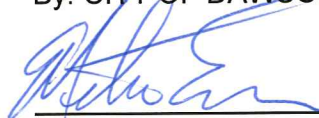
Motion to approve the agreement as presented made by C. Phillips; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (3-0)

ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:35 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Walden; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (3-0)

Approved this 2nd day of August 2021.

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



Mike Eason, Mayor



Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1

abstained

William Illg, Councilmember Post 2



John Walden, Councilmember Post 3

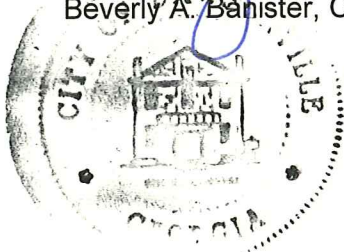


Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

Attested:



Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk



STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DAWSON

AFFIDAVIT OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Michael Eason, Councilmember John Walden, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, Councilmember William Ilg, 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 July 19, 2021.
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 5²⁴ 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 19th day of July 2021; By the City of Dawsonville, Mayor and Council:


Mike Eason, Mayor


Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post #1

absent
William Ilg, Councilmember Post #2

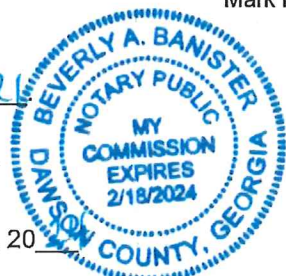

John Walden, Councilmember Post #3


Mark French, Councilmember Post #4

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of July, 2021


Signature, Notary Public

My Commission expires: Feb 18, 2024



RESOLUTION R2021-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA ESTABLISHING A BANK ACCOUNT FOR SPLOST VII

WHEREAS, a Special Election held on March 16, 2021 resulted in the residents of Dawson County approving a one percent sales and use tax for a period of six years with collections beginning on July 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, the City of Dawsonville and Dawson County entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement on June 7, 2021 memorializing their agreement on the SPLOST and the distribution thereof;

WHEREAS, the City of Dawsonville does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute documents to open and/or close checking accounts as needed;

WHEREAS, a separate bank account must be established for the purpose of deposits and distributions of SPLOST receipts;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Dawsonville to open an interest-bearing bank account with United Community Bank for the purpose of deposits and distributions of the SPLOST receipts due the City of Dawsonville. The authorized signatures on said account are to be Mayor Mike Eason and City Manager Robert Bolz.

SO RESOLVED this 2nd day of August 2021.


Mike Eason, Mayor


Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1

Absent
William Illg, Councilmember Post 2


John Walden, Councilmember Post 3


Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

ATTEST:

Beverly A. Bahister, City Clerk

RESOLUTION R2021-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR, CITY MANAGER AND MAYOR TO EXECUTE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT LOCAL RECOVERY ASSISTANCE FUNDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Congress authorized the disbursement of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) to aid local government in responding to and recovering from the coronavirus pandemic; and

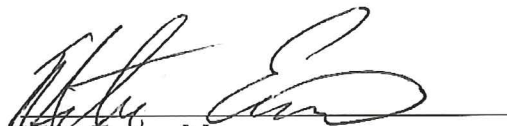
WHEREAS, said funds will be distributed to the City of Dawsonville by the Georgia Office of Planning & Budget following the completion of an application for funding as well as registration with certain federal programs, including the System for Award Management (“SAM”) program, and compliance with the guidelines, terms and conditions specified by the United States Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to authorize the Finance Director and City Manager to complete and execute all documents required online for the disbursement of funds, to establish a bank account for the receipt of said funds, to authorize the Mayor to execute originals of all documents required to participate in the ARPA program and to ratify actions taken by the Mayor, Finance Director and City Manager;

WHEREAS, the City desires to develop a program specifying the use of funds disbursed to the City under the ARPA program and requests the City Manager to prepare a list of recommended eligible uses for submittal to the Mayor and Council for its approval;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Council for the City of Dawsonville that it authorizes the Mayor, Finance Director and City Manager to execute all documents necessary to apply for, accept, deposit, and report on local recovery assistance dollars under the ARPA program, ratifies said documents and directs the Finance Director and City Manager to provide the Mayor and Council quarterly reports on the ARPA program and the City’s participation in said program following approval by the City of eligible projects. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

SO RESOLVED this 2nd day of August 2021.


Mike Eason, Mayor


Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1

Absent

William Illg, Councilmember Post 2

John Walden

John Walden, Councilmember Post 3

Mark French

Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

ATTEST:

Beverly A. Banister

Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk

