

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND WORK SESSION**  
**VIA TELECONFERENCE**  
**Monday, May 4, 2020**  
**5:00 P.M.**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Mike Eason called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilmember John Walden, Councilmember Mark French, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Stephen Tolson, City Attorneys Dana Miles and Paul Mitchell, City Manager Bob Bolz, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Public Works Operations Manager Trampas Hansard and Finance Administrator Hayden Wiggins.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and Pledge were led by Councilmember French.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Eason reported the City will provide an operational update regarding the reopening of City Hall. He also stated there will be an executive session and will request an item to be moved on the agenda after the executive session. He also reported we will have one more virtual meeting on May 18, 2020 and resume in-person meetings on June 1, 2020 with social distancing in place. He requested anyone who would like to speak during the public input to please contact the City Clerk.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to move item #8 on the agenda to after the executive session made by J. Walden; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** No comments from the public.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve the consent agenda for the following items (a) made by J. Walden; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
  - a. Approve Minutes
    - Regular Meeting and Work Session held April 20, 2020
    - Executive Session held April 20, 2020
9. **GDOT GRANT – TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP):** City Manager Bolz discussed the various projects that may be approved for grant funding through this program.

Motion to approve seeking grant funding through the GDOT Transportation Alternative Program made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
10. **CITY OPERATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE:** City Manager Bolz discussed possibly opening City Hall to the public on May 18, 2020 as long as no other restrictions are announced by the Governor or a resurgence of COVID-19 occurs prior to that date. Social distancing will be implemented with a limited number of people allowed into City Hall at one time, restrooms will be closed to the public, employees will wear personal protective equipment when working face to face with customers, Planning and Zoning will be by appointment only except when unavoidable. Online transactions will still be encouraged whenever possible. Finance Administrator Wiggins stated he attended a GMA webinar with various other cities throughout the state who reported an expectant decrease of 20 – 30% of LOST funding due to COVID-19. He anticipates the City's FY2021 proposed budget to be reduced by 25%.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 5:24 p.m. a motion to close regular session and go into executive session for potential litigation was made by S. Tolson; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

At 5:39 a motion to close executive session and resume regular session was made by C. Phillips; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8. **MAIN STREET PARK RESTROOM PROJECT WITH EVERLAST CONSTRUCTION GROUP:** Motion to ratify notification of consideration to declare default to Everlast Construction Group made by S. Tolson; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

City Manager Bolz provided an update regarding the notification of consideration to declare default to Everlast Construction Group. Once notice was provided, a meeting was held with

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representatives from the City, Everlast and Aegis, the performance bond company, to discuss the concerns and issues. Everlast provided a timeline and a plan to correct the issues as discussed and was agreed upon by staff. The restroom is projected to be completed by July 13, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 5:45 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Walden; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE

  
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Mike Eason, Mayor

Attested:

  
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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 Stephen Tolson, 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 4, 2020.
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 5:24 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);

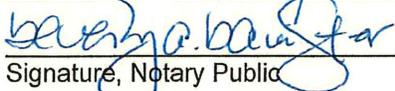
Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a City officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2);

Other \_\_\_\_\_ as provided in: \_\_\_\_\_.

This 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020; By the City of Dawsonville, Mayor and Council:

  
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Mike Eason, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
4 day of May, 2020.

  
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Signature, Notary Public

My Commission expires: 2-18, 2024

