

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Monday, March 29, 2021
9:00 A.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Eason called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilmember John Walden, Councilmember Mark French, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Stephen Tolson, City Attorney Kevin Tallant and Dana Miles, City Manager Bob Bolz, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Finance Administrator Robin Gazaway, Planning Director David Picklesimer and Public Works Director Trampas Hansard.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and Pledge were led by Councilmember Tolson.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Eason announced there will be Special Called meeting of the Mayor and Council on Friday, April 2, 2021 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers at City Hall for the purpose of continuing to work on the agreement for SPLOST.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by S. Tolson; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Attorney Tallant announced he received new information related to the item on the agenda and thought it appropriate for the Council to retire to executive session for an update.

At 9:04 am a motion to close regular session and go into executive session for pending and/or potential litigation was made by J. Walden; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

At 9:36 am a motion to close executive session was made by C. Phillips; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

BSINESS

Motion to resume regular session was made by M. French; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

7. **CONSIDERATION OF ACTION REGARDING SPLOST VII, TO INCLUDE CONSIDERING WHETHER TO INITIATE AN ACTION TO SET THE SPLOST ASIDE:** Attorney Tallant provided a brief overview of the issue surrounding SPLOST VII and recommended the City Council take action to allow the City Attorney to execute a tolling agreement between the City and Dawson County that is acceptable and if not, to proceed with the suit against Dawson County to set aside the SPLOST.

Motion to approve the City Attorney to execute a tolling agreement on behalf of the City with Dawson County if the terms are acceptable, otherwise to proceed with the suit against Dawson County to set aside the SPLOST made by J. Walden; second by S. Tolson. Mayor Eason thanked the County for working with the City and expressed the desire to work things out and the importance of SPLOST revenue which benefits all citizens. Councilmember French echoed the Mayor's sentiments and further stated his confidence in all parties to reach an agreement. He stated he supports the tolling agreement but not necessarily the lawsuit language and will vote in favor to move it forward. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Attorney Tallant suggested the Council consider identifying which Councilmembers would participate in further discussions with the County to avoid an incident of a quorum.

Motion to appoint Councilmember Phillips and Councilmember French as Council representatives for further discussions with the County made by M. French. Motion dies due to lack of a second.

Motion to appoint Councilmember Walden and Councilmember Phillips as Council representatives for further discussions with the County made by S. Tolson. Motion dies due to lack of a second.

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ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:44 a.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Approved this 19th day of April 2021.

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



Mike Eason, Mayor



Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1



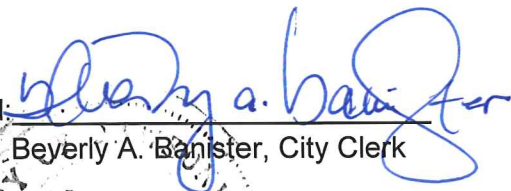
Stephen Tolson, Councilmember Post 2



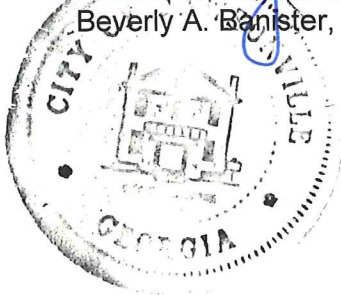
John Walden, Councilmember Post 3



Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

Attested: 

Beyerly 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 March 29, 2021.
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 9:04 a.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);

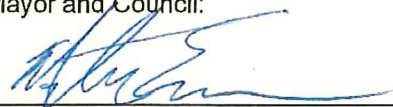
Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and _____;

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: _____.

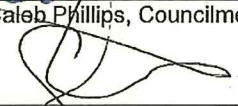
This 29th day of March 2021; By the City of Dawsonville, Mayor and Council:



Mike Eason, Mayor



Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post #1



Stephen Tolson, Councilmember Post #2



John Walden, Councilmember Post #3



Mark French, Councilmember Post #4

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
29 day of March, 20 21.



Signature, Notary Public

My Commission expires: Feb 18, 20 21

