

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
CITY OF DAWSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Friday, April 2, 2021  
9:00 A.M.**

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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 Stephen Tolson, City Attorney Kevin Tallant, City Manager Bob Bolz and Deputy City Clerk Tracy Smith. Councilmember Phillips was not present.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and Pledge were led by Councilmember Walden.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None
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. (3-0)
6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** None

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Attorney Tallant stated he received an update from the County late last night and since there has not been enough time to review and discuss with the Mayor and Council, he recommends retiring to executive session to discuss the matter.

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. (3-0)

At 9:24 am a motion to close executive session was made by M. French; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (3-0)

#### **BUSINESS**

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

7. **CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL ACTION RELATED TO SPLOST VII:** Mayor Eason stated based on the information received from the County, the City has not been given room for negotiation and despite wanting to resolve the issue amicably, it does not appear the County desires to work with the City.

Motion made by M. French to accept the IGA as presented and forego further consideration of legal action. Motion dies due to lack of a second.

Motion made by S. Tolson to reject the IGA as presented and authorize the City Attorney to proceed with legal action to set aside the SPLOST; second by J. Walden. Councilmember French expressed his opinion stating he feels this is a mistake and in doing so the citizens are not being served to the best of the Council's ability. Councilmember Tolson expressed his concern for the illegal taxation of our citizens and stated his ethical and moral compass is guiding him to work harder to get what the citizens deserve. Councilmember French further stated the County offered an IGA that if approved would settle the issue of legality and in not approving the IGA he anticipates a lengthy and expensive legal process. Mayor Eason stated we have met with the County and their legal counsel to try and resolve the issues but to no avail. Motion carried 2-1-0; two in favor (Tolson, Walden) with one opposed (French) and one absent (Phillips).

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:31 a.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by S. Tolson; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

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Approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

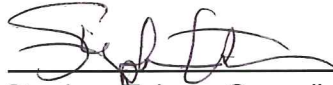
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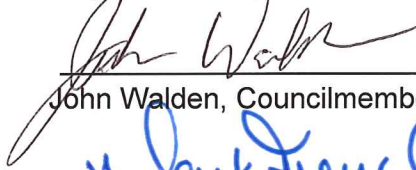
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Mike Eason, Mayor



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Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1



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Stephen Tolson, Councilmember Post 2



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John Walden, Councilmember Post 3

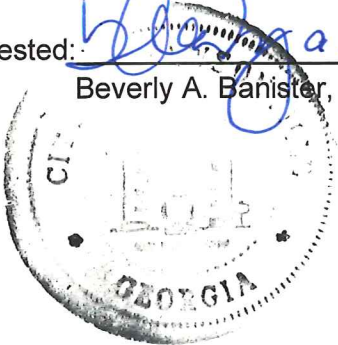


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Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

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 April 2, 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: \_\_\_\_\_.

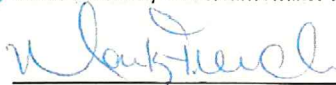
This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2021; By the City of Dawsonville, Mayor and Council:

  
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Mike Eason, Mayor

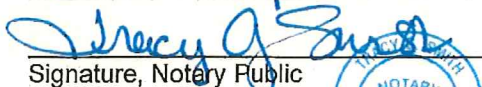
absent  
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Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post #1

  
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Stephen Tolson, Councilmember Post #2

  
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John Walden, Councilmember Post #3

  
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Mark French, Councilmember Post #4

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
2 day of April, 2021.

  
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Signature, Notary Public



Tracy G. Smith  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Dawson County, Georgia  
My Commission Expires  
August 13, 2021