

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 6, 2024

The Mayor and Council held a meeting this evening at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor Annalee Sams, Council members Dennis Mock, Nicky Lama, Tyree Goodlett and Steve Farrow, City Administrator Andrew Parker and City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sams called the meeting of the Mayor and Council to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Lama led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second Council member Mock, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

There were no Department Head Reports.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Matthew Thomas expressed his sincere gratitude and thanks to the Mayor and Council for dedicating a portion of Meeting Street from Underwood Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in memory of his father Bishop Stephen A. Thomas.

PROCLAMATION- GENERAL AVIATION

Mayor Sams presented a Proclamation to Airport Director Andrew Wiersma whereas the City of Dalton proclaimed general aviation a vital, strategic asset and declared May 2024 as General Aviation Appreciation Month to promote future economic growth and our next generation of aviation professionals and pilots.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Regular meeting minutes of April 15, 2024. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Farrow, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 24-12 - BISHOP STEPHEN A. THOMAS

The Mayor and Council reviewed Resolution 24-12 to honor the life and contributions of Bishop Stephen A. Thomas to the City of Dalton and to dedicate the portion of Meeting Street from Underwood Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in memory of Bishop Dr. Stephen A. Thomas. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Goodlett, the Resolution was adopted. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 24-13 - OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented Resolution 24-13 to authorize the use of Opioid Settlement Funds. Parker stated the City of Dalton is a participant in the “National Opioids Settlement” and has received approximately \$130,000 to date. Parker stated the Resolution authorizes the City Administrator to use current settlement funds for identified certain approved uses as follows:

1. A Human Trafficking Prevention Conference which will include training of health care personnel on the identification and treatment of opioid use disorder and trauma resulting therefrom;
2. Operational Funds for Narcotics Anonymous; and
3. A partnership with Whitfield County’s Conasauga Community Addiction Recovery Center;

On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the Resolution was adopted. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the uses for the settlement funds are a part of these minutes.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - HAMILTON MEDICAL CENTER FOR DRUG PRICING PROGRAM

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented a Memorandum of Understanding with Hamilton Medical Center for 340B Drug Pricing Program. Parker stated the Memorandum of Understanding outlines the City accepts the commitment of Hamilton Medical Center to continue to provide healthcare services to those on Medicare and Medicaid in addition to programs that benefit the indigent, uninsured, or underinsured population in the Community. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the MOU was adopted. The vote was unanimous in favor.

GEORGIA CLASSIC MAIN STREETS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented the Georgia Classic Main Streets Memorandum of Understanding to provide for services for the 2023-2024 Program Year. Parker stated the MOU is an agreement with Georgia Department of community Affairs for the local Main Street Program whereby DCA provides services in return for active participation in the program which is valid through June 30, 2025. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Goodlett, the MOU was adopted. The vote was unanimous in favor.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL FORM FOR CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY FOR NORTHWEST GEORGIA FAMILY CRISIS CENTER

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented the Local Government Approval Form for Certification of Consistency for Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center. Parker stated the Certification by the local government is required by DCA for Emergency Solutions Grant Application. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the Certification was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONTRACT WITH RW SMITH COMPANY – DALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented Contract with RW Smith Company for construction of New Property and Evidence Building at the Police Services Center. Parker stated as part of the 2020 SPLOST referendum, voters approved the construction of a new Property and Evidence building. Parker stated the RW Smith Company was selected of the (5) proposals at a cost of \$3,765,291.00 with a final completion in June 2025. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Contract was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - GEO-HYDRO ENGINEERS, INC.

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented the Professional Services Agreement with Geo-Hydro Engineers, Inc. for Geotechnical Services at New P&E Building at Police Department in the amount of \$19,968.00 with the funding source coming from the 2020 SPLOST. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

AGREEMENT WITH KRH ARCHITECTS, INC. - AL ROLLINS PARK SYNTHETIC TURF

Recreation Director Caitlin Sharpe presented an Agreement with KRH Architects, Inc. for Al Rollins Park Synthetic Turf for Infields Project. Sharpe stated KRH Architecture will assist by providing design of the turf systems and required stormwater drainage structures and prepare for bid specifications. Sharpe stated the cost is 6% of the owner's budget for the cost of the work (1.2 million). Sharpe further stated that the anticipated construction commencement date is September 2024. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT - SOUTHERN FLOORING, INC.

Recreation Director Caitlin Sharpe presented a General Construction Agreement with Southern Flooring, Inc. for Mack Gaston Community Center Gym Floor Replacement in the amount of \$135,770. Sharpe stated Southern Flooring Inc. was the highest scoring proposal to replace the floor. Sharpe additionally stated the estimated completion date is September 1, 2024. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PRIME ENGINEERING, INC. FOR PICKLEBALL COMPLEX PROJECT

Recreation Director Caitlin Sharpe presented the Professional Services Agreement with Prime Engineering, Inc. for a Pickleball Complex Project. Sharpe stated Prime will design plans and construction documents for the 15 courts, a concession/restroom building, shade structures, lighting, stormwater infrastructure and landscaping in the amount of \$168,000 with the 2020 Bond Proceeds as the funding source. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT - WILSON CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented a construction contract with Wilson Construction Management for Pentz & Cuyler Streetscape at a cost of \$8,196,318 with a substantial completion date of 365 days from the issuance of Notice to Proceed. Townsend further stated Pentz and Cuyler were the last remaining streets from the original streetscape Master Plan developed circa 2000 that have not been completed. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Contract was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PRATER ALLEY STORMWATER DETENTION FACILITY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH SUMMERS-TAYLOR, INC.

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented a construction contract with Summers-Taylor, Inc. for the Prater Alley Stormwater Detention Facility in the amount of \$1,134,188. Townsend stated this project is a 1-acre above ground detention pond that will alleviate stormwater runoff and property damage concerns. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Contract was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

GDOT TENTATIVE ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR RUNWAY REHABILITATION AT AIRPORT

Airport Director Andrew Wiersma presented a letter of intent to proceed with and fund the Runway Rehabilitation at Dalton Airport. Wiersma stated GDOT tentatively allocated federal assistance in the amount of \$2,400,000 and state funding assistance in the amount of \$2,633,333 to rehabilitate runway 14-32 at the Dalton Municipal Airport. Wiersma further stated the estimated matching funds from the City of Dalton is estimated at \$966,666. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the letter of intent was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY THREAT ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

IT Director Jorge Paez presented the Public Safety Threat Alliance Membership Agreement. Paez stated the agreement will benefit the City of Dalton in the aspect of cybersecurity intelligence to increase cyber maturity of the entire public safety landscape. Paez further stated the membership agreement is no cost to the City and the Agreement can be terminated with a 30-day notice. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the membership agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor and Council reviewed the following Housing Authority Appointments:

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| Bethel, Lynsey | 5 year | 05/06/2029 |
| Acosta, Roy | 5 year | 05/06/2029 |
| Hill, Richard Dr. | 5 year | 05/06/2029 |
| Manay, Pallavi | | 10/14/2026 Serving remainder of Courtney Brocks term |

On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Mock, the appointments were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

*Note: Housing Authority Board expanded to 9 members

ORDINANCE 24-07 - JUAN FIQUEROA REZONING REQUEST

Dalton Whitfield Zoning Administrator Jean Garland presented Ordinance 24-07 the request of Juan Figueroa to rezone from Heavy Manufacturing (M-2) to Rural Residential (R-5) a tract of land totaling 0.25 acres located at 911 Riverbend Road, Dalton, Georgia. Parcel (12-255-03-029). Garland stated that since the petitioner failed to be present at two consecutive public hearings, the Planning Commissions recommendation is a denial based on the Unified Zoning Ordinance Procedure and Standards. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the request was denied. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ORDINANCE 24-08 - ADRIANNA CUEVAS REZONING REQUEST

Dalton Whitfield Zoning Administrator Jean Garland presented Ordinance 24-08 the request of Adrianna Cuevas to rezone from Low-Density Single Family Residential (R-2) to General Agricultural (GA) a tract of land totaling 10.49 acres with 9.41 acres in the unincorporated county at Tax Parcel 12-127-02-005 and 1.08 acres in the City of Dalton at Tax Parcel 12-127-02-014 located at 402 Brooker Drive, Dalton, Georgia. County Parcel (12-127-02-005) City Parcel (12-127-02-014). On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the request was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ORDINANCE 24-09 - TCW DALTON LLC DE-ANNEXATION REQUEST

Dalton Whitfield Zoning Administrator Jean Garland presented Ordinance 24-09, the request of TCW Dalton LLC to de-annex 19.84 acres located at 3035 Parquet Drive, Dalton, Georgia at Tax Parcel 12-352-10-000 from the City of Dalton as Heavy Manufacturing (M-2). Parcel (12-352-10-000). On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the request was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ORDINANCE 24-10 ANNEXATION REQUEST FOR THE CITY OF DALTON

Dalton Whitfield Zoning Administrator Jean Garland presented Ordinance 24-10 The request of the City of Dalton to annex 50.06 acres located at 1022 Enterprise Drive, Dalton, Georgia at Tax Parcel 13-048-01-000 into the City of Dalton as Heavy Manufacturing (M-2). Parcel (13-048-01-000). Garland noted the property contains an electrical substation. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the request was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ORDINANCE 24-11 ANNEXATION REQUEST - CHRISTIAN HERITAGE SCHOOLS, INC.

Dalton Whitfield Zoning Administrator Jean Garland presented Ordinance 24-11 The request of Christian Heritage Schools, Inc. to annex 28.55 acres located at 1600 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Dalton, Georgia at Tax Parcel 12-216-03-000 into the City of Dalton as Low-Density Single Family Residential (R-2). Parcel (12-216-03-000). On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the request was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ORDINANCE 24-12 – ANNEXATION REQUEST THE CITY OF DALTON (HAIGMILL)

Dalton Whitfield Zoning Administrator Jean Garland presented Ordinance 24-12 The request of the City of Dalton to annex 15.26 acres located on Old Haigmill Lake Road, Dalton, Georgia at Tax Parcels 12-122-17-000, 12-122-05-000 and 12-122-16-000 into the City of Dalton as Low-Density Single Family Residential (R-2) Parcels (12-122-17-000, 12-122-05-000, 12-122-16-000). On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Mock, the request was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ORDINANCE 24-13 - REQUEST OF THE CITY OF VARNELL MAYOR AND COUNCIL,
AND CITY OF DALTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO AMEND THE UNIFIED ZONING
ORDINANCE TEXT

Dalton Whitfield Zoning Administrator Jean Garland presented Ordinance 24-13 - Request of the City of Varnell Mayor and Council, and City of Dalton Mayor and Council to amend the Unified Zoning Ordinance text as follows:

- Section 4-5-1 Preliminary Site Plan required for rezoning or annexation of R-6, R-7, C-1 A, MU, PUD, and U-PUD sites
- Section 4-6-5 Cemetery Amendments
- Section 12-1-3 – A member of the Board of Zoning Appeals may be appointed to any number of consecutive or non-consecutive terms by the applicable Governing Authority
- Amend Appendix A – Related to Stormwater Plan Review Fees; now refers to schedule published by Stormwater office
- Amend the Permitted Use Table to show “Bank or Financial Institution, Full Service” and “Church” and “Event Center” to be allowed outright in the M-1 and M-2 zoning districts.

On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the amendment was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was Adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Bernadette Chattam
City Clerk

Annalee Sams, Mayor

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Approved: _____
Post: _____