

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 4, 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 agenda was amended to add an update from Georgia Northwestern Technical College after the item listed as Dalton State College Update and add the City Administrators Report from the Work Session. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no Public Comments.

PROCLAMATION - AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

Mayor Sams presented a Proclamation to Carla Maton, Executive Director, American Red Cross of Northwest Georgia in recognition of March 2024 as being American Red Cross Month and to encourage all citizens of the city to reach out and support the Red Cross' humanitarian mission.

DALTON STATE COLLEGE UPDATE - DR. JOHN FUCHKO

President of Dalton State College Dr. John Fuchko spoke to the Mayor and Council regarding DSC student statistics Enrollment, Achievements – Sports Championships in golf & basketball and reaching the finals in soccer. Dr. Fuchko also stated the Wall Street Journal named DSC as #1 in college for student experience.

Several students spoke including the Student Government President McKenzie Manley, Student Ambassador Fernanda Hurtado, and Student Ambassador Cameron West on their positive collective experience of attending Dalton State College.

GEORGIA NORTHWESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE UPDATE

President Dr. Heidi Popham of Georgia Northwestern Technical College spoke to the Mayor and Council on recruitment and the experience of being enrolled at GNTC. Dr. Popham further spoke of the statistics in enrollment and Services provided. Dr. Popham additionally recognized GNTC partnerships with Northwestern Georgia College & Career Academy and the Whitfield Fire Department

GNTC students Sonia Avolos and Christian spoke of their positive experience in the diesel technology program, and Jaylee Hibberts and Violet Bazon spoke of their experience in the EMT program.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

There were no reports

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Regular meeting minutes of February 19, 2024. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RENEWAL OF STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle presented the Renewal Agreement of the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance. Pangle stated this agreement is in advance of an emergency for the rapid and efficient deployment of resources in all types of emergency and to designate City of Dalton members who may request mutual aid and assistance. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ORDINANCE 24-05 - REQUEST OF SHAZMAN ALI FOR REZONING

Ethan Calhoun, Assistant Planning Director presented Ordinance 24-05, a request from Shazman Ali to rezone from Heavy Commercial (M-2) to General Commercial (C-2) a tract of land totaling 4.05 acres located at 1028 Willowdale Road, NW, Dalton, Georgia. Parcels (12-159-01-059 and 12-159-01-065). On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the request was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ORDINANCE 24-06 - REQUEST OF DANIELLE PUTNAM FOR REZONING

Ethan Calhoun, Assistant Planning Director presented Ordinance 24-06, a request from Danielle Putnam to rezone from Medium Density Single Family Residential (R-3) to Rural Residential (R-5) a tract of land totaling 0.32 acres located at 405 Mosedale Drive, Dalton, Georgia. Parcel (12-241-02-009). On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the request was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 24-09 - DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN CEMETERY TRUSTS

Mr. Tom Minor from the City Attorney's Office presented Resolution 24-09 to approve the acceptance of funds from the distribution of certain Cemetery Trusts. Mr. Minor stated Wells Fargo Bank is trustee for Elizabeth Roberts Cemetery Trust, the Margaret H. Bard Cemetery Trust and the W.C. Martin Cemetery Trust and plans to petition the Superior Court of Whitfield County to terminate the Trusts and distribute the assets in the Trusts to the City of Dalton. Mr. Minor stated that each of the Trust were similarly designed for the care and maintenance of one or more particular plots at West Hill Cemetery and Old Presbyterian Cemetery respectively. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the Resolution was adopted. The vote was unanimous in favor.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AIA DOCUMENT B101-2017 FOR PROJECT RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE EXISTING JOHN DAVIS RECREATION CENTER

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented and Amendment No. 2 to AIA Document B101-2017 for Project Renovations and Additions to the Existing John Davis Recreation Center, Parker stated the Amendment outlines the Changes to the Standard Form of Agreement between the Owner and Architect dated April 18, 2022 which includes the Construction Cost, Design phase milestone to include the Contract documents completion date, the Construction commencement date and the substantial completion date which should be by August 31, 2025 at a rate of (6.25% of construction cost. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved the amendment. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

City Administrator Andrew Parked updated the Mayor and Council on several current and future projects including the projected completion of the Mill Line Project with an open date of mid-March for a soft opening and the official ribbon cutting to be determined soon, Parker also gave an update on the proposals for the John Davis Center and reviewed rendering of the inside of the new Center. Parker stated the contractors are preparing the RFP's for construction and should be published in March with an April 2024 due date. Parker further reviewed the upcoming project of the Police Departments Property and Evidence wing, a 2020 SPLOST project that proposals are scheduled back April 2, 2024. A copy of this complete update is a part of these minutes including several updates on stormwater projects and projects soon to commence.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Bernadette Chattam
City Clerk

Annalee Sams, Mayor

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