

THE CITY OF DALTON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
CITY HALL  
THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
FEBRUARY 3, 2023

The Mayor and Council held a Work Session to discuss a draft of the updated Charter for the City of Dalton this afternoon beginning at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor David Pennington, Council members, Annalee Sams, Dennis Mock, Tyree Goodlett and Steve Farrow, City Administrator Andrew Parker, and several department heads along with Public Safety Commission Chairman Truman Whitfield and Commissioner Terry Mathis.

This meeting was called to discuss draft Charter, specifically the section regarding Public Safety.

DRAFT CHARTER REVIEW

City Administrator Andrew Parker gave an overview of the draft Charter dealing with Public Safety departments. Parker stated the existing Charter grants broad powers to the Public Safety Commission for hiring and removal of the Chiefs and confirmation/removal of police officers and fire fighters. Parker stated after much research and speaking with Georgia Municipal Association, the draft Charter provides for both Chiefs to report to the City Administrator but hiring and removal of all City department heads, including the Police and Fire Chiefs, would reside with the elected officials.

After a lengthy discussion where several voiced concerns including Chairman Whitfield, Commissioner Mathis and the Mayor and Council, all agreed to enhance protections in the Charter for removal both Chiefs and public safety employees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council Work Session. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Sams, the work session was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

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Bernadette Chattam  
City Clerk

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David Pennington, Mayor

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