



JONESBORO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(DDA)

Meeting Type: Regular

Date: May 18, 2026

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Community Room – 1859 City Center Way, Jonesboro, GA 30236

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by City Manager, Blue Cole

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

- Vice Chair, Richara Warren
- Secretary Yolande Joseph Turner
- Treasurer Scott Miller
- Councilwoman Chelsey Curney

Members Absent:

- Chair Tierra Turner

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to consider approval of the agenda as presented.

- **Mover:** Chelsey Churney
- **Second:** Scott Miller

Discussion: Amend to move Public Comments to III-A & Executive Session

III-B

- **Vote:** Approved amended agenda
- **Result:** Motion Carries

III-A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments by: Mr. Cedric Gervin-Isler

Summary: Mr. Gervin-Isler stated with less than 2 months left on construction of his ice cream & sandwich shop at 118 S. Main St., he's concerned about not having a location for the required commercial dumpster for his business. He also stated that the lack of a dumpster has been an ongoing issue ordeal.

Comments by: Mayor Donya Sartor

Summary: Starting an initiative for small businesses to secure funds for leadership classes, with the end goal for applicants to become DBA certified. The program will begin in August.

III-B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:12pm to discuss personnel matters.

- **Mover:** Richara Warren
- **Second:** Chelsey Churney
- **Vote:** Approved
- **Result:** Motion Carries

Motion to reconvene Regular Meeting at 6:22pm

- **Mover:** Richara Warren
- **Second:** Scott Miller
- **Vote:** Approved
- **Result:** Motion Carries

Motion to accept Chair Tierra Turner's resignation

- **Mover:** Chelsey Churney
- **Second:** Scott Miller
- **Vote:** Approved
- **Result:** Motion Carries

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Motion to approve minutes from 4/20/26 meeting

- **Mover by:** Scott Miller
- **Seconded by:** Yolande Joseph Turner
- **Vote:** Approved
- **Result:** Motion Carries

B. Motion to approve minutes from Special Called meeting, 5/1/26, with corrections

- **Mover:** Richara Warren
- **Seconded:** Scott Miller
- **Discussion:** Strike 3 bullet points from the discussion. Only topics related to the Called meeting should be discussed. Roof repairs were outside the scope for the meeting.
- **Vote:** Approved
- **Result:** Motion Carries

V. PRESENTATIONS – NONE

VI. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – NONE

VII. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of IGA with City of Jonesboro

Councilwoman Chelsey Churney presented changes and additions to the IGA as it relates to the DDA. Further discussion when all DDA board members have access to final draft of IGA. No motion, no action taken.

B. Legal representation for DDA

Recommendation to have a lawyer with a background in DDA, Atty. Denmark was suggested. Attorneys should have a standard agreement, \$215 per hour, with fees paid from DDA funds. No Motion, no Action taken.

C. DDA requirements for contracted vendors

Full vetting will be required, with vendors possessing a valid business license and insurance. A vendor checklist will be created for future projects, and review procurement policy. No motion, no action taken.

D. Taste of Jonesboro event

Mayor Pro Tem Asjah Miller would like to collaborate with the DDA for this event, with a target date in the fall at Lee Park. No vendor fee for city restaurants and food trucks; fees for vendors outside city limits. Would like this to become an annual event. No motion, no action taken.

IX.COMMITTEE UPDATES – NONE

X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Work continues to increase “eye appeal”, while waiting for quotes to replace street signs. Vacant building registry will be implemented in January 2027. Businesses will be notified 6 months prior, to allow sufficient time to prepare properties before enforcement. Treasurer Miller suggested the DDA hire an appraiser for Nouveau property. Sidewalks are being discussed for N. Main St, as a part of Streetscapes improvements.

XI. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilmember Santia Fox thanked the board for service as volunteers, and stressed support from the City Council.

Youth Mayor Zahion Mikell thanked the board for service and its help to recognize local businesses.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

- **Mover:** Councilmember Chelsey Churney
- **Seconder:** Scott Miller
- **Vote:** Approved
- **Result:** Motion Carries

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14p.m.

CERTIFICATION

These minutes were approved by the Board of Directors on _____.

Secretary/Treasurer Signature: _____ **Date:**

Chair Signature: _____ **Date:**
