



LAWRENCEVILLE

GEORGIA

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING: WORK SESSION, JANUARY 15, 2025

AGENDA CATEGORY: GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

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| Item: | Discussion of Ordinance to Create the Heritage Trail Commission |
| Department: | City Manager |
| Date of Meeting: | Wednesday, January 15, 2025 |
| Fiscal Impact: | N/A |
| Presented By: | Melissa Hardegree, Chief Communications Officer |
| Action Requested: | Discussion of ordinance to create the Heritage Trail Commission |

Summary: The purpose of this ordinance is to establish the Heritage Trail Commission, a group of seven individuals who will oversee the selection and installation of commemorative medallions for the Heritage Trail in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Background: The establishment of the Lawrenceville Heritage Trail Commission is proposed to preserve and promote the city's rich history and cultural heritage. This Commission will oversee the development, maintenance, and expansion of the Heritage Trail, originally established in 2015, which features 29 historical medallions in downtown Lawrenceville. The Commission will manage the nomination and selection process for new medallions, honoring individuals of historical significance, and will promote awareness through community outreach and educational initiatives. The seven-member volunteer Commission will meet regularly, adhere to Georgia's Open Meetings Act, and report annually to the City Council. Membership criteria emphasize residency, professional expertise in history-related fields, and a commitment to civic engagement. This ordinance ensures the trail remains a valuable cultural asset for future generations.

Fiscal Impact: More detail (Impact on budget, anticipated expenditure, revenues, etc.)

Concurrences: City Manager, City Clerk, City Executive Team, City Attorney

Attachments/Exhibits: Proposed Ordinance establishing the Heritage Trail Commission