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Minutes - Called Council Meeting August 20, 2022 • 9 a.m. City of Loganville Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Skip Baliles. Also present were council members Melanie Long, Anne Huntsinger, Brandon Whitfield, Linda Dodd and Bill DuVall. Councilman Jay Boland was absent.

Councilwoman Dodd made a motion to adopt the agenda, with Councilman DuVall seconding the motion. It was approved 5-0.

**Gate Repair:** Information was presented to repair gates outside the city's fire station on Lee Byrd Road and the gate outside the Public Utilities complex. Councilwoman Long raised questions about the cost associated with project. After information was presented by City Manager Danny Roberts and Facilities Director Dustin McAlpin, a motion was made by Councilwoman Huntsinger asking for officials to get a total of three quotes and approving the replacement of the two gates so long as it did not exceed the initial prices presented at the meeting. Councilman DuVall seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

**Transportation Updates:** Councilman DuVall provided an update to the council about a request from the Georgia Department of Transportation for another letter of commitment from the city of its intent to move forward with the Tommy Lee Fuller Road alternative as it relates to the state's improvements to SR 20. Councilman DuVall also provided an update to the council related to the efforts to install a traffic light on Highway 78 at the Publix shopping center. Keck & Wood are currently working on estimates to conduct a study as the next step of the process.

**Detention Pond:** Councilman DuVall said this was an opportunity for the council to discuss detention ponds and take talking points back to Precision Planning to re-work the city's ordinance as it relates to the structures. The city's stormwater foreman, Bill Braswell, informed the council of the current ordinance as it is written and the state of these structures in the city, noting that most of the detention ponds inside city limits were above ground. The council members discussed the benefits of adressing the aesthetics of detention ponds — including requiring vinyl fencing instead of chain-linked — as well as giving consideration to future requirements of bio rention ponds to allow plants and trees to absorb the water. Precision Planning will attend the next council meeting to discuss further.

Main Street Director: Councilwoman Huntsinger made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. It was seconded by Councilman DuVall and approved 5-0. Councilwoman Dodd made a motion to close the meeting, that was seconded by Councilwoman Huntsinger and approved 5-0. The mayor and council left the chambers and upon their return, Councilwoman Huntsinger made a motion to re-open the meeting. It was seconded by Councilman Whitfield and approved 5-0.

Councilman Whitfield then made a motion authorizing City Manager Danny Roberts to re-negotiate the starting salary for the Main Street Director position. Councilwoman Huntsinger seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

**Planning / Management Firms:** Councilman Whitfield presented three options to help guide the city leaders to fine tune their vision for the revitalization of the downtown area. Councilman Whitfield made a motion for the city to obtain a firm for the redevelopment of the downtown area. It was seconded by Councilwoman Dodd and passed 5-0.

Councilman Whitfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Councilwoman Dodd. The motion passed 5-0.