



COMBINED WORK SESSION AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Skip Baliles called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

A. Invocation and Pledge to the Flag

Jonas Chambliss of Living Word Baptist Church gave the invocation and Cub Scout Troop #536 led the pledge to the flag.

B. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Skip Baliles

Council Member Bill DuVall

Council Member Anne Huntsinger

Council Member Melanie Long

Council Member Lisa Newberry

Council Member Branden Whitfield

Council Member Patti Wolfe

C. DECA Proclamation

DECA Proclamation was presented to the LHS DECA Club declaring November as DECA Month.

D. Presentation to Walton County Special Olympics

Chief Lowry presented a check for \$22,631.47 to Walton County Special Olympics from the proceeds of the 2024 Donut Dash.

E. Presentation of Awards

Presentations were made to the Mayor and Public Works Department from Seventh Day Adventist Church.

F. Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by Council Member Huntsinger and amend the agenda to correct the the amount of item 7(b) to \$15,000.00 and approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Council Member Wolfe.

Voting Yea: Council Member DuVall, Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe

Motion carried 6-0.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member DuVall to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Last Month's Minutes
- B. Last Month's Financial Report

Seconded by Council Member Huntsinger.

Voting Yea: Council Member DuVall, Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe

Motion carried 6-0.

3. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Case #A24-029** – Juan Ramon, requests annexation of property located at 520 Brand Road Loganville, GA 30052. Map/Parcel #R5160 059, Gwinnett County, GA. 3.0+/- acres.

Planning Director Robbie Schwartz presented Case #A24-029 and Case #R24-030. Public Hearing was opened for these cases. Tim Prater spoke on behalf of the applicant. There was no one present to speak in favor or opposition to these cases.

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to approve the annexation request. Seconded by Council Member Whitfield.

Voting Yea: Council Member DuVall, Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe

Motion carried 6-0.

- B. Case # R24-030**– Juan Ramon, filed an application to rezone 3.0+/- acres located on 520 Brand Road Loganville, GA 30052. Map/Parcel #R5160 059, Gwinnett County, Georgia. The property owner is Red Lion Acquisition & Management. The current zoning is R100. The requested zoning is LI for the development of an office suite.

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to approve the rezone request. Seconded by Council Member Huntsinger.

Voting Yea: Council Member DuVall, Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe

Motion carried 6-0.

- C. Case # R24-031**- BAMB Real Estate, LLC c/o Mahaffey Pickens Tucker, LLP, filed an application to rezone 5.09+/- acres located on Atlanta Hwy Loganville, GA 30052. Map/Parcel #LG060129, Walton County, Georgia. The property owner is Ann R Jones. The current zoning is R-44. The requested zoning is CH for the development of a medical office building.

Planning Director Robbie Schwartz presented Case #R24-031, Case #V24-032, and Case #V24-033. Shane Lanham, Mahaffey Pickens Tucker, LLC spoke representing the applicant BALL Real Estate, LLC. Public Hearing for these cases was opened. Michael R Jones, Jr spoke in favor of this project. There was no one present to speak in opposition.

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to approve the rezoning with the following conditions:

Interior driveway designed to minimize cut through traffic

The property shall not be used for the following:

Automotive body repair

Automotive car wash

Automotive parts stores

Auto repair shops or tire stores including lubrication or tune-up centers (full-service and self-service)

Automotive service stations, with or without fuel pumps.

Convenience food stores with or without fuel pumps

No drive thru restaurant

Garages.

Lawnmower repair shops

Machine, welding, radiator or muffler repair shops

Recovered materials processing facility

Full Service Restaurants must be located 350 feet off of Covington Street

Seconded by Council Member Huntsinger.

Voting Yea: Council Member DuVall, Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe

Motion carried 6-0.

- D. Case #V24-032** – Bamm Real Estate, LLC c/o Mahaffey Pickens Tucker, LLP requested a Major Variance for the property located on Atlanta Hwy Loganville, GA 30052 at Parcels #LG060129, Walton County, GA. Present zoning is R-44. Ordinance and Section from which relief is sought is Zoning Ordinance 119-432; relief from buffer requirements.

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to approve the major variance request. Seconded by Council Member DuVall.

Voting Yea: Council Member DuVall, Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe

Motion carried 6-0.

- E. Case #V24-033** – Bamm Real Estate, LLC c/o Mahaffey Pickens Tucker, LLP requested a Major Variance for the property located on Atlanta Hwy Loganville, GA 30052 at Parcels #LG060129, Walton County, GA. Present zoning is R-44. Ordinance and Section from which relief is sought is Zoning Ordinance 119-380; relief from the minimum parking requirements.

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to approve the major variance. Seconded by Council Member Whitfield.

Voting Yea: Council Member DuVall, Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield

Motion carried 6-0.

- F. **Case # R24-034** – Kittle Homes, filed an application to rezone 26.07+/- acres located on 4615 Atlanta Hwy Loganville, GA 30052. Map/Parcel #LG110187, LG110187A00, LG110185C00, LG110185B00, Walton County, Georgia. The property owner is Camp Family Partnership. The current zoning is CH. The requested zoning is RM-6 for the development of a townhome community.

Planning Director Robbie Schwartz presented Case #R24-034. The Public Hearing was opened for this case. The applicant Zach Kittle was present and asked to table this matter until February in order for them to get in touch with the residents on Cown Drive.

There was no one else present to speak in favor of this case.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to this case:

Shay Wade, 206 Cown Drive, Susan Thomas 244 Cown Drive

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to table this case until the February 2025 meeting. (To be heard by the Planning Commission at the January 2025 meeting.) Seconded by Council Member Huntsinger.

Voting Yea: Council Member DuVall, Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe

Motion carried 6-0.

4. FINANCE / HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Health Declaration and Application

Motion made by Council Member Huntsinger made a motion to approve the 2025 GMEBS Life and Health Program Employer Declaration & Application Employee Health, Dental & Vision Benefits. Seconded by Council Member Newberry.

Voting Yea: Council Member DuVall, Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe

Motion carried 6-0.

5. PUBLIC UTILITIES / TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. 2019 FEMA Award for Generator - \$189,909.00 - (505-4300-542100)

Motion made by Council Member DuVall to approve the FEMA Award for the purchase of a generator for \$189,909.00. Seconded by Council Member Newberry.

Voting Yea: Council Member DuVall, Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe

Motion carried 6-0.

- B. Emergency Repair to Park Place Detention Pond - \$171,475.00 (505-4320-522205)

Motion made by Council Member DuVall to approve the repair to the Park Place Detention Pond for \$171,475.00 and also to insure that the other nine (9) similar identified detention ponds be inspected once a year. Seconded by Council Member Huntsinger.

Voting Yea: Council Member DuVall, Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe

Motion carried 6-0.

C. Flow Rate Restrictions on Plumbing Fixtures Ordinance Discussion

Motion made by Council Member DuVall to approve the Flow Rate Restriction on Plumbing Fixtures Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Newberry.

Voting Yea: Council Member DuVall, Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe

Motion carried 6-0.

D. GDOT Road Projects Discussion

Council Member DuVall gave an update on various DOT projects around the City after a recent meeting with GDOT. The City will send a letter of support for the projects to the DOT.

6. PUBLIC WORKS / FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

B. Toddler Park Discussion / Engineer Design Proposal - \$14,925.00 (321-6200-542100)

Motion made by Council Member Wolfe to approve \$14,925.00 for engineers to design an upgrade for Toddler Park. Seconded by Council Member Newberry.

Voting Yea: Council Member DuVall, Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe

Motion carried 6-0.

7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Main Street Parking Discussion

Council Member Whitfield explained that vendors in the Downtown District mainly on Sundays. He stated that the business owners are going to meet to see if they can work out a solution. City Attorney Paul Rosenthal recommended the Council turn this matter over to the DDA.

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Surplus Action List Approval

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to allow City Manager Danny Roberts the authority to add necessary items to the city surplus list, advertise and hold auction in January 2025 as requested. Seconded by Council Member Huntsinger.

Voting Yea: Council Member DuVall, Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe

Motion carried 6-0.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Huntsinger. Voting Yea: Council Member DuVall, Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe

Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29pm.

Skip Baliles

Mayor

Kristi Ash

Deputy Clerk