



AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE:	October 19, 2026	Regular
DEPARTMENT:	City Manager's Office	Steven Krokoff, City Manager
SECTION OF AGENDA:	New Business	October 19, 2026
		<i>Steven Krokoff</i>
AGENDA ITEM TITLE:	Consideration of a Resolution Expanding the Development Authority Board to Nine Directors and Appointing Samia Coker.	
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:	Increase the board from eight to nine directors and appoint Samia Coker to the additional seat.	
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	No appropriation or budget amendment is requested by this resolution.	
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Approve the expansion and appointment, subject to City Attorney confirmation of the term and correction of the resolution title.	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff recommends expanding the Development Authority of the City of Milton from eight to nine directors and appointing Samia Coker to the additional seat.

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The Development Authority has been created and activated, and its current board consists of eight directors. The proposed resolution adds one director to the existing Authority. O.C.G.A. § 36-62-4(a) permits a board of seven to nine directors appointed by resolution of the governing body.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

The resolution appoints Samia Coker as the ninth director upon adoption and states that the appointee is qualified as a taxpayer residing in Milton. It proposes an initial term ending January 31, 2028, coterminous with the current directors. Existing appointments and terms continue unchanged. The resolution takes effect immediately and directs the City Clerk to furnish a certified copy to the Georgia Secretary of State.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The resolution does not authorize an expenditure, director compensation, or a budget amendment. Any related administrative, training, or reimbursable expenses would be handled through the applicable budget and policies.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Council may approve the expansion and appointment after resolving the term and title language, defer action for revisions, or retain the eight-member board.



LEGAL AND REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed January 31, 2028 expiration should be reviewed before adoption because O.C.G.A. § 36-62-4(a) provides four-year terms for directors added beyond the original seven. The City Attorney should confirm the appropriate term and revise the resolution as needed. The title also refers to an appointment at a later date, while the body appoints Samia Coker immediately; those provisions should be reconciled.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT:

Following adoption, the City Clerk will coordinate the certified filing and update appointment records. Staff will coordinate onboarding and applicable training. With nine directors, five constitute a quorum, and board action requires at least five affirmative votes under O.C.G.A. § 36-62-4(b).

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER IMPACT:

The additional appointment provides another resident taxpayer a role in the Authority's deliberations and oversight. This action concerns board membership and does not approve a development project or property transaction.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

Supports the Authority's capacity to carry out its economic development and public-purpose responsibilities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a resolution expanding the board to nine directors and appointing Samia Coker, subject to City Attorney confirmation of the appointment term and reconciliation of the title and operative language before adoption.

REVIEWS & APPROVALS:

Legal Review: Ken Jarrard, City Attorney

Concurrent Review: Stacey Inglis, Deputy City Manager *Stacey Inglis*

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed resolution

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION TO EXPAND THE CURRENT SIZE OF THE DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY OF MILTON FROM EIGHT TO NINE DIRECTORS; TO PROVIDE
FOR NOTICE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA;
TO REPEAL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section VI, Paragraph III of the Constitution of the State of Georgia permits the General Assembly to create development authorities, and the General Assembly enacted the Development Authorities Law, O.C.G.A. § 36-62-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Development Authority of Milton (the "Authority") has already been created pursuant to the Development Authorities Law and activated by resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Milton (the "City"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-62-4(a), the Authority may have a Board of Directors consisting of not less than seven and not more than nine directors appointed by resolution of the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the current Board of Directors of the Authority consists of eight directors; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is desirable and necessary to expand the current Board by one additional director, thereby increasing its membership from eight to nine directors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Milton that the existing eight-member Board of Directors of the Authority is hereby expanded to nine members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council that **Samia Coker** is hereby appointed as the ninth member to the Board of Directors of the Development Authority of the City of Milton, with Samia Coker being duly qualified as a taxpayer residing in the City O.C.G.A. § 36-62-5(a).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Samia Coker's initial term shall run coterminous to that of the first eight (8) Directors, such that Samia Coker's initial term shall expire on January 31, 2028.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any successor and/or successor term shall be undertaken as provided by law. Any holdover service shall be governed by O.C.G.A. § 36-62-4(a), including its six-month limit and requirement that the remaining directors elect a successor if that period expires without a successor having been elected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Authority shall continue as the existing public body corporate and politic. The appointments and terms of its current directors shall continue without alteration by this Resolution, and all prior resolutions governing the Authority shall remain in effect except to the extent amended by the increase in Board membership provided herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors shall continue to carry out its duties and responsibilities and exercise its powers and prerogatives in accordance with the Development Authorities Law, as it now exists and as it may hereafter be amended or modified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Clerk is hereby directed, as soon as practicable following adoption and execution of this Resolution, to furnish a certified copy to the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia for recording.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed only to the extent of such conflict.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the preamble and Whereas clauses are incorporated herein and adopted as operative and substantive portions of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and Council of the City of Milton.

SO RESOLVED this 19th day of October, 2026.

Peyton Jamison, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tammy Lowit, City Clerk

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