



WORK SESSION
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER at 6:24pm by Mayor Martin

AGENDA APPROVAL A motion was made by D. Brown to approve with no changes, seconded by C. Brown, and all voted in favor.

REPORTS BY MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF Reports as included in the agenda packet, plus updates were given by Mayor and Councilmembers regarding their respective areas of interest. Highlights include a plan to paint mural scenes on the fence behind the Depot, developing programs for senior citizens and youth, and results from the Kroger area restaurant/business survey.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance TA-2024-02 (PUD)

Dr. Jerry Weitz reminded the Council that the PUD zoning ordinance was originally written in 2016 to be flexible regarding the Twin Lakes development. The Council has requested to tighten the standards in order to remain true to the intent of allowing mixed-use live, work, play developments.

2. Ordinance TA-2024-04 (Duration of Approval)

Dr. Weitz explained that his recommendation is to withdraw the proposed ordinance as the city attorney is not comfortable with it. City attorney Abb Hayes added that instead of an all-in-one approach, it would be better for councilmembers to keep these thoughts in mind as they are reviewing each annexation or zoning application in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Panther Court Sewer System Improvements- Contract 1: Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation

The CDBG program grant will be used to upgrade the grinder pumps for homes located on Panther Court. City engineer EMI recommends awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, Townley Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$412,145.00.

2. Panther Court Sewer System Improvements- Contract 2: Paving and Drainage

The CDBG program grant will also be used to repave the Panther Court and improve the drainage. EMI recommends awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, Allied Paving Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$216,592.40.

3. Water System Lead Service Lines Inventory Contract Award

Federal regulations require all public water systems to complete an inventory of water service line materials by October 2024. The concern is the presence of lead or copper lines in homes built before 1991. If lead lines are discovered, the City will notify the homeowner who may have the line replaced by a licensed plumber. The City has received a \$105,000 grant toward the costs of the inventory and reimbursing homeowners for their line replacement.

EMI recommends awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, UWS of Trion, GA, in the amount of \$40,950.00.

4. Water Tower Design- Jopena Blvd

Mayor Martin and City Manager Jennifer Harrison shared their idea for the new water tower design: a train with smoke flowing from the stack and within the smoke would appear the name "Hoschton." The words "opportunity," "prosperity," "hope," and "freedom" could wrap around the bottom of the tank.

CITIZEN INPUT

Shannon Sell, 328 E. Jefferson St., questioned the need to make changes to PUD zoning, expressed his dislike of the agenda change from prayer to moment of silence, and stated his belief that voting districts would be best for Hoschton long-term.

Ace Acevedo, 100 Powell Ct, shared his thought that a 2-year zoning approval period would force developers to do something with subject properties or else let the Council revisit the zoning approval; he further stated that he believes the City has good representation without voting districts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED) *A motion was made at 7:19pm by Martin to enter executive session for personnel, seconded by D. Brown, and all voted in favor.*

A motion was made at 7:52pm by D. Brown to exit executive session, seconded by C. Brown, and all voted in favor.

ADJOURN *A motion was made at 7:53pm to adjourn by C. Brown, seconded by Jackson, and all voted in favor.*

ROLL CALL

Present:

Debbie Martin, Mayor
David Brown, Mayor Pro-Tempore
Christina Brown, Councilmember
Jonathan Jackson, Councilmember
Fredria Sterling, Councilmember

Also Present:

Dr. Jerry Weitz, Consulting City Planner
Jerry Hood, EMI, City Engineer
Abbott S. Hayes, Jr., City Attorney
Jennifer Harrison, City Manager
Jen Williams, Assistant City Clerk

Absent:

James Lawson, Councilmember
Scott Courter, Councilmember

Announcements:

August 12th @ 6:00pm Downtown Development Authority Meeting

August 16th @ 9:00am City Council Retreat

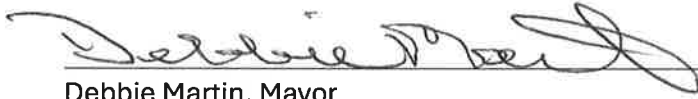
August 20th @ 6:00pm City Council Regular Meeting

August 22nd @ 3:00pm Historic Preservation Committee Meeting

August 22nd @ 6:30pm Community Conversations with Special Guest Matt Ruppel, developer of
"Pasta Masters" and "The Garden"

August 28th @ 6:00pm Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting


Approved:



Debbie Martin, Mayor

9/17/24

Date



Jennifer Williams, Assistant City Clerk