

CITY OF HOSCHTON
CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024 AT 9:00AM
HOSCHTON COMMUNITY CENTER
65 CITY SQUARE, HOSCHTON



FALL PLANNING RETREAT
DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER at 9:15am by Mayor Martin

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made at 9:16am by Martin to enter executive session for real estate, seconded by D. Brown, and all voted in favor.

Councilmember Jackson joined the meeting at 9:30am.

Councilmember Lawson left the meeting at 10:00am.

Councilmember Jackson left the meeting at 10:25am and returned at 11:00am.

A motion was made at 11:22am by Martin to exit executive session, seconded by Jackson, and all voted in favor.

No action was taken.

DISCUSSION: FUTURE PLANNING

Mayor and Council discussed the proposed FY 2025 Budget, including funds requested by the DDA for planned projects like Christmas lights in the downtown area, a mural depicting Hoschton scenes painted on the fence behind the Depot, and continued landscape beautification along City Square.

There was discussion about developing an all-encompassing administrative log for developments that would track progressive steps, status of reviews, fees paid, etc. This checklist would follow the project and be available to city staff and council before any approvals are issued or voted upon.

Much discussion was had regarding future planning with respect to infrastructure and projected development in the city. Jerry Hood of EMI stated that water/sewer infrastructure is on track with the planned wastewater treatment plant expansion to .95 million gallon capacity per day, and then a further planned expansion to 2.0 million gallon capacity per day. A proposed system development fee was discussed to place the burden of the

expansion costs upon the developments necessitating the expansion. EMI will prepare a recommendation on tap fees and a potential system development fee based on projected costs and planned growth. EMI further discussed the status of water and sewer in the city. A recommendation was made to perform smoke testing and other evaluations to identify areas to recover WWTP capacity from I&I (inflow and infiltration). The city is in the process of evaluating the yield of existing wells as well as identifying potential future well sites.

Councilmember Lawson joined the meeting at 12:10pm.

Councilmember Sterling joined the meeting at 12:34pm.

Councilmember Jackson left the meeting at 12:56pm.

ADJOURN *A motion was made at 2:53pm by Sterling to adjourn the meeting, seconded by C. Brown, and all voted in favor.*

ROLL CALL:

Present

Mayor Debbie Martin

Councilmember Christina Brown

Councilmember David Brown

Councilmember Scott Courter

Councilmember Jonathan Jackson

Councilmember James Lawson

Councilmember Fredria Sterling

Also Present

Jennifer Harrison, City Manager

Abbott S. Hayes, Jr., City Attorney

Dr. Jerry Weitz, Consulting City Planner

Jerry Hood, EMI, City Engineer

Fletcher Holliday, EMI, City Engineer

Jen Williams, Assistant City Clerk

Tiffany Wheeler, Finance Director

Ben Munro, Media