

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Draft

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

9:00 AM

**City Hall
110 Academy Street**

Downtown Development Authority

1. Call to Order*Board Members Present:**Jennifer Hughes (Chair)**Brooke Schmidt**Cory Wilson**Andreina Perez**Lee Oliver**City Staff & Council Present:**Bryan Roach, City Council**Shawn Tolan, City Council**Billy Peppers, City Manager**Velinda Hardy, Downtown Development Manager**Aundi Lesley, Economic Development Manager**Lauren Johnson, Communications Manager**Ryan Lockett, Finance Director**Kaylee Floyd, Administrative Assistant***2. Approval of the Agenda**

Member Schmidt moved to approve the agenda. Member Wilson seconded the motion; Motion carried.

3. Review / Approval of Minutes**A. Downtown Development Authority Draft Minutes - February 11, 2026**

Attachments: [Downtown Development Authority Draft Minutes - February 11, 2026](#)

Member Schmidt moved to approve the February minutes; Member Wilson seconded the motion; Motion carried.

B. Downtown Development Authority Draft Minutes - May 13, 2026

Attachments: [Downtown Development Authority Draft Minutes - May 13, 2026](#)

Member Schmidt moved to approve the May minutes; Member Wilson seconded the motion; Motion carried.

4. Public Input

None

5. Financials

A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Reimbursement to the City for Expenses

Finance Director Ryan Luckett provided the Board with the past month's invoice for money spent. Member Schmidt moved to approve reimbursement of that invoice; Member Oliver seconded the motion; Motion carried.

6. New Business

None

7. Old Business

A. Update on the Downtown Fire Station

City Manager Billy Peppers informed the Board that we are still waiting for a start date for construction. Fencing around the fire station will be put up soon and the access road between the fire station and the Cherokee County Water and Sewer Authority will be closed off.

B. Update on the North Street Gateway Redevelopment Project

i. Cherokee North Property

Mr. Peppers provided the Board with information regarding updates on the property. There are no longer any tenants in the building. The Public Works Department will be removing heavy equipment from the building.

ii. North Street Gateway Project

Mr. Peppers updated the Board on the parking deck and provided information about the open parking area.

C. Update on the Hickory Flat Hwy. Gateway Project

Mr. Peppers updated the Board on the approved contract by City Council. The pedestrian bridge has been installed and is expected to be usable by the end of December.

D. Update and Discussion on the Downtown Hotel RFP

The City has been working with the downtown hotel developers and we will have an update in July.

8. What's Going on in Canton!

Downtown Development Manager Velinda Hardy provided the Board with information on upcoming events within the City.

9. Board Introduced Items

Member Oliver spoke about the two-day World Cup event hosted by The Mill on Etowah starting June 11th.

10. Adjourn

Member Schmidt moved to adjourn; Member Oliver seconded; Motion carried.