

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

2:00 PM

**Council Convenience Store Committee
Virtual Meeting**

Public Call In: 1-803-999-5556 PIN: 494 091 883#

City Council

1. Call to Order and Welcome*Present:*

*Councilmember Sandy McGrew
Councilmember Brooke Schmidt
Councilmember Will Carlan
Councilmember Shawn Tolan
City Manager Billy Peppers
Assistant City Manager Nathan Ingram
City Attorney Bobby Dyer
City Clerk Annie Fortner*

Councilmember McGrew called the meeting to order.

2. Public Input

None.

3. Approval of Minutes from July 27th Meeting

- A. Council Convenience Store Committee Draft Minutes - July 27, 2021 - Attachment 3A

Attachments: [Minutes - Council Convenience Store Committee - July 27, 2021](#)

*Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes.
Councilmember Carlan seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.*

4. Discussion of Safety, Signage, Setbacks, Current Standards, Blight Prevention on the Property, Exterior Appearance Standards

City Attorney Bobby Dyer stated the City has an overlay ordinance which deals with landscaping requirements and development standards to address the appearance of buildings. If the City wishes to impose design standards on convenience stores, those will need to be created as a separate ordinance. Councilmember McGrew stated Councilmember Schmidt sent the committee members ordinances from Scottsdale, Arizona and Peachtree City on their development standards. Discussion was had regarding concerns with the traffic flow around the Chick-fil-A in the Riverstone development and how to eliminate the same issue with future development. Councilmember Tolan discussed topics discussed by the Blight & Code Compliance Committee. Most topics have been focused on residential issues. Some concerns with convenience stores are the visibility in and out of the store and the enforcement of the sign ordinance regarding window signage. Mr. Dyer suggested looking at the things that are issues with convenience stores and determining how to regulate those to begin creating the ordinance/standards. The committee discussed window signage as it relates to content, coverage, number of allowed signs, location, aesthetics, and enforcement of the sign ordinance. Also discussed for consideration in the design guidelines were landscape requirements, maintenance of landscaping, and the placement of the cashier counters within the convenience store. City

Manager Billy Peppers suggested that if changes are made to the sign ordinance, that this information be distributed when business licenses are renewed. Mr. Dyer stated he will research further into the sign ordinance as it relates to convenience stores. Mr. Peppers stated he would have Code Enforcement take pictures of some of the convenience stores within the City so the committee can see how stores currently are displaying signs. Councilmember McGrew offered to bring in a representative from a convenience store to gather more information.

5. Adjourn

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 25th at 10:00 a.m.