

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

10:00 AM

**City Hall
110 Academy Street**

Downtown Development Authority

1. Call to Order***Board Members Present:***

Jennifer Hughes (Chair)
Raul Cifuentes
Jose Luna
Tammy Perkins
Cory Shupert
Cory Wilson

City Staff:

Bill Grant, Mayor
Billy Peppers, City Manager
Nathan Ingram, Asst. City Manager
Velinda Hardy, Downtown Development Manager
Bethany Watson, City Engineer
Lauren Johnson, Communications Manager
Kristin Norton Green, Theatre Events & Facilities Director

2. Approval of the Agenda

Member Hughes moved to approve the agenda with addition of an executive session to discuss real estate; Member Perkins seconded the motion; Motion carried.

3. Review/Approval of the Minutes**A. Downtown Development Authority Draft Minutes - August 14, 2024**

Attachments: [Minutes - Downtown Development Authority - August 14, 2024](#)

Member Wilson Moved to approve the minutes; Member Shupert seconded the motion; Motion carried.

4. Public Input

Mr. Zach Kell commented, and had a few questions, on the proposed Downtown Master Plan. He indicated a concern regarding the delivery/loading zones. He asked about the timeline of construction, where parking would occur during construction, change in the amount of parking, etc.

5. Financials

Nathan Ingram provided the Board with an update on the DDA's Bank Balance.

6. Old Business**A. Discussion of Upcoming Council Presentation on September 12th**

Chair Hughes discussed some of the items that would be on her presentation to Council on Thursday night. Mr. Ingram mentioned that a draft copy of the presentation had been provided to Mr. Peppers, and that he and Mr. Peppers would be reviewing and will provide any feedback on that draft as soon as possible. A final presentation should be presented to the City Clerk as soon as possible, so that it could be inserted in to Council's slides.

B. Discussion of the Downtown Master Plan

Bethany Watson provided the Board with an explanation of what a Master Plan is. There have been a number of questions throughout the downtown residential and business community regarding some of the projects found within the MP. Ms. Watson emphasized to the Board that a Master Plan was simply a plan giving overall guidance, a long-range plan to develop or improve property and to help provide a vision for future development. The Board will be asked at their October meeting to formally approve a recommendation to Council.

C. First PATH Meeting with Stakeholders

Nathan Ingram provided the Board with some information on the upcoming first stakeholder meeting regarding the pre-design of the North Street Project. Goodwyn Mills & Cawood (Amy Belle, VP Georgia Architecture) will be emceeding the stakeholder meetings and the first of three will be held on Monday, September 30th from 1PM to 4PM in City Hall's Auditorium. An email with additional information and a questionnaire will be sent out to invitees on September 13th.

7. New Business

A. Discussion of Open Meetings and Open Records Handout

Mr. Ingram emailed the Board some information that had been provided by the City Clerk's office. He asked if the Board Members had any questions or comments.

8. What's Going On in Canton!

Velinda Hardy provided the Board with an update on upcoming events in the Canton Area, with staff member Lauren Johnson adding some information about a few other events.

9. Board Introduced Items

None.

10. Adjourn

Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate – Member Hughes made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss real estate; Member Shupert seconded the motion; Motion carried.

Member Perkins moved to exit executive session and adjourn; Member Shupert seconded; Motion carried.