

# **Canton, Georgia**

*110 Academy Street  
Canton, Georgia 30114*



## **Minutes - Final - Final**

**Wednesday, September 1, 2021**

**10:00 AM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Public Call In: 1-337-435-0808 PIN: 548 133 259#**

**Downtown Development Authority**

**1. Call to Order**

*Present: Rebecca Johnston, Brooke Schmidt, Cindy Brooks, Jennifer Hughes and Jose Luna. Also present were Mayor Bill Grant, Ms. JoEllen Wilson, Ms. Sandy McGrew, Mr. Billy Peppers, and Jessica Forrester (Around About Local Media).*

*Johnston called the meeting to order.*

**2. Approval of Minutes**

- A. Downtown Development Authority Draft Minutes - August 11, 2021 - Attachment 2A

Attachments: [Minutes - Downtown Development Authority - August 11, 2021](#)

*Brooks moved to approve the minutes from August 11. Seconded by Schmidt and passed unanimously.*

**3. Review of Finances**

*Hughes presented the financial report. Moved to approve by Schmidt, seconded by Hughes and passed unanimously.*

**4. New Business**

- A. Discussion of County Parking Deck Proposal

*Johnston introduced the County's parking deck project under new businesses and noted that the City had sent a response favoring option 1 to Cherokee County. She also read the City's tenet for Enhancing Historic Downtown Canton from the Roadmap for success. Hughes moved to support a resolution backing the City's position on the matter. Brooks seconded the motion. Continued discussion included a note from the Mayor that the City did not favor the site, but of the location provided in option 1 was the best. Schmidt also noted that the City had received notification that the Cherokee County Arts Center would be vacating its space in 2022 and the building would revert back to Cherokee County. Peppers noted that the resolution would simply state that the DDA received a copy of a letter from the City of Canton to Cherokee County dated August 25, 2021 and the DDA supports the City's position on the matter. The motion passed unanimously.*

- B. Discussion of Downtown Projects

*Peppers gave an update on downtown projects: Archer Street Deck contract to be approved on 9/2/21 with construction starting in October. An application for LCI funding to engineer pedestrian improvements on West Main Street to connect downtown and The Mill on Etowah was submitted last week to the Atlanta Regional Commission. The City is working on a Tax Allocation District that should be certified later this fall for downtown and north Sunnyside.*

**5. Updates**

**A. Main Street**

*Peppers gave a brief Main Street report about the upcoming First Friday, Farmers Market, and a new Think Pink event downtown on October 9 for Breast Cancer Awareness. The Mayor noted that Canton Main Street received the award for Best Downtown Promotion at the Georgia Downtown Conference for Velinda Hardy's Cash Mob events.*

**6. Adjourn**

*Brooks moved to adjourn. Hughes seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*