

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Draft

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

9:00 AM

**City Hall
110 Academy Street**

Downtown Development Authority

1. Call to Order

Board Members Present:

*Jennifer Hughes (Chair)
Ashley Carlile
Bill Grant
Lee Oliver
Brooke Schmidt
Cory Wilson*

City Staff & Council:

*Dwayne Waterman, City Council
Nathan Ingram, Asst. City Manager
Velinda Hardy, Downtown Development Manager
Ryan Lockett, Finance Director
Aundi Lesley, Economic Development Manager*

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

3. Review/Approval of Minutes

A. Downtown Development Authority Draft Minutes - December 22, 2025

Attachments: [Minutes - Downtown Development Authority - December 22, 2025](#)

Member Schmidt moved to approve the 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**

Mr. Lockett provided the Board with the past three months' invoices for monies spent by the City on behalf of the DDA. Member Schmidt moved to approve reimbursement of those three invoices; Member Carlile seconded the motion; Motion carried.

6. New Business

None

7. Old Business

A. Update on the Downtown Fire Station

Assistant City Manager provided the Board with some updated design information. Items discussed included; use of brick pavers at the front of the building to match existing streets, emergency lights and location of those lights, minor changes to dormers on the garage section of the building, and the proposed monument sign.

B. Update on the North Street Gateway Redevelopment Project

Mr. Ingram provided the Board with an update on recent meetings with the County, Engineer/Arch firm and contractor. It was noted that the team is currently trying to work out details as it relates to the parking deck.

Mr. Ingram also provided the Board with information regarding assistance to tenants with moving expenses.

C. Update on the Hickory Flat Highway Gateway Project

Mr. Ingram informed the board that a design RFP has been issued and due back to the City on January 29th. Demolition on the Canton Village Shopping Center should commence within the week.

D. Update and Discussion of the Downtown Hotel RFP

It was noted that the DDA received two responses from the recent RFP for a Downtown Hotel Developer. Management will be interviewing the two developers in the coming weeks.

8. What's Going On in Canton!

Mrs. Hardy provided the Board with information on upcoming events within the City.

9. Board Introduced Items

None

10. Adjourn

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