

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Thursday, October 21, 2021

6:00 PM

City Hall

110 Academy Street

City Council

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Mayor Grant and followed by an invocation given by Pastor Kelly Beckley with Canton First United Methodist Church.

2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Grant.

Members Present:

*Mayor Bill Grant
Mayor Pro Tempore JoEllen Wilson
Councilmember Shawn Tolan
Councilmember Brooke Schmidt
Councilmember Sandy McGrew
Councilmember Will Carlan
Councilmember Nick Estes
Mr. Billy Peppers, City Manager
Mr. Nathan Ingram, Assistant City Manager
Mr. Bobby Dyer, City Attorney
Mr. Ken Patton, Community Development Director
Ms. Melissa Forrester, Finance Director
Ms. Bethany Watson, City Engineer
Ms. Brittany Anderson, Planner
Mr. Stephen Merrifield, Police Chief
Mr. Scott Hooper, Public Works Director
Ms. Angie Busby, Manager of Economic Development & Tourism
Mr. Mike Morgan, Information Technology Director
Ms. Annie Fortner, City Clerk*

Absent:

None

3. Consideration to Approve Agenda

Mayor Grant requested an Executive Session be added to discuss real estate. Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Tolan seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

4. Guests and Visitors**A. Homeless Shelter Project Presentation - Lynne Saunders and Cherokee County Board of Commissioners Chairman Harry Johnston**

Lynne Saunders, Founder and Executive Director of Encompass Ministries, discussed homelessness across the United States and the specific inquiries received within Cherokee County. Ms. Saunders reviewed the existing homeless programs in Cherokee, informed about the number of homeless children with the school district, and noted the use of economy hotels. Ms. Saunders provided a seven-step approach to bring homeless solutions to Cherokee County. This approach includes single point entry/evaluation, prevention training/options,

crisis housing/shelter, transitional housing/shelter, wraparound support services, personal rental, and home ownership. Ms. Saunders discussed the funding request asked of the City. This includes startup costs for staffing, an Executive Director, and a Grant Writer. Also included are requests for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the renovations of the Tippens School campus and startup equipment. Councilmember Tolan discussed solutions for homelessness in surrounding counties and stated he is thrilled that this process has started. Councilmember Estes asked how all the supporting groups are integrated into the process. Ms. Saunders stated the groups are part of the steering committee and discussed the importance of the single point of entry. Councilmember Carlan asked what is needed from Canton for the next step. Ms. Saunders stated funding is needed. Councilmember Schmidt asked how much ARPA funding Cherokee County will be providing. Cherokee County Board of Commissioners Chairman Harry Johnston stated they will be providing whatever is necessary. Councilmember Tolan asked if any thought had been given to new construction as opposed to renovations of the existing school campus. Ms. Saunders stated that idea is on the table however there is a risk of missing the timeframe for use of ARPA funds. Chairman Johnston stated the option may change if the cost of renovating is far greater than the cost of new construction. Councilmember Estes discussed how the City should be thoughtful and diligent as to how to prioritize the list of opportunities given. Ms. Saunders and Chairman Johnston discussed collaborating with other groups to support both homeless men and women as well as families.

B. Keep Cherokee Beautiful Program Presentation - Cherokee County Commissioner Benny Carter

Cherokee County Commissioner Benny Carter discussed that the Keep Cherokee Beautiful program aims to reduce litter and maintain a beautiful community. The program is a community led initiative with County support. Two community interest meetings were held in 2020. Since then, officers have been selected, bylaws have been adopted, and registrations have been submitted to the state. Commissioner Carter discussed working with Keep America Beautiful. Currently there are ten miles of roadway adopted and cleaned by numerous groups. By adopting roadway, these groups have agreed to clean the area three to four times a year. Commissioner Carter discussed community clean ups to bring attention to the initiative. The focus now is litter on roadways, but he would one day like to include rivers, lakes, streams, and trails. Commission Carter stated the request is support from the City and to allow citizens to adopt roadway at their request. Lori Flink, Canton Optimist Club President, spoke about the Club's mission and their support of the Keep Cherokee Beautiful program. Ms. Flink stated the Canton Optimist Club would like to adopt Northside Cherokee Boulevard. Commissioner Carter stated the goal is to create awareness and eliminate litter but would like to have the program evolve into education, prevention, and recycling efforts. Councilmember McGrew asked what is needed from the City at this point. Commissioner Carter stated the City must approve the adoption of the roadway as it is a City street. Mayor Grant asked about guidelines for the adoption of roadway. Commissioner Carter stated the guideline documents are online and discussed safety measures.

C. Annual Fire Report - Cherokee County Fire Chief Tim Prather

Fire Chief Tim Prather provided Council an update of the Cherokee County Fire Department's leadership team, personnel, stations, response times, budget information, COVID-19 impacts, and accomplishments. Chief Prather discussed

upcoming equipment acquisitions, programs, and stations. Mayor Grant asked if there are any updates on replacing or renovating the downtown station. Chief Prather stated they are looking for land to build a bigger station.

City Manager Billy Peppers introduced Angie Busby as the City's Manager of Economic Development & Tourism.

Mr. Peppers recognized Assistant City Manager Nathan Ingram for his ten years of service and presented him a service pin.

5. Public Hearing

- A. Public Hearing and Discussion of Proposed Code of Ordinance Amendments for Retail Sales of Distilled Spirits by the Package (Liquor Stores) - Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 5A

Attachments: [Draft Package Store Ordinance](#)

Community Development Director Ken Patton stated the presented draft reflects all amendments as proposed by Council and the Unified Development Code (UDC) Committee. Mayor Grant opened the public hearing and called for anyone wishing to speak about the ordinance. Thomas Weaver spoke about his support of the ordinance. Mayor Grant closed the public hearing. Mayor Grant noted the ordinance is being prepared in anticipation should the referendum pass in November. Councilmember Schmidt thanked the UDC Committee members and staff on their work on the ordinance. Councilmember Schmidt explained why the City has not allowed package stores in the past and the new legislation which makes the referendum possible. Councilmember McGrew asked what would happen to the number of allowed licenses should the City's population decrease. City Attorney Bobby Dyer stated that should be addressed in the ordinance. Mr. Patton stated this matter will be on the November 4th agenda should the referendum pass and language can be prepared to address population decrease. Mr. Patton also noted license fees must be set.

6. Consideration to Approve Minutes

- A. Council Meeting Draft Minutes - October 7, 2021 - Attachment 6A

Attachments: [Minutes - Council Meeting - October 7, 2021](#)

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

7. Informational Items

- A. Tax Allocation District (TAD) Report Presentation - KB Advisory Group

Senior Vice President of KB Advisory Group, Gary Mongeon, provided the background timeline for the study area and discussed actions taken since his last report given in May of 2021. Mr. Mongeon reviewed how a Tax Allocation District (TAD) functions and the criteria for designating a redevelopment area.

Mr. Mongeon discussed the proposed redevelopment area boundaries, the demographics within it, and the parcel summary. Mr. Mongeon identified ten potential projects and discussed the possible total value at build out. Mr. Mongeon provided forecasted revenues over 25-30 years and spoke about potential uses of the TAD proceeds. Mr. Mongeon reviewed required components to be included in the TAD documents, plan adoption process, and the certification procedure. In closing, Mr. Mongeon discussed the next steps including the City receiving the draft plan by the beginning of November and holding public hearings. Mayor Grant confirmed the percentage of City parcels used in the proposed district and noted there is a percentage remaining to be used in another district. Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson asked about obtaining consent from the County and school district. Mr. Mongeon discussed policies held by the school district and County and stated he is encouraged by what is happening at the staff level in Holly Springs. Councilmember Tolan asked if all Canton Housing Authority properties are encompassed within the TAD. Mr. Peppers stated two out of the three are in the TAD. Councilmember Tolan asked about the length of time for the district. Mr. Mongeon stated district financing is typically between 25-30 years and discussed how the number of projects and bonds issued also determine the length of the district. Mr. Mongeon stated the biggest benefit of having a TAD in place is to be able to invest in quality.

8. Other Announcements

None.

9. Ten Minute Public Input

Mr. Thomas Weaver asked that the Ordinance Review Committee consider his request for amending Section 34-3 of the City of Canton Code. Mr. Weaver also asked Council to consider the increase in the inmate housing agreement.

10. Consent Agenda

None.

11. Old Business

- A.** Discussion and Possible Action on Cases AX2107-001 and Z2107-002 for Grid Properties - Request to Annex 177 Acres and Zone the Property PD-MU (Planned Development Mixed Use) to Develop a Winery Resort Located at 2030 and 2050 Sam Nelson Road and 650 Talcmine Drive - Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 11A

Attachments: [Grid Properties - Polecat Mountain Documentation](#)

Mr. Patton stated the public hearing for these cases has been held. Staff would recommend approval of the annexation as it is within the growth boundary agreement. Staff also would recommend the Planned Development Mixed Use (PD-MU) zoning. Staff proposed the following conditions:

- 1. The Memorandum of Understanding, as agreed upon by Cherokee County and the property owner, said document being signed by Harry Johnston,*

- Chairman of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners and Richard H. Stewart, property owner shall be adhered to during the development process.*
- 2. An environmental impact study shall be performed prior to the issuance of a Land Disturbance Permit. This study shall ascertain the existence or non-existence of harmful particles remaining on the property as a result of the talc mine operation. Remediation measures shall be addressed.*
 - 3. The hours of operation for events that take place outdoors shall be limited to Sunday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Friday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.*
 - 4. The Land Disturbance Permit shall contain a map locating each talc mine/shaft.*
 - 5. All talc mines/shafts shall be sealed prior to the issuance of any building permit.*
 - 6. The owner/developer shall provide an area of adequate size to accommodate a water storage tank. The size of property and size of tank shall be determined by the City of Canton Utility Engineer.*
 - 7. Grid Properties shall provide space on the existing tower for placement of antennae to be used by public safety entities of the City of Canton and Cherokee County.*
 - 8. An emergency entrance/exit shall be constructed on Talcmine Drive. This entrance/exit shall be gated and utilized only in the event the roadway within the development becomes impassable. This roadway shall also be allowed to be used as a service entrance to the existing tower. If and when Talcmine Drive is used as a means of ingress/egress other than as an emergency route or access to the existing tower, Talcmine Drive shall be brought up to City standards as approved by the City of Canton and Cherokee County.*
 - 9. The appropriate jurisdictions shall provide water to the project.*
 - 10. The main entrance to the development shall be from Sam Nelson Road. The developer shall provide right and left turn lanes into the project as approved by the City of Canton and Cherokee County.*

Mr. Patton noted condition #10 could be removed due to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) being executed between Cherokee County and the owner/developer. Mr. Patton stated the applicant submitted a list of proposed conditions. The applicant's proposed conditions were as follows:

- 1. An Environmental Impact Study shall be performed prior to the disturbance of any land within 100 feet of the opening of any talc mine shaft on the subject property. This study shall assess the existence or non-existence of harmful particles remaining on the subject property from the talc mine operations and identify any necessary remediation measures. The property owner/developer shall reasonably address any necessary remediation measures.*
- 2. The hours of operation for events that take place outdoors shall be limited to Sunday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Friday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.*
- 3. The Land Disturbance Permit application shall include a map locating each talc mine shaft.*
- 4. All talc mines shafts shall be secured by a fence or gate and lock prior to the issuance of any building permit. Upon the issuance of a building permit for construction within 100 feet of any talc mine shaft, the fence or gate and lock may be removed as necessary for the approved construction.*
- 5. The owner/developer shall provide an area of adequate size to accommodate a water storage tank, said area not to exceed 100 feet in diameter. The size of tank shall be determined by the City of Canton Utility Engineer.*

6. *Grid Properties shall make reasonable efforts to get the current owner of the existing cell tower, American Tower Corporation, to provide space on the existing tower for placement of antennae to be used by public safety entities of the City of Canton and Cherokee County.*
7. *Talcmine Drive may continue to be used for access to the existing communication and water towers on the property but shall not be used for any other purpose unless otherwise approved by both the City and the County.*
8. *Unless otherwise agreed, the two parcels within the development fronting on Sam Nelson Road shall be served by the City of Waleska water system. The remainder of the development shall be served by the City of Canton water and sewer system and the developer shall enter into a development agreement with those respective municipalities as needed for the purpose of utility extension and capacity requirements.*
9. *The main entrance and primary access to the development shall be from Sam Nelson Road in the approximate location shown on the Conceptual Master Plan prepared for Grid Properties by Niles Bolton Associates dated March 8, 2021, attached hereto as Exhibit "B."*
10. *As part of horizontal construction activities and prior to the issuance of any building permits the developer shall construct project-related improvements on Sam Nelson Road in the area of their entrance to meet a 35-mph design speed and to adequately address any sight distance deficiencies. The developer shall work with the County and the City in designing and installing necessary improvements.*
11. *The developer shall provide for secondary access to the development satisfactory to the City and in compliance with relevant codes prior to the issuance of a building permit for the 126th residential unit within the development. A maximum of 125 units may receive a building permit until, and unless, adequate secondary access is provided by the developer and approved by the City. Nothing contained in these conditions will restrict or otherwise limit the issuance of building permits for non-residential uses/structures.*
12. *Prior to the provision of approved secondary access, the total unit count shall not exceed 125. However, with the provision of adequate and approved secondary access, the total unit count for the development can exceed 125 units up to a maximum of 222 units. Said units shall be located in designated areas as follows: for the Center no more than 72 units; for the Residences no more than 45 units; for the Villas not more than 105 units. However, upon notification in writing to Department of Planning and Zoning the developer may transfer units from one designated area to another so long as the total unit count is not exceeded.*
13. *50-foot wide densely planted buffers, per the requirements of Section 103.03.08 of the City of Canton Code of Ordinances, shall be provided between the development and all abutting properties located in unincorporated Cherokee County.*
14. *The following uses are to be permitted within the development: all uses identified on the Overall Development Summary Table of the Conceptual Master Plan prepared for Grid Properties by Niles Bolton Associates dated March 8, 2021.*

Mr. Patton stated staff's recommended condition #7 could be exchanged for the applicant's condition #6 as it was thought that Grid Properties owned the tower. Mayor Grant asked if there were any further conditions suggested. Mr. Patton stated staff would recommend their list of conditions with the replacement of condition #7 for the applicant's condition #6 and the removal of staff's condition #10. Mayor Grant asked about the MOU and any specific language regarding

turn lanes for the development. Mr. Patton stated there is nothing specifically stated within the MOU and noted the traffic study suggested the turn lanes. Mr. Patton explained Sam Nelson Road is a County road and stated he does not believe the City could not place any conditions on property they do not own. Mr. Dyer discussed potential issues with conditioning the developer to make improvements beyond the development itself. City Engineer Bethany Watson stated that in order to install any turn lanes, additional right-of-way must be acquired. This would mean either the developer would have to purchase the right-of-way, or the County would have to condemn property. Mayor Grant confirmed the applicant would still have to apply for Master Plan and Conditional Use Permit (CUP) approval. Mr. Patton stated that is correct. Mayor Grant asked if the applicant would also go before the Oversight Committee. Mr. Patton stated the commercial aspect of the development will go before the Oversight Committee for the exterior building materials. Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson noted that construction traffic along Sam Nelson Road will be handled by Cherokee County as it is their street, and the mixed use of the property is set by the MOU. Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson asked about impact on the school system. Mr. Patton stated the applicant has had conversations with the school district but the City has not received any details of those discussions. Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson asked if impact to the school system can be addressed during the CUP process. Mr. Patton stated yes. Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson noted the City of Canton has a nuisance ordinance that addresses noise levels and the first staff recommended condition addresses any issues with soil concerns. Councilmember Schmidt asked if residents would live permanently on the subject property. Mr. Patton stated there is potential for year-round residents. Councilmember Schmidt asked about the differences between the staff's suggested conditions and those proposed by the developer. Mr. Patton noted there are similarities between the two lists, but some City staff have issues with the language in the applicant's conditions. Staff would recommend their suggested conditions. Mr. Peppers stated staff would suggest their list of conditions with the removal of condition #10 and replacing the City's language in condition #7 with the applicant's language in #6 of their list. Councilmember McGrew asked if the City would inherit any issues should the property be annexed but the development not completed. Mr. Patton stated he is not aware of any issues. Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson clarified that 100 acres of the development would be undeveloped. Councilmember Carlan asked about the results of a meeting that was held between the developer and the school system and about the applicant's response to staff's proposed conditions. The applicant stated a meeting was held with the school board and it was determined that there would be no financial impact. The applicant further stated it was their desire to have the conditions of the MOU and City staff's conditions in one document. Mr. Dyer stated staff believes the most efficient way is to reference the MOU in the conditions instead of listing them out, but it can be done either way. Councilmember Schmidt discussed concern with the language in condition #8 of staff's proposed conditions. Mr. Patton stated it could be substituted for condition #7 of the applicant's proposed conditions. Mr. Patton stated the list of proposed conditions has been amended to the following:

1. The Memorandum of Understanding, as agreed upon by Cherokee County and the property owner, said document being signed by Harry Johnston, Chairman of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners and Richard H. Stewart, property owner shall be adhered to during the development process.
2. An environmental impact study shall be performed prior to the issuance of a Land Disturbance Permit. This study shall ascertain the existence or

non-existence of harmful particles remaining on the property as a result of the talc mine operation. Remediation measures shall be addressed.

3. The hours of operation for events that take place outdoors shall be limited to Sunday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Friday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

4. The Land Disturbance Permit shall contain a map locating each talc mine/shaft.

5. All talc mines/shafts shall be barricaded/fenced prior to the issuance of any building permit.

6. The owner/developer shall provide an area of adequate size to accommodate a water storage tank. The size of property and size of tank shall be determined by the City of Canton Utility Engineer.

7. Grid Properties shall make reasonable efforts to get the current owner of the existing cell tower, American Tower Corporation, to provide space on the existing tower for placement of antennae to be used by public safety entities of the City of Canton and Cherokee County.

8. Talcmine Drive may continue to be used for access to the existing communication and water towers on the property but shall not be used for any other purpose unless otherwise approved by both the City and the County.

9. The appropriate jurisdictions shall provide water to the project.

Mayor Grant discussed his support of the project with the conditions and safeguards in place. Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve the annexation. Councilmember Carlan seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve the rezoning with the nine conditions as recently stated by Mr. Patton. Councilmember Carlan seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Council took a five-minute recess.

- B.** Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Cherokee County Sheriff's Office Inmate Housing Agreement - Police Chief Stephen Merrifield - Attachment 11B

Attachments: [Inmate Housing Agreement](#)

Police Chief Stephen Merrifield stated he is asking for approval of the agreement. Mayor Grant asked if he was supportive of the increase in cost. Chief Merrifield stated yes. Councilmember Carlan asked what the cost of the increase would be per year. Mr. Ingram stated the increase would be about \$15,000-20,000 per year. Councilmember Carlan asked about transporting inmates should the Cherokee County jail be full. Chief Merrifield stated that has not happened since he has been working for the City. Mr. Peppers stated there is plenty of room at the jail after their last expansion. Councilmember Tolan made a motion to approve the agreement. Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

- C.** Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Public Hearing on Gas Station Ordinance - City Attorney Bobby Dyer - Attachment 11C

Attachments: [Gas Station Ordinance](#)

Mr. Dyer stated the current moratorium on convenience stores will expire on November 18th. Council needs to set the public hearing for the proposed ordinance for November 18th. Councilmember McGrew discussed concern with

gaming rooms confined within sealed walls. Councilmember McGrew stated Council received a copy of regulations for gaming rooms and requested these be considered. Mr. Dyer stated the regulations could be adopted as a separate ordinance to be applied to all businesses. This could be brought to Council in November for adoption. Councilmember McGrew made a motion schedule the public hearing for the convenience store/gas station ordinance for November 18th and advertise as required. Councilmember Schmidt seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

12. New Business

- A. Discussion of Street Acceptance for City Maintenance for Towne Mill Pod M Phase I and Pod N Phase I - Development Services Manager Bethany Watson - Attachment 12A

Attachments: [Street Acceptance](#)

Mr. Watson stated the streets have met the requirements for the UDC and are ready to be accepted.

- B. Presentation of Historic Neighborhoods - Planner Brittany Anderson - Attachment 12B

Attachments: [Historic Neighborhoods](#)

Planner Brittany Anderson stated the purpose of the presentation is to identify the historic neighborhoods within the City, showcase what improvements can be made within these areas, and discuss which neighborhoods to focus on next. Ms. Anderson reviewed the historic neighborhoods of Roosterville, Stump Town, Sunnyside, New Town, Windy Hill, Cherokee Heights, Oakdale, and Happy Hollow providing the streets included in the areas as well as their amenities. Ms. Anderson discussed the Marietta Road Community Initiative and the selected boundary for the initiative. Ms. Anderson noted tasks that were completed and improvements that were made within the Sunnyside neighborhood. Ms. Anderson discussed the responses received from a survey of local businesses and noted that several of the concerns presented by the business owners have been addressed as part of the TAD. Ms. Anderson provided examples of tasks team members will be working to complete within the Sunnyside area. Ms. Anderson reviewed the planning process for other neighborhoods as setting a baseline, identifying community champions, and completing final analyses/findings. Councilmember Schmidt asked about the criteria for selecting the next neighborhood. Mr. Peppers stated the areas presented do not have homeowner's associations and typically have more code enforcement cases. Mr. Peppers also stated most of the areas discussed fall within the TAD. This would allow more than one area to be worked on at a time, but staff needs to know which area to grow. Councilmember Carlan asked about the grant for the placemaking collaborative. Ms. Anderson stated the grant is not actual funding but a guideline program for the City to follow. The program offers opportunities for the City to apply for funding grants. Councilmember Carlan asked what other projects will be taking place in Sunnyside. Ms. Anderson stated improvements to the bridge will take place along with the creation of a map of the area and further citizen engagement.

- C. Presentation of Staff Report - Case RZON2109-004 - Request to Rezone

1.72 Acres Along Hickory Flat Highway from RA-6 (Residential Attached-6 Units Per Acre) to GC (General Commercial) to Expand Cloud Supply Company - Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 12C

Attachments: [Hickory Flat Highway Documentation](#)

Mr. Patton stated the subject property is just east of 380 Marietta Highway. Mr. Patton discussed the zonings of adjacent properties and stated the land has some topography issues.

- D. Presentation of Staff Report - Cases MPA2109-002 and CUP2109-001 - Request to Allow 134 Townhome Units in The Bluffs Pod B - Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 12D

Attachments: [The Bluffs Documentation](#)

Mr. Patton stated townhomes are currently under construction in this pod and the request is asking for additional townhome units. The requested additional units will be under the total allowed number of units that have been approved. Mr. Patton discussed the surrounding properties.

13. City Manager's Report

- A. Staff Discussion Notes on Blight and Code Compliance Committee Report

Mr. Peppers reviewed the staff's notes on the Blight and Code Compliance Committee report. Mr. Peppers noted some clarity needs to be given to the City's codes for enforcement. Mr. Peppers listed the eight areas of focus as noted for residential code compliance and the five areas of focus for commercial code compliance. To communicate these areas of focus to residents, the information will be given to all new utility accounts, provided to each homeowner's association within the city, placed on the City's website, and given with each citation issued. For business owners, this information will be submitted with business license renewal letters and provided to new business owners as they apply for licenses throughout the year. This will be provided to both residents and business owners in English and Spanish. Mr. Peppers stated a meeting with staff at Municipal Court and the solicitor will be held so that everyone knows of the goals of this enforcement. Councilmember McGrew asked about the placement of signs within windows being regulated. Mr. Peppers stated that would need to be clarified within the code. Councilmember Carlan asked about the area of enforcement. Mr. Peppers stated enforcement would be city-wide.

- B. Staff Discussion Notes on Stumptown and Burge Park Report

Mr. Peppers reviewed the staff's notes on the Stumptown and Burge Park report. Mr. Peppers discussed the short-term and long-term suggested improvements, funding eligibility, and the timeline for completion of projects. Mayor Grant asked how long it would be to receive information from Atkins. Mr. Peppers stated the task order will be placed on the next Council agenda. Surveying the property will take longer. Councilmember Schmidt asked if smaller equipment can be ordered now and moved later should the layout be changed. Mr. Peppers stated that is could be done. Councilmember Estes asked what would happen should the residential driveway be shown to be on the park property. Mr. Peppers stated title information and the survey will be key to figuring out

property lines.

Mr. Peppers stated he and Mr. Ingram will be attending the Georgia City/County Managers Conference next week and a discussion topic he will be taking is the redistricting of wards now that the census information is available. Mr. Peppers stated a report will be given in November following the conference.

Mr. Peppers stated the state of Georgia has a fiscal recovery fund that is structured for water and sewer infrastructure grants. The City submitted the water improvement project currently under construction. If awarded, the City would pay around 30% of the project.

Mr. Peppers asked Council about the continued use of masks within City buildings. Council stated they would not be extending the mask policy.

14. Council Introduced Items

None.

15. Mayor's Report

A. Appointment to the Canton Housing Authority

Mayor Grant nominated Travis Johnson for the Canton Housing Authority. Councilmember McGrew seconded the nomination, and it was approved unanimously.

16. Adjourn

Councilmember Tolan made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss real estate. Councilmember Schmidt seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Bill Grant, Mayor

Attest:

Annie Fortner, City Clerk

Dates Minutes Approved by Council