

# **Canton, Georgia**

*110 Academy Street  
Canton, Georgia 30114*



## **Minutes - Final - Draft**

**Friday, March 15, 2024**

**11:00 AM**

**Cloudland Resort  
243 Cloudland Drive, Rising Fawn, GA 30738**

**Spring Council Retreat**

**March 15-17, 2024**

**City Council**

**Friday, March 15th**

**11:00 am**

*The retreat was called to order by Mayor Grant.*

***Present:***

- Mayor Bill Grant*
- Mayor Pro Tem Dwayne Waterman*
- Councilmember Shawn Tolan*
- Councilmember Sandy McGrew*
- Councilmember Farris Yawn*
- Councilmember Travis Johnson*
- Councilmember Bryan Roach*
- Mr. Billy Peppers, City Manager*
- Mr. Nathan Ingram, Assistant City Manager*
- Mr. Bobby Dyer, City Attorney*
- Ms. Bethany Watson, City Engineer*
- Mr. Scott Hooper, Public Works Director*
- Mr. Kevin Turner, Community Development Director*
- Mr. Ken Patton, Housing Initiatives Director*
- Ms. Annie Fortner, City Clerk*

**Staff Project Updates**

**1. Transportation & Infrastructure**

**SR 140 Projects**

**Downtown Master Plan**

**West Main Street Pedestrian Project**

**Hickory Flat Highway/Marietta Road Projects**

**Water & Sewer Projects**

**Prominence Point Traffic Study Update**

**Laurel Canyon Restriping**

**Transportation Master Plan Update**

**2. Parks/Recreation & Public Works**

**Parks & Recreation Master Plan**

**Harmon Park**

**Trail Expansion/ARC Grant Pedestrian Bridge**

**South Canton Park Concept**

**UGA River Launch Project Design Update**

**151 Elizabeth Street Roof**

**City Hall Elevator**

**Park System Camera Project**

**Canton Theatre Sound/Lighting Project Update**

**3. Community Development & Housing**

**City-wide Zoning Updates**

**Abeyance**

**Historic District Expansion & Residential Guidelines Update**

**North Canton Cottage Village**

**Tippens Site Update**

**TBG/Former Dominion Site**

**Impact Fees**

**Projects in Development Citywide**

**Planning Commission**

**4. Administration, Finance & Partnerships**

**Senior Tax Exemption/Homestead Exemption**

**Downtown Fire Station**

**Hotel Projects**

**Axon Body Cameras**

**Condrey Classification & Compensation Study**

**Budget Timeline**

*City staff provided Council handouts which assisted in the discussion of various City projects and updates. The handouts contained information on the background of the projects, status, budgetary data, and expected completion timelines. Copies of all the handouts provided at the retreat can be requested from the office of the City Clerk.*

**Saturday, March 16th**

**9:00 am**

***Present:***

***Mayor Bill Grant  
Mayor Pro Tem Dwayne Waterman  
Councilmember Shawn Tolan  
Councilmember Sandy McGrew  
Councilmember Farris Yawn  
Councilmember Travis Johnson  
Councilmember Bryan Roach  
Mr. Billy Peppers, City Manager  
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**1. Continuation of Items from Day 1**

*Council and staff reviewed items discussed during the first day of the retreat.*

**2. Governance**

**Roadmap Review & Update**

**Engagement, Social Media & Communications**

**Priorities & Wishlist**

**City Owned Properties Review**

*City Manager Billy Peppers provided a handout that gave updates on policies and programming for each of the City's tenets as well as project updates under those tenets. Council and staff discussed implementing a social media policy and reviewed best practices. Mr. Peppers noted that a booklet will be provided to Council at the next Council meeting identifying all City owned properties. Council discussed priorities and concerns within each ward.*

**Sunday, March 17th**

**9:00 am**

*Present:*

- Mayor Bill Grant*
- Mayor Pro Tem Dwayne Waterman*
- Councilmember Shawn Tolan*
- Councilmember Sandy McGrew*
- Councilmember Farris Yawn*
- Councilmember Travis Johnson*
- Councilmember Bryan Roach*
- Mr. Billy Peppers, City Manager*
- Mr. Nathan Ingram, Assistant City Manager*
- Mr. Bobby Dyer, City Attorney*
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**1. Continue Discussion from Saturday**

*Council and staff reviewed the items discussed during the first two days of the retreat. Council and staff also discussed items they wished to see implemented in the City that are currently not available, areas for staff improvement, and areas that staff are doing well.*

**2. Review Action Items**

*Mr. Peppers reviewed items identified through discussion for action.*

**3. Adjourn**

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*Bill Grant, Mayor*

*Attest:*

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*Annie Fortner, City Clerk*

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*Dates Minutes Approved by Council*