

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

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
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Councilmember Shawn Tolan
Councilmember Sandy McGrew
Councilmember Farris Yawn
Councilmember Travis Johnson
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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:***

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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

Bill Grant, Mayor

Attest:

Annie Fortner, City Clerk

Dates Minutes Approved by Council

