

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Draft

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

10:00 AM

**City Hall
110 Academy Street**

Downtown Development Authority

1. Call to Order

Board Members Present:

*Jennifer Hughes (Chair)
Lee Oliver
Brooke Schmidt
Carmen Slaughter*

City Staff:

*Bill Grant, Mayor
Billy Peppers, City Manager
Nathan Ingram, Asst. City Manager
Bethany Watson, City Engineer
Aundi Lesley, Economic Development Manager
Velinda Hardy, Downtown Development Manager
Lauren Johnson, Communications Manager*

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

3. Review/Approval of the Minutes

A. Downtown Development Authority Draft Minutes - January 8, 2025

Attachments: [Minutes - Downtown Development Authority - January 8, 2025](#)

B. Downtown Development Authority Draft Minutes - Joint Meeting with Council - February 26, 2025

Attachments: [Minutes - Joint Meeting of DDA and Council - February 26, 2025](#)

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

4. Public Input

There was no public input.

5. Financials

Nathan Ingram mentioned to the Board that there were no significant changes to the financial position during February.

6. Old Business

A. **Discussion of the North Street Project Presentation
from GMC**

The Board discussed the joint meeting held in February with the City Council regarding the presentation of the North Street Project by Goodwyn Mills Cawood. It was commented by a number of individuals that the meeting and the concept plan was well received by the community. There were a few concerned comments from the community, but by and large most comments were very positive. Mr. Ingram commented that the City/DDA is working on a joint project agreement with the County. Earliest groundbreaking would come later this year, at the earliest. This item will be discussed with Council at their upcoming retreat.

B. Update on the Hickory Flat Highway Master Plan

Bethany Watson provided the Board with an update on the Hickory Flat Highway MP. A high-level design rendering of the area near Canton Creek, containing two roundabouts, was provided to the Board.

7. What's Going On in Canton!

Velinda Hardy provided the Board with an update on upcoming events in the Canton area.

8. Board Member Introduced Items

None.

9. Adjourn

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