

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Draft

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

9:00 AM

**City Hall
110 Academy Street**

Downtown Development Authority

1. Call to Order***Board Members Present:****Lee Oliver (Acting Chair)**Bill Grant**Brooke Schmidt**Cory Wilson****City Staff & Council:****Shawn Tolan, City Council**Billy Peppers, City Manager**Nathan Ingram, Asst. City Manager**Aundi Lesley, Economic Development Manager**Kevin Turner, Community Development Manager**Jakob Allen, City Planner**Hannah Stringer, Accountant****Guests:****Lilian al Haddad, Kimley-Horn***2. Approval of the Agenda**

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

3. Review / Approval of Minutes**A. Downtown Development Authority Draft Minutes - June 10, 2026**

Attachments: [Minutes - Downtown Development Authority - June 10, 2026](#)

Member Grant 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. Ingram provided the Board with the past month's invoices for monies spent by the City on behalf of the DDA. Member Grant moved to approve reimbursement of that invoice; Member Schmidt seconded the motion; Motion carried.

6. New Business

None

7. Old Business**A. Update on the North Street Gateway Redevelopment Project**

- **Cherokee North Property - Update and Discussion on Quotes Received for Hazardous Material Remediation**

- **North Street Gateway Project**

Mr. Ingram provided the Board with an update on recent discussions and meetings with the Engineer/Arch firm and contractor. He indicated that they are still working on design, and specifically the civil site-work. Mr. Ingram noted that he provided the Board with the most up-to-date renderings and designs.

Mr. Ingram also provided the Board with information regarding the Cherokee North Apartment site. The DDA has received three quotes for hazmat remediation. The most recent quote received, from Archer Restoration, was for \$269,507.14. Two of the quotes were very similar in scope and price, while the other quote was significantly different. Mr. Ingram mentioned that there is still discussions that need to be had to work through the material differences with that lowest quote, ultimately assessing if the quote is correct and includes all required services. He hopes to be able to bring back a recommendation for the award at the Board's August meeting.

B. Update on the Hickory Flat Highway Gateway Project

Mr. Ingram provided a quick update on the project and read a summary provided by the Engineering Department. Mr. Grant noted the pedestrian bridge, which is almost complete.

C. Update and Discussion on the Downtown Hotel RFP

Mr. Ingram informed the Board that he had provided the preliminary designs and CAD drawings to both potential developers. He is providing them a few weeks to review those items before reaching back out.

8. What's Going On in Canton!

Velinda Hardy provided the Board with a summary of upcoming events within the City.

9. Board Introduced Items

None

10. Adjourn

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