

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Draft

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

9:00 AM

**City Hall
110 Academy Street**

Downtown Development Authority

1. Call to Order***Board Members Present:***

Jennifer Hughes (Chair)
Ashley Carlile
Lee Oliver
Cory Wilson

City Staff & Council:

Bill Grant, Mayor
Nathan Ingram, Asst. City Manager
Velinda Hardey, Downtown Development Manager
Ryan Lockett, Finance Director
Lauren Johnson, Communications Manager
Aundi Lesley, Economic Development Manager

2. Approval of the Agenda

Member Oliver moved to approve the agenda; Member Wilson seconded the motion; Motion carried.

3. Review/Approval of Minutes**A. Downtown Development Authority Draft Minutes - October 18, 2025**

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

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

4. Public Input

There was no public input.

5. Financials**A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Reimbursement to the City for Expenses**

Staff presented the Board with a request to approve reimbursement back to the City for paid expenses during September 2025 in the amount of \$3,290.97.
Member Wilson moved to approve reimbursement to the City in the amount \$3,290.97 for the period; Member Oliver seconded the motion; Motion carried.

6. New Business

None

7. Old Business

A. Update on the Downtown Fire Station

Assistant City Manager provided the Board with information regarding the upcoming walk through of the Downtown Fire Station building, noting that the demolition and hazardous material abatement has been completed. He informed the board that interviews had been completed for the CMAR portion of the project, and the review committee was prepared to recommend an award at the next CBA meeting to be held on December 4, 2025. Financing for this project closed earlier this morning, November 18, 2025.

B. Update on the North Street Gateway Redevelopment Project

Mr. Ingram informed the Board that the project received twelve proposals for the CMAR. Review of the proposals narrowed the field to three finalists, and interviews would be held on December 8th. There have been no further requests from Cherokee North Apartment tenants during the past few weeks. Since the vacate date is January 31, 2026, there is expected to be more expense reimbursement requests during December and January.

C. Update on the Hickory Flat Highway Gateway Project

Mr. Ingram provided the Board with information on proposals received for Hazard Material Abatement as well as subsequent demolition. Proposals received for abatement came back in the \$115,000 - \$194,000 range, with one outlier that came back less but was not responsive. Demolition proposals, consisting of nine firms, started with the lowest responsive proposal at \$155,500 which included the demo of all three buildings along Marietta Rd.

Member Oliver made a motion to award Hazardous Material Abatement to the lowest most responsive proposer, Blue Shield Environmental, at a cost of \$114,350; Member Carlile seconded the motion; Motion carried.

Member Oliver made a motion to award demolition to the lowest responsive proposer, TriStar America, at a cost of \$155,500; Member Wilson seconded the motion; Motion carried.

D. Update on the Downtown Hotel Feasibility Study

Mr. Ingram stated that the Hotel RFP was issued and was not due back until January 5, 2026.

8. What's Going On in Canton!

A one page summary of upcoming Holiday events was provided to the Board.

9. Board Introduced Items

Member Wilson asked that we take a look into who has signature authority on the banking demand accounts. Mr. Ingram informed the Board that he would look into it, and place an item on the next agenda to discuss and address.

10. Adjourn

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