

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Draft

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

10:00 AM

**City Hall
110 Academy Street**

Downtown Development Authority

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

*Jennifer Hughes (Chair)
Raul Cifuentes
Brooke Schmidt
Lee Oliver*

City Staff:

*Billy Peppers, City Manager
Nathan Ingram, Asst. City Manager
Aundi Lesley, Economic Development Manager
Velinda Hardy, Downtown Development 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 Minutes

- A. Downtown Development Authority Draft Minutes - December 11, 2024

Attachments: [Minutes - Downtown Development Authority - December 11, 2024](#)

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

4. Public Input

Mr. Cifuentes discussed potential partnerships with AT&T Firstnet services. He mentioned that he will discuss some of these possibilities with the Chief, and how AT&T may be able to assist the City with communication.

5. Financials

Nathan Ingram provided the Board with an update on the DDA's Bank Balance.

6. Old Business

- A. **Discussion of a Possible Meeting with the Cherokee North Apartments to Discuss the North Street Project and Timeline**

The Board discussed the North Street Project and its impact on the residents of Cherokee North Apartments. The Board recommended that another letter be provided to the tenants to update them on the timeline, similar to one that was sent out last year dated September 3, 2024. Mr. Peppers mentioned that we would have to coordinate with the City Council as well as the County in order to determine the expected timeline. A presentation to Council was discussed, that would provide the City Council with a rendering of the project and allow the public to provide comments. This meeting was proposed to occur on

February 6 @ 5PM, just before Council's normally scheduled meeting in February.

7. New Business

A. Discussion of Officers and Check Signers

Mr. Ingram provided the Board with an update on who the official check signers are on behalf of the DDA. One of those signers has recently left the Board, providing a need for another signer. Motion to approve Lee Oliver as a check signer was made by Member Schmidt; Member Hughes seconded the motion; Motion carried.

The Board also discussed current officers of the DDA. Mr. Ingram pointed out that the DDA bylaws call for a Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary/Treasurer, each to be nominated and voted on each year. It was noted that Member Hughes is the Chair, being the only officer appointed at the time. The Board will consider any action as it relates to the 2025 Officers, at an upcoming meeting.

8. What's Going On in Canton!

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

9. Board Introduced Items

None

10. Adjourn

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