

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Draft

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

10:00 AM

**City Hall
110 Academy Street**

Downtown Development Authority

1. Call to Order

Board Members Present:

*Jennifer Hughes
Tammy Perkins
Raul Cifuentes
Jose Luna
Corey Shupert*

Others:

*Travis Johnson, Councilor
Bethany Watson, City Engineer
Billy Peppers, City Manager
Lauren Johnson, Communications Manager*

Meeting was called to order by Jennifer Hughes.

2. Approval of the Agenda

*Tammy moved to approve
Jose seconded
Unanimously approved*

3. Approval of Minutes

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

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

*Jose moved to approve
Corey seconded
Unanimously approved*

4. Public Input

5. Financials

6. Old Business

A. **Update on the Hickory Flat Highway Master Plan - Bethany Watson, City Engineer**

Bethany provided an update on the master plan. This included a concept of the Hickory Flat Highway and Marietta Road roundabout as well as a new roundabout at Marietta Road and Dr. John T. Pettit. She also noted the need for feedback in density and possible uses. Raul asked about the existing roadway and impacts of construction. Bethany noted that the current roadway would remain open as the new roadway and bridge are built. Tammy asked about the

possibility of dealing with the flood zone on the Canton Village site knowing that the new roadway may take advantage of the front of the site. Bethany to find out what that process is.

B. Discussion and Possible Action on the Downtown Master Plan

Bethany noted that they have virtual dates from MMP, she also reviewed the contract and they have provided the renderings and concepts laid out, but if there are specific things that from the data the DDA wants, those can be asked for. Jennifer wanted to know where the DDA stands at this point—are they ready to move this forward to the Council? Corey noted that his personal feelings have changed some since Choate and Branchwater have shut down. He is in the middle of approval. Jose thinks it is ready to present with a DDA approval. Raul agrees with Jose. Would like to see more questions from the local businesses. Tammy thinks that MMP was weak at the tail end of the project schedule, would like to see the phasing. Bethany will send dates for a virtual presentation from MMP.

C. PATH Meeting Update

Billy updated on meeting number one and expectations of meetings two and three coming up.

D. Discussion of Proposals Received from the RFP for Hotel Developer for The Canton Downtown Hotel

*Corey moved to reject the proposal
Jose seconded
Unanimously approved*

7. What's Going On in Canton!

Lauren noted that the Taste of Canton is tomorrow, update on other events

8. Board Introduced Items

9. Adjourn

*Jennifer moved to adjourn
Jose seconded
Unanimously approved*