



# City of Powder Springs

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4426 Marietta Street  
Powder Springs, GA 30127

## Meeting Minutes - Final Council Work Session

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Wednesday, May 10, 2023

5:00 PM

Ford Center Reception Hall  
4181 Atlanta Street, Building 2  
Powder Springs, GA 30127

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### Location Information:

**Onsite: Ford Center Reception Hall, 4181 Atlanta St., Powder Springs, GA 30127**

**Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89421404816>**

**Meeting ID: 894 2140 4816 Dial: 1-929-205-6099**

### Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Lust called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. All Council Members were present on site. Mayor Thurman was away on Georgia Municipal Association business. Also present on site were City Attorney Julie Livingston, City Manager Pam Conner, and Deputy City Clerk Tamara Newkirt. City Clerk Kelly Axt was absent.

Staff in attendance: Bill Tanks, Lane Cadwell, Tina Garver, Travis Landrum, Travis Sims, Marsellas Williams and Rosalyn Nealy.

**Present** 5 - Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Henry Lust, Council Member - Ward 2 Doris Dawkins, Council Member - Ward 3 Dwayne Green, Council Member - At Large Post 1 Patrick Bordelon, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Patricia Wisdom

**City-Absent** 1 - Mayor Al Thurman

### Mayor's Comments

### Work Session Matters

[RPT 23-050](#) Report - Ward Map

Attachments: [Current wards](#)

[Populations with current wards](#)

[Proposed Wards](#)

[Population with proposed wards](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the proposed ward map based upon population and prepared by the State Legislation.

The Mayor Pro Tem and Council body asked which wards were out of balance; and will some wards lose some district space but not population. Mrs. Conner replied that wards 2 and 3 were a little out of sync, some of Lewis Road will be in ward 2 and some of Silver Springs will be in ward 3; and yes some wards will lose space.

[RPT 23-051](#) Report - GMA Convention - voting delegate on bylaws

**Attachments:** [Proposed GMA Bylaws Amendments - Redline Version](#)  
[Proposed GMA Bylaws Amendments - Summary](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the request by Georgia Municipal Association to appoint a voting delegate to discuss matters at hand at their business meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Lust volunteered to become the voting delegate for the GMA business meetings.

[RES0 23-112](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE AND RENTAL OF THURMAN SPRINGS PARK FOR A TICKETED EVENT ON AUGUST 19, 2023 FROM SET UP AT 4:00PM TO BREAKDOWN AT 11:00 TO ACCOMMODATE THE TRI-MUSIC FESTIVAL FROM 6PM TO 10PM; APPROVING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STREETS IN THE DOWNTOWN NEAR THE VENUE AS DETERMINED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Attachments:** [COPS Rental Application 041723 Redacted](#)  
[Logistical Plan A and B](#)  
[Executed RESO 2023-112](#)

Travis Landrum, Parks and Recreation Director, introduced the special use applicant who is requesting to hold an event in the Thurman Springs Park.

Marcus Harley, a representative of the Omega Men of Douglas County, discussed the proposed plan to host a Tri Music Fest in the Thurman Springs Park. Mr. Harley added that these events are held annually to support educational scholarships in their community.

The Mayor Pro Tem and the Council body asked how will the event be secured; what are the ticket prices; is the setup time enough; where have you held these events before; and what is the current jurisdiction for these scholarships. Mr. Harley replied that they will provide barricades and barriers, use designated entry points, and issuance of wristbands and QR codes; the tentative ticket prices are \$50 for general admission and \$100 for VIP; the setup time is adequate for sound and lighting, no physical staging is needed and the volunteers will hang banners in various areas; they

have held these events in Douglas County and Villa Rica; the current jurisdiction for scholarships are Carroll, Douglas and Paulding Counties but there is a chapter in Cobb County that overlaps in terms of scholarship coverage.

[RES0 23-113](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE AND USE OF THURMAN SPRINGS PARK FOR A BOOK FESTIVAL APRIL 2024; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Attachments:** [2024 Book Fest Permit App Redacted](#)  
[2024 Book Festival Presentation](#)  
[Executed RESO 2023-113](#)

Travis Landrum, Parks and Recreation Director, introduced the special use application for an unidentified Saturday in April 2024.

Julia Davis, business owner of the Bookworm Bookstore, discussed her request to hold a book fest that will include local and mainstream authors of major publications. Ms. Davis added that the value and focus is to have community engagement, enhance the Mayors Reading Club, and help to increase literacy rates.

Pam Conner, City Manager, also mentioned that the resolution does have conditions and requirements of the Police Department, Public Works, and Parks Department.

No discussion was held.

[PR 23-007](#) Presentation of Visit Powder Springs Website

**Attachments:** [Hyperlink](#)

Marsellas Williams, Economic Development Director, introduced Mr. Upshaw who has been working on bringing a newer version of the website.

Michael Upshaw, owner of Above of the Cloud Media and Marketing, presented the updated version of the City's website to bring tourism, shopping and livability to Powder Springs.

No discussion was held.

[PR 23-008](#) Presentation - Still Elementary Student Council recognition

Pam Conner, City Manager, stated that Still Elementary Student Council will be recognized at the Monday's meeting.

No discussion was held.

[ORD 23  
-004](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

1st Reading - May 15, 2023 2nd Reading and Adoption - June 5, 2023

Attachments: [ORDINANCE 2022 - 004 Budget Adoption for FY 2024](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed that there will be formal presentations and a couple of open houses for the public to review the budget and asked questions.

Travis Sims, Finance Director, added that the conclusion of the salary study will effect the departmental amounts.

No discussion was held.

[ORD 23  
-005](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 TO CREATE A NEW FUND FOR THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF MONIES RELATED TO THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT; TO MOVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MORATORIUM STUDIES OUT OF THE OPERATING ACCOUNT INTO THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

1st Reading - 5/15/23 2nd Reading and Adoption - 6/5/23

Attachments: [ORDINANCE 2023 - 005 Budget Amendment](#)  
[ORD 2023-005 Budget Amendment Exhibit A](#)

Travis Sims, Finance Director, discussed the amendments to the FY 2023 budget taking the expenditures for the moratorium moving them from the general fund to the capital projects fund; to add a fund for the opioid settlement; and to use confiscated funds to purchase police officer supplies for the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) grant.

Mayor Pro Tem asked what kinds of monies are involved in terms of the opioid settlement. Mr. Sims replied that the City has received \$18,000 so far and is due to receive payments for a number of years. City Manager Pam Conner added that the amounts are not significant because the City shares the settlement with a number of cities across the country. Mrs. Conner also mentioned that the Chief of Police plans to purchase Narcan with the funds.

[2023 -037](#)

Proclamation - Municipal Clerks

Attachments: [Proclamation Professional Municipal Clerk 2023](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the recognition of Municipal Clerks week May 1st - May 6th and the professional services provided by Kelly Axt and Tamara Newkirt.

No discussion was held.

[2023 -038](#) Proclamation - Police Week

*Attachments:* [Proclamation Pollice Week 2023](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the recognition of National Police week May 14th - May 20th.

No discussion was held.

[2023 -039](#) Proclamation - Economic Development Week

*Attachments:* [Proclamation Economic Developers Week 2023](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the recognition of Economic Development week May 8th - May 12th.

No discussion was held.

**Executive Session was called for the purpose of Real Estate and Litigation.**

A motion was made by Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, seconded by Council Member - Ward 3 Green, that this Executive Session called for the purpose of Real Estate and Litigation be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Henry Lust, Doris Dawkins, Dwayne Green, Patrick Bordelon, and Patricia Wisdom

**Executive Session was concluded for the purpose of Real Estate and Litigation.**

A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, seconded by Council Member - Ward 3 Green, that this Executive Session for the purpose of Real Estate and Litigation conclude be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Henry Lust, Doris Dawkins, Dwayne Green, Patrick Bordelon, and Patricia Wisdom

**City Manager and Council Reports**

City Manager Pam Conner made no comments.

Council Member Wisdom made no comments.

Council Member Bordelon made no comments.

Council Member Green made no comments.

Council Member Dawkins made no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Lust made no comments.

### **Recess to Next Scheduled City Council Meeting**

**A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, seconded by Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom, that this Recess to Monday May 15, 2023 at 5:30PM be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Henry Lust, Doris Dawkins, Dwayne Green, Patrick Bordelon, and Patricia Wisdom