



City of Powder Springs

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Powder Springs, GA 30127
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Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

Mayor

Albert Thurman

Council Members:

Henry Lust, Doris Dawkins, Dwayne Green, Patrick Bordelon, Patricia Wisdom

Monday, October 16, 2023

7:00 PM

Patricia C. Vaughn Cultural Arts Center
4181 Atlanta Street, Building 1
Powder Springs, GA 30127

Onsite at Patricia Vaughn Cultural Arts Center - 4181 Atlanta Street

Pre-Meeting Discussion at 6:00PM

Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81198754780>

Meeting ID: 811 9875 4780 Dial: 1-929-205-6099

1. Call to Order

Mayor Al Thurman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council Members Bordelon, Green, Lust and Wisdom were present on site. Council Member Dawkins was absent. Also present on site were City Attorney Julie Livingston, City Manager Pam Conner, and City Clerk Kelly Axt.

Staff in attendance: Velda Balbiak (Zoom), Christopher Bass, Desmond Borders, Lane Cadwell, Tina Garver, Travis Landrum (Zoom), Ricardo Liddie, Linda Lowery, Shaun Myers, Tamara Newkirt, Tracey Provitt, Travis Sims (Zoom), Bill Tanks (Zoom), Linda Tibbitts and Marsellas Williams (Zoom).

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

Absent 1 - Council Member - Ward 2 Doris Dawkins

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation was led by Council Member Green and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Bordelon.

3. Approval of Minutes

[2023 -071](#)

City Council Agenda Minutes 10/02/2023

A motion was made by Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom, seconded by Council Member - Ward 3 Green, that City Council Agenda Minutes 10/02/2023 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, Council Member - Ward 3 Green, Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom

Absent: 1 - Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins

[2023 -074](#) City Council Work Session Minutes 10/11/2023

A motion was made by Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom, seconded by Council Member - Ward 3 Green, that City Council Work Session Minutes 10/11/2023 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, Council Member - Ward 3 Green, Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom

Absent: 1 - Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins

4. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Al Thurman thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for a fantastic job on the Grand Opening of the Skate Park. Mr. Thurman mentioned that he will be out of town Tuesday October 17th through Friday October 20th for a Georgia Municipal Association Trustee Board trip. He also encouraged everyone to vote in this years local elections.

5. Citizens Comments

No citizen comments were made.

Registration to speak at any City Council meeting, per City Charter, is the day of the meeting only beginning 20 minutes prior to the start of the meeting (6:40 - 7:00 PM). The first twelve registering to speak will be given five (5) minutes to address Mayor and Council with their comments. You can register by signing up in person at the Cultural Arts Center located at 4181 Atlanta Street - location of the on site meeting or by emailing kaxt@cityofpowdersprings.org between 6:40 and 7:00 PM to register to speak.

6. Public Reports | Presentations

[2023 -072](#) Proclamation Red Ribbon Week - YM/Lance Corp - William Hughes

Council Member Lust read and presented the Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week to Young Marine Lance Corporal William Hughes and Corporal Elizabeth Hughes.

[2023 -073](#) Proclamation Customer Service Week - Recognizing Jennie Mayes, Tracey Provitt, Lynda Beene Cummings, Diane Brooks

Council Member Bordelon read the Proclamation recognizing Customer Service Week.

[PR 23-016](#) Community Planning Month - Tina Garver, AJ Eakley, Travis Schnapp, Linda Lowery, Jackie Major, Shaun Myers, Kerisha Black, Paul Hardy, Doug Shiplett, Commission members Johnny Purify, Wanda McDaniel, Jim Taylor, Randall Madison, Roy Wade, Kelly Fisk

Council Member Wisdom read and presented the Proclamation of Community Planning Month to Tina Garver, Linda Lowery and Shaun Myers in attendance.

[PR 23-017](#) Presentation Certificate of Achievement - Miles Rowe

Mayor Thurman read the Certificate of Achievement to Myles Rowe (virtual) and presented the Certificate to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rowe in attendance.

7. City Attorney

A. Consent Agenda

[RES0](#)
[23-186](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEDUCTIVE CHANGE ORDER TO THE AGREEMENT WITH S.H. CREEL CONTRACTING, LLC RELATING TO CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN CITY FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND STAFF TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO CLOSE OUT THE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

approved

[RES0](#)
[23-187](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEDUCTIVE CHANGE ORDER TO AN AGREEMENT WITH S.H. CREEL CONTRACTING, LLC RELATING TO CERTAIN STORMWATER REPAIRS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND STAFF TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CLOSE OUT THE STORMWATER REPAIR PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

approved

[RES0](#)
[23-188](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH COBB & DOUGLAS PUBLIC HEALTH RELATING TO GRANT FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

approved

[RES0
23-189](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT, LLC TO RENEW COMCAST INTERNET SERVICES AT CITY FACILITIES PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

approved

[RES0
23-190](#)

A RESOLUTION TRANSMITTING TO THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS THE ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT AND SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD 2024-2028; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

approved

[RES0
23-191](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A NEW EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

approved

[RES0
23-192](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE WRIGHT TO PROVIDE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REQUIRED AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT FOR A MONTHLY FEE OF \$6000; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

approved

[RES0
23-193](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SUMPTER CONSULTING TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE SEARCH FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT FOR A FEE OF \$17,000; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, seconded by Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom, to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the City Attorney Julie Livingston. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, Council Member - Ward 3 Green, Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom

Absent: 1 - Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins

B. Regular Agenda | Public Hearing

ORD 23 -009

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

1st reading July 17, 2023 (Motion to Table on 07/17/2023); 2nd reading August 21, 2023

Tabled 1st reading to August 21, 2023; 2nd reading September 18, 2023 (Motion to Table on 09/18/2023)

1st reading on October 16, 2023; Second Reading on November 6, 2023.

Tina Garver, Community Development Director, discussed the amendments to establish and the requirements of a beer garden, defining special event facilities, and updates to the entertainment district boundaries.

No other speakers in support or opposition to ORD 23-009.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, seconded by Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, that Ordinance ORD 23 -009 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, Council Member - Ward 3 Green, Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom

Absent: 1 - Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins

8. Oath of Office

Chief Lane Cadwell introduced Officer Linda Tibbitts, previously of the Euharlee Police Department with four years experience.

Mayor Thurman read the Oath of Office and swore in Officer Tibbitts.

Motion to approve George E. Ford Campus internet connectivity improvements at a cost of \$9,080.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, seconded by Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, that this Motion to approved George E. Ford Campus internet connectivity improvement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, Council Member - Ward 3 Green, Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom

Absent: 1 - Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins

9. City Manager and City Council Reports

City Manager Pam Conner discussed the connectivity issues on the George E. Ford Campus and brought forward a recommendation for approval of \$9,080 for VC3 to proceed immediately on the solution. Mrs. Conner thanked the recognized City Staff on their achievements; and a special recognition and congratulations to Myles Rowe and Young Marine Lance Corporal William Hughes on their achievements; welcomed Officer Tibbitts to the Police Department; and thanks to the Police, Public Works and Parks Departments for a successful Skate Park Grand Opening Saturday October 14th; reminded everyone of the One Book One City and the Trunk or Treat events Saturday October 21st; thanked Mayor and Council on the employment agreement approval. The City Manager publicly answered some citizen questions and concerns submitted to the City administration.

Jim Moore, of VC3, discussed the recommended solutions to put in a closed rack to have the equipment secured, inline protections through the network, and to provide surge and backup battery protections.

Council Member Green thanked everyone for attending the meeting; congratulated the City Administrators for their hard work and long hours; and congratulations to Officer Tibbitts, Myles Rowe and William Hughes.

Council Member Lust thanked everyone in person as well as those online for attending the meeting; congratulated and thanked all those that received recognition this evening; discussed the Georgia Municipal Association District 3 meeting last Thursday October 12th; and Tuesday October 17th he will be attending the Georgia Council on Literacy at Kennesaw State University.

Council Member Bordelon thanked everyone for attending the meeting in person as well as online; welcomed Officer Tibbitts to the Police Department; thanked Wayne Wright for stepping in as Interim Agency Director; and thanked the Staff for a good job.

Council Member Wisdom welcomed the participants to the meeting; welcomed Office Linda Tibbitts; enjoyed the skate park grand opening and presentations of the skate boarders; and congratulated all the Proclamation awardees.

City Clerk Kelly Axt thanked Mayor and Council for the contract renewal of the City Manager on behalf of the City's department heads.

10. Executive Session was called at 6:00pm for purposes of Real Estate and Litigation Matters

A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 3 Green, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, that this Executive Session called for the purpose of Real Estate and Litigation be approved. Council Member Wisdom arrived at 6:03pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, Council Member - Ward 3 Green, and Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon

Absent: 2 - Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom

Executive Session was concluded at 6:22pm from the purposes of Real Estate and Litigation Matters

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

Yes: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, Council Member - Ward 3 Green, Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom

Absent: 1 - Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 3 Green, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, that this Adjournment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, Council Member - Ward 3 Green, Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom

Absent: 1 - Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins