



City of Powder Springs

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4426 Marietta Street
Powder Springs, GA 30127

Meeting Minutes - Final Council Work Session

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

5:00 PM

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

Location Information:

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

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Meeting ID: 831 8858 4596 Dial: 1-929-205-6099

Public Comments are reserved for City Council Public Hearings.

No Public Comments are heard during work Session Agenda Meetings.

Call to Order

Mayor Albert Thurman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. All Council Members were present on site. Also present on site were City Attorney Julie Livingston, City Manager Pam Conner, and City Clerk Kelly Axt.

Staff in attendance: Lane Cadwell (Zoom), Dwayne Eberhart (Zoom), Tina Garver, Tracie Jackson, Travis Landrum (Zoom), Shaun Myers (Zoom), Tamara Newkirt, Travis Sims (Zoom), Derick Smith (Zoom), Anthony Stallings (Zoom), Bill Tanks (Zoom), Marsellas Williams (Zoom), Wayne Wright, Leroy Young (Zoom).

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Al Thurman shared that he had a lot help during this recent election and thanked everyone of their support of him; and mentioned a featured article in Cobb Focus magazine. Mr. Thurman reminded the Council body of forming a quorum during public events.

Work Session Matters

Community Development Director Tina Garver facilitated the agenda.

[RES0 23-213](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A TEMPORARY EVENT PERMIT TO THE LEADOFF FOUNDATION FOR USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY AT THURMAN SPRINGS PARK OR THE SILVER COMET TRAIL LINEAR PARK ON DECEMBER 15, 2023 IN RECOGNITION OF SLEEPOUT AMERICA'S PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE HOMELESS

POPULATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION 2023 - 213 Sleep Out America](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed Raja Antoine's special use request to sleep out over night in either Linear Park or Thurman Springs Park to highlight the awareness of homelessness.

No discussion was held.

[RPT 23-100](#) Municipal Court Report

Tracie Jackson, Municipal Court Clerk, provided updates on the fine conversion program; CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) training; GCIC (Georgia Crime Information Center) training; citation processing completions; municipal court completions; and quality of life court completions.

No discussion was held.

[RES0 23-209](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE AND RENTAL OF THURMAN SPRINGS PARK FOR A TICKETED EVENT ON JUNE 8, 2024 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: [Tri-Music Festival 2024 COPS Rental Application Redacted](#)
[RESOLUTION 2023 - 209 Tri Music Festival](#)

Travis Landrum, Parks and Recreation Director, discussed the request to allow Omega Fraternity of Douglas County to have a private and ticketed music festival June 8, 2024.

The Mayor and Council body asked if there will be three different bands performing; what changes are being made from the most recent festival to the recommended festival next year; and how will the applicant set-up the venue. Mr. Landrum answered that they will not have three different bands performing and that the name of the tri-music festival is a play off words of their fraternity chapter; some of the changes were suggested by the police department to change the private parking location, time of the street closures from the surrounding business feedback; and the applicant has requested barricades, a VIP was sectioned off on the green in tents, and general attendees were allowed to bring their own tents and chairs.

[RES0 23-212](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COBB COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE IN JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE RECEIPT AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR USE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CAMERA INTEGRATION SYSTEM TO ASSIST EMERGENCY RESPONSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION 2023 - 212 JAG Subrecipient Agreement](#)
[JAG Revision](#)

Bill Tanks, Public Services, Equity and Inclusion Agency Executive Director, discussed using the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) the City received initially for the Municipal Court system for bonding processes and reallocating the grant to the Police Department to purchase Fusus software to help fund and reduce policing and crime.

Pam Conner, City Manager, added that it became unnecessary to accept the grant because bonding is being performed by existing staff. The cost is \$50,000 per year, the JAG Grant would provide \$20,000 for the first year, ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) would provide \$30,000, and an additional two years of ARPA funding.

The Council body asked if the grant could be redirected towards another source. Mrs. Conner replied that she sent a letter requesting a revision because the City doesn't have a need to hire that particular staff for bonding and in response the grant can be redirected.

Related Item RPT 23-095.

[RPT 23-095](#) Presented by Wayne W. - Report - ARPA Update

Pam Conner, City Manager, stated that the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) update will include 1.) updates of ARPA projects by Wayne Wright and 2.) reallocation of budget funds. Mrs. Conner added that with respect to reallocation of bonding funds, it became unnecessary to accept the JAG (Justice Assistance Grant) because bonding processes are being facilitated by existing staff. The cost if \$50,000 per year, the JAG Grant would provide \$20,000 for the first year, ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) would provide \$30,000, and additional two years of ARPA funding.

Antony Stallings, Police Captain, provided an overview of the recommended Fusus integration software of both public and private cameras by consent to investigate crimes in real time.

The Mayor and Council asked for clarity on the purchase and ongoing cost; and how will the fleet be affected. Mrs. Conner replied that the ongoing cost recommendation by the police department recommends replacing three vehicles instead of four each year. Chief of Police Lane Cadwell stated that another area to provide funding for the Fusus software would be to trim the cost of new officer equipment; based on the diligence of replacing four vehicles for the last several years, the fleet is in good shape, and Cobb has done an excellent job of keeping the fleet running.

Dan Marconi, of Tolemi, provided a presentation of Building Blocks to assist in connections and extract data to analyze for City Department needs.

Mrs. Conner added that the Building Blocks software can be used by Quality of Life (Code Enforcement) purposes, an opportunity to use for an affordable housing plan, and economic development purposes. Mrs. Conner stated that the ARPA funds could help develop an affordable housing plan, and infrastructure plan by utilizing the software.

The Mayor and Council body asked what is the price for the Building Blocks Software; what budget does this cost come from; and what is the implementation of this software. Mr. Marconi replied the cost is \$16,000 per year with a \$3,600 one time invitation fee. City Manager Pam Conner answered that the recommendation is for ARPA to pay for three years and the City would have to fund after year three. Mr. Marconi stated the standard implementation timeline is between a 10-12 week range. Economic Development Director Marsellas Williams discussed the advantage of the software with annexation and communication with property owners.

Wayne Wright, ARPA Program Manager, provided a summary on the storm water projects, railroad crossing improvements, the finalization of the partnership with Cobb County for PATH (Partnership for Assistance, Treatment and Health) Units, and ongoing contracts.

The Mayor and the Council body asked does recommendations come from the storm water data; what is done with the citizen surveys; and is there any money available in the overall ARPA budget. Mr. Wright answered the storm water data provides a scoring mechanisms for recommendations; the surveys will facilitate any future changes; and the revised budget of ARPA is getting close and has eliminated the contingencies, but all funds have to be obligated under contract next year.

Related Item RESO 23-212.

[RES0 23-207](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MANSFIELD OIL COMPANY OF GAINESVILLE, INC. UNDER THE SOURCEWELL CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FUEL FOR CITY OPERATIONS; AN EFFECTIVE DATE;

AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [City of Powder Springs - Sourcewell Acknowledgment and Agreement](#)
[RESOLUTION 2023 - 207 Mansfield Oil Fuel Purchase Sourcewell Contract](#)

Leroy Young, Sanitation and Fleet Supervisor, discussed Public Works recommendation to contract with Mansfield Oil at an average daily rate, not a fixed price amount. Mr. Young added that the City was notified by Mansfield that the current contract was ending in December 2023 and did a reference comparison with other metro cities; and Mansfield was within the opus daily average.

No discussion was held.

[RES0 23-208](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH GRACIE GRAY CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR GUARDRAIL REPAIRS ON RICHARD D. SAILORS PARKWAY AND POWDER SPRINGS ROAD AT A COST OF \$27,405.00; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [GURDRAIL REPAIRS Redacted](#)
[GUARDRAIL PICTURES](#)
[RESOLUTION 2023 - 208 - Gracie Gray Guardrail](#)

Dwayne Eberhart, Public Works Director, discussed the recommendation to contract Gracie Gray at a cost of \$27,405.00. Mr. Eberhart added that there were two bids received.

The Mayor and Council body asked how far up Richard D. Sailors; and are the guardrails damaged by accidents. Mr. Eberhart answered that he assessed damaged guardrails on Richard D. Sailors up to City limits. Chief of Police replied that some were damaged by vehicle accidents and fallen tree damage.

[RES0 23-211](#) A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF DAF CONCRETE FOR THE REPAIR OF CERTAIN SIDEWALKS AND CATCH BASINS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY FOR THE SUM OF \$49,550; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR SUCH SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS Redacted](#)
[RESOLUTION 2023 - 211 DAF sidewalk catch basin repair](#)

Dwayne Eberhart, Public Works Director, discussed the recommendation to award a contract to DAF Concrete for infrastructure repairs at a cost of \$49,550. Mr. Eberhart added that the locations includes Birchhaven Trace, New Macland, Hopkins

Road, Lindley Drive, Glenndianne Way, Forest Hill and that there were three bids submitted.

No discussion was held.

[RPT 23-094](#) Presented by Tina G. - Report - Community Rating System - Annual Progress Report

Attachments: [Progress Report](#)

Tina Garver, Community Development Director, provided an update on the Community Rating System through FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) for properties within the flood hazard area to receive a 20% discount on insurance.

No discussion was held.

[RES0 23-200](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH NATIVE DEVELOPMENT GROUP RELATING TO ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS AND SATISFACTION OF CERTAIN ZONING STIPULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [Signed Motion. PZ 21-030. Stipulation 15](#)
[Signed Motion. PZ 21-028. Stipulation 15](#)
[RESOLUTION 2023 - 200 Native Development](#)
[RESO 2023-200 EXH A Redacted](#)

Tina Garver, Community Development Director, discussed the agreement to complete the access improvement point at Lewis/Oglesby Roads and C.H. James Parkway for the new logistics center development.

Joseph McGorrey, of Native Development Group, provided a presentation of the project completion of the building, leasing requests, trailer storage unit, and recommendations for an access points

The Council body asked where is GDOT (Georgia Department of Transportation) in terms of the access road. Mrs. Garver replied that the City has submitted drawings to GDOT but has not received a response yet.

[RES0 23-206](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATION REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THE REAPPLICATION FOR THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT HELD BY THE CITY OF POWDER SPRINGS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [Phase I Large NPDES MS4 Permit Reapplication Form 2023 Redacted](#)
[RESOLUTION 2023 - 206 NPDES Permit](#)

Tina Garver, Community Development Director, discussed the adoption of a new five year permit to allow the City and construction sites to discharge water into state owned water and creeks.

No discussion was held.

[RES0 23-210](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING 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.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION 2023 - 210 Adopt CIE 2024-2028](#)

Tina Garver, Community Development Director, discussed the five year period of the collection of impact fees and their use. Mrs. Garver added that DCA (Department of Community Affairs) and ARC (Atlanta Regional Commission) have completed their reviews.

No discussion was held.

[RPT 23-096](#) Presented by Pam C. - Report - Community Garden

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the proposal by Lakeview Church for a community garden partnership to use the City's logo for marketing and if the City would supply a water source at the City's cost. Mrs. Conner does not recommend the City incur the cost of paying for a water line or the use of the City's logo for seeking donations, and made recommendations for a city owned park location instead of the church property.

Julie Livingston, City Attorney, stated that the ask from the church was for the City put in a water line which would be a significant cost on private property. Mrs. Livingston added that the program should be very defined of what can be allowed in the City's name.

The Mayor and Council directed Mrs. Conner to review all the logistics of the proposal and discuss at a later date.

[RPT 23-097](#) Presented by Pam C. - Report - Digital Accessibility

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed an upcoming proposal to update the City's website to become more ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant with the Federal government.

No discussion was held.

[RPT 23-098](#) Presented by Pam C. - Report - Municipal Bldg

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the municipal building is on schedule for completion by the end of 2024, road closures for three weeks in December 2023, design review for audio visual closet, price for footings for the parking deck, and interior design review for the furniture, fixtures and equipment.

No discussion was held.

[RPT 23-099](#) Presented by Pam C. - Report - Silver Springs Way speed hump follow-up data research

Lane Cadwell, Chief of Police, reminded the Mayor and Council of the June 16, 2023 completed speed study data. Chief Cadwell provided data from the second study from October 10th to October 18th.

Derick Smith, Police Captain, provided an explanation of the speed trailer location and operation.

The Mayor asked if there was a recommendation. Chief Cadwell replied that based off the speed hump policy the roadway does not meet the requirement to support a speed hump. Public Works Director Dwayne Eberhart added that there is an option of a petition of signatures.

Executive Session, if called for the purpose of Real Estate, Litigation or Personnel Matters

No Executive Session was held.

Dinner Recess at 6:30PM

A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, that this Dinner Recess called at 6:30 PM be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Dinner Concluded at 7:00PM

A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, seconded by Council Member - At

Large Post 1 Bordelon, that this Dinner Recess conclusion at 7:00 PM 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 shared that she received an email Georgia City Council Manager Association (GCCMA) seeking support for a proposal of the ICMA (International City County Management Association) to host their convention in Atlanta next year; and there will be an oath of office and resolution for an Officer and canine for service on Monday November 20th.

Council Member Wisdom shared that she attended the annual Georgia Recreation and Park Association where Powder Springs Parks was recognized as Agency of the Year; and provided a report on the Keep Powder Springs Beautiful meeting she attended the day before.

Council Member Bordelon shared that he attended the Veteran's Day Ceremony Saturday November 11th at the Ford Reception Hall; congratulated the re-elections of Mayor Thurman and Council Member Wisdom and the newly elected Dwight McMutry; thanked everyone for their support of him during his eight year tenure as Council Member; and also attended the Georgia Recreation and Park Association banquet in Athens GA.

Council Member Lust shared he had the honor and privilege to drive to Athens GA for the Georgia Recreation and Park Association banquet to support the Powder Springs Parks Department; attended the Town Hall Meeting Monday November 13th hosted by the Ron Anderson Center with the featured speaker was District Attorney Flynn Broady; attended the Embrace Webinar earlier in the day hosted by Georgia Municipal Association; will be attending Tapp Middle School for their Pride Day Thursday November 16th and Powder Springs Elementary for their Science Fair judging.

Council Member Green shared the previous sentiment and his blessings for Powder Springs.

Council Member Dawkins shared her congratulations for the re-elected and newly elected Mayor and Council body; congratulations to the Parks Department; and thanked the Staff for their work.

City Clerk Kelly Axt and City Attorney Julie Livingston provided an overview, at the Mayor's request, of public notification requirements when a quorum may be present.

Recess to Next Scheduled City Council Meeting

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, seconded by Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, that this Recess to Monday November 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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