

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 170

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CIVIC FORWARD STRATEGIES FOR CERTAIN LOBBYING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS The City of Powder Springs (“City”) has unique access to areas throughout the County and to neighboring jurisdictions, probably more than any other city in the County, satisfying mobility needs and access options within and beyond municipal boundaries, including access along U.S. 278; and

WHEREAS transportation improvements help satisfy access and mobility along a travel corridor as well as important economic development needs by providing for the safe and efficient delivery of products and goods; and

WHEREAS Historically, economic development on US 278 within Powder Springs and Cobb County has been impacted by the inability to receive curb cuts, and the City has been working with the Georgia Department Of Transportation (“GDOT”) since 2004 to secure needed access to certain properties fronting 278; and

WHEREAS GDOT has in the past indicated support for access at a few locations as well as strategically placed signalized intersections but has not provided formal support necessary to secure access; and

WHEREAS a logistics and distribution development on US278 just south of Lewis and Oglesby Roads will support distribution of goods and products, provide jobs, and diversify the City’s tax base, but without a curb cut and signalized intersection to facilitate truck movement directly to and from US278, the local roads and residents who live along them could be impacted; and

WHEREAS the City has engaged engineering professional services to develop a solution that improves the movement of freight, accommodates new mobility for freight vehicles in and around the Lewis Road and Oglesby Road intersections with US 278, with potential to reduce demands on the existing signal at Lewis Road but requires assistance in modifying the State’s policy regarding limited access on US 278; and

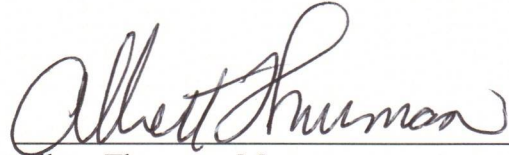
WHEREAS the City is in need of and desires professional lobbying services to obtain approval from the state in removing certain restrictions that limit access to properties on US278 in order to both accomplish the mobility goals of the GDOT for the movement of goods and people as well as safe travel of freight carriers on corridors intended to support these vehicles; and

WHEREAS the City sought and obtained proposals to provide lobbying services specifically tailored to obtaining approval from the state for limited access at key location on US 278 and desires to accept the proposal from Civic Forward Strategies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council for the City of Powder Springs that it approves and authorizes the Mayor to execute an agreement with Civic Forward Strategies in the amount of \$12,000 for lobbying services related to certain access improvements on US 278 between November 7, 2022 and February 2, 2023, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

SO RESOLVED this 7th day of November, 2022.

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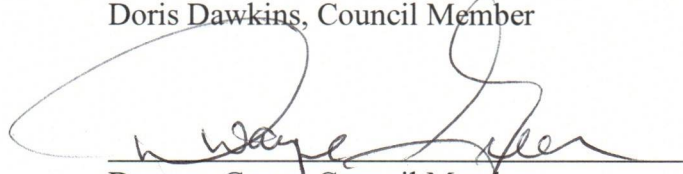
Albert Thurman, Mayor



Henry Lust, Council Member

Absent

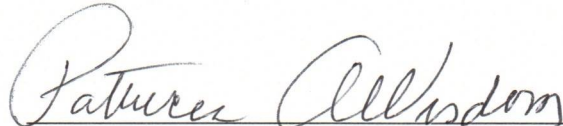
Doris Dawkins, Council Member



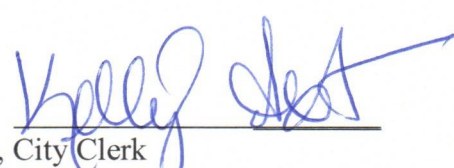
Dwayne Green, Council Member



Patrick Bordelon, Council Member



Patricia Wisdom, Council Member

ATTEST: 
Kelly Axt, City Clerk