



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 26TH, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor
Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner
Lionel Laratte, Commissioner
Dee Merriam, Commissioner

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager
Shannon Powell, Asst. City Manager
Ellen Powell, Communications Manager
Gina Hill, City Clerk
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney
Lori Leland, Permitting Coordinator
Kristen Moretz, Capital Projects Mgr.
Brittany Marmol, Finance Director

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda
Commissioner Shortell motioned to adopt. Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Commissioner Comments**
City Manager Bryant announced that plans for the new commercial development adjacent to the town green have been submitted for permitting. Construction should begin in September or October.

Item #4 **Approval of Minutes**
June 28th regular meeting
June 28th work session
June 29th public hearing
June 29th special called meeting
Commissioner Laratte moved to approve. Commissioner Merriam seconded. All ayes.

Item #5 **Presentation on the 2022 Audit Report**
Representatives from Mauldin and Jenkins will be on hand to give the attached presentation.

City Manager Bryant said staff has submitted the 2022 audit report with the state

of Georgia. Josh Carroll, from the firm Mauldin and Jenkins, gave a presentation on the audit they performed. He added it was an unmodified, clean audit. Afterwards, Mr. Bryant fielded questions. Mayor Elmore emphasized the city has had clean audits consistently.

Item #6 **Indemnification of Clark Patterson Lee from iWorq Terms of Access Agreement**

City Manager Bryant said this was an urgent matter since it impacts the city's ability to permit projects. City Attorney Quinn explained the city works with third party engineering firm Clark Patterson Lee and both use the computer program iWorq to manage permitting. This measure is essentially a liability issue, according to Mr. Quinn.

Commissioner Shortell moved to approve. Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.

Item #7 Public Comment

Jan Hover praised the communications team for recent newsletters. Another comment was made but it was inaudible.

Item #8 Adjournment

Commissioner Merriam moved to adjourn. Commissioner Laratte seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED AUGUST 9TH, 2023



Gina Hill, City Clerk