

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Monday, September 30, 2024
5:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Walden called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilmember William Illg, Councilmember Sandy Sawyer, Councilmember Mark French, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, City Attorney Kevin Tallant, City Manager Bob Bolz, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Public Works Director Trampas Hansard, Utility Operations Manager Blake Croft, Finance Director Robin Gazaway and Planning Director Ron Haynie.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and pledge were led by Councilmember French.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Walden reminded the public the October 7, 2024 City Council meeting has been cancelled and replaced with today's Special Called meeting. He also reminded everyone this Friday, October 4th is the last Food Truck Friday for this year and he also announced the City will hold a 165th Anniversary Celebration of the City on December 2, 2024 in the Gordon Pirkle Room from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by M. French; second by W. Illg. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** The following persons spoke during public input:
 - Terrence Sicilia, 215 Red Hawk Drive, Dawsonville – He stated he was available for any questions concerning ZSP C2400135.
 - Lorhetta Healy, 324 Flowing Trail, Dawsonville – She spoke regarding ZSP C2400135 and stated she understands the parcel will be commercial but is requesting certain restrictions on the type of businesses allowed; she further inquired about cut outs for the curb, asking who cut them and when, and requests the decision be delayed until that information can be determined; she also referred to another option, Moon Drive, which she stated could be used as the entrance to the commercial piece.
 - Steve Schultz, 46 Creekstone Lane, Dawsonville – He spoke regarding ZSP C2400135 and referred to an email he sent to the Mayor and Council; he stated his concerns are for blocking the ingress/egress to the commercial property via Creekstone Lane and further spoke about the types of businesses that may or may not be allowed.
 - Joanne Jackson, 480 Brookstone Trail, Dawsonville - She spoke regarding ZSP C2400135 and inquired if the commercial businesses would have to abide by the same parking restrictions as residents with their HOA; she also talked about the poor nature of the roads within the development.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve the consent agenda for the following item (a) made by S. Sawyer; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting and Work Session held September 16, 2024
 - Executive Session held September 16, 2024
 - Special Called Meeting held September 19, 2024
8. **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** Mayor and Council recognized Steven McNeal for six years of service to the City.
9. **ZSP C2400135:** Christopher Sipos has petitioned to amend the existing site plan; located at 39 Creekstone Lane (TMP 083 020). Public Hearing Dates: Planning Commission on Monday, July 8, 2024, and City Council Monday, July 15, 2024 – Tabled to September 16, 2024. City Council for a decision on Monday, September 30, 2024.

Planning Director Haynie read the request and the proposed conditions.

Motion to table ZSP C2400135 to the October 21, 2024 City Council meeting made by C. Phillips; second by M. French. Councilmember Phillips stated they would like to meet further with the residents and the applicant and would like legal to do some research. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

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10. **RESOLUTION NO. R2024-03:** Resolution Enacting A Moratorium For A Period Of Six Months On All Residential Zoning And Re-Zoning Applications While The City Considers Changes To Its Zoning Ordinance. Public Hearing and First Reading: September 16, 2024; Second Reading and Consideration to Adopt: September 30, 2024.

City Attorney Tallant read the second reading of the resolution.

Motion to table the item indefinitely made by W. Illg; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

11. **CONSIDERATION OF TRANSFERRING GRANDDADDY MIMMS 2023 ALCOHOL LICENSE FEES TO 2024 FEES:** Motion to approve transferring Granddaddy Mimms 2023 alcohol license fees in the amount of \$2,100 to their 2024 alcohol license fees made by W. Illg; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

12. **RATIFICATION OF DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR HURRICANE HELENE:** Motion to ratify the Declaration of Emergency declared by Mayor Walden on September 25, 2024 in light of Hurricane Helene and to approve five dollars per hour hazard pay for all Utility and Public Works employees who worked during the hazardous conditions on September 26 and 27, 2024 and to approve paying City Hall administrative staff their regular daily salary, not PTO, for the closure of City Hall on September 26, 2024 made by S. Sawyer; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (Exhibit "A")

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

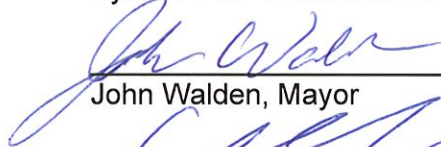
Mayor Walden thanked the staff for being available and working during the hurricane event.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:25 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by M. French; second by W. Illg. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Approved this 21st day of October 2024

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



John Walden, Mayor



Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1



William Illg, Councilmember Post 2



Sandra Sawyer, Councilmember Post 3



Mark French, Councilmember Post 4



Attest: 

Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO THE CODE OF THE
CITY OF DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, in the event of a natural disaster which may affect the lives and property of the Citizens of the City of Dawsonville, the Mayor of the City of Dawsonville may determine that an emergency exists;

WHEREAS, the existence of an emergency in the City of Dawsonville provides the Mayor with certain powers which may be exercised for the purpose of promoting and securing the safety, protection, and well-being of the inhabitants of the City of Dawsonville;

WHEREAS, there presently exists the imminent threat of a storm which is expected, based upon all available information, to produce extraordinarily large amounts of rain, significant sustained winds, flooding, and other threats to the health, safety, protection, and well-being of the inhabitants of the City;

WHEREAS, while there is no present intention to exercise any emergency powers if the anticipated emergency does not come to fruition, it is prudent and proper to declare the state of emergency ahead of the potential natural disaster, as it may be more difficult to take such action from a logistical standpoint after the potential natural disaster is in process;

WHEREAS, any actions taken by the government in a declared emergency are and must be subject to the Constitutional rights and guarantees set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America, as well as the State of Georgia;

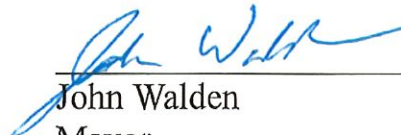
AND WHEREAS, any declaration of emergency is necessarily temporary in nature, and shall exist for not more than 72 hours without a subsequent declaration setting forth the reasons for the continued state of emergency;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED, by the Mayor of the City of Dawsonville, as follows:

- A. This Declaration is executed on the 25th day of September, 2024, at 3 : 00 o'clock, AM/PM.
- B. There exists in the City of Dawsonville a state of emergency due to an imminent natural disaster or one which has already occurred;

- C. It is necessary for the Mayor to be possessed of the powers necessary to deal with the state of emergency, including providing for the life, health, and welfare of the City's inhabitants, coordinating with other local, state, and national resources for that purpose; and generally to make sure that the functions of the government continue to operate so as to prevent, minimize, and repair injury and damage from the emergency;
- D. The powers to be exercised shall be such as are only those necessary to protect the City of Dawsonville and its inhabitants, while recognizing and preserving the liberties of the public as guaranteed by our local, state, and federal government;
- E. This state of emergency shall end on the earlier of the following: (a) seventy-two hours after the execution of this declaration; (b) the next meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Dawsonville, or (c) with a subsequent declaration ending the state of emergency. The state of emergency may be extended by a subsequent declaration as necessitated by the circumstances present at that time.

It is so declared.



John Walden
Mayor