

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND
CITY OF DAWSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED JOINT MEETING AGENDA – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534
10:00 AM**

DC Board of Commissioners Chairman Billy Thurmond called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

A. ROLL CALL:

Present were District 1 Commissioner Sharon Fausett, District 2 Commissioner Chris Gaines, District 3 Commissioner Tim Satterfield, District 4 Commissioner Julie Hughes Nix. Also present were County Manager David Headley, County Attorney Sam Van Volkenburgh and County Clerk Kristen Cloud.

City of Dawsonville Mayor Mike Eason called roll and present were Post 1 Councilmember Caleb Phillips, Post 2 Councilmember Stephen Tolson, Post 3 Councilmember John Walden, and Post 4 Councilmember Mark French. Also present were City Manager Bob Bolz, City Attorneys Dana Miles and Paul Mitchell and City Clerk Beverly Banister.

B. INVOCATION: Invocation led by Chairman Billy Thurmond.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge led by Chairman Billy Thurmond.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Mike Eason announced the City Council will reconvene at City Hall once the joint meeting is adjourned.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Commissioner Fausett; second by Commissioner Satterfield. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Councilmember Tolson; second by Councilmember Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Hugh Stowers Jr., Dawsonville, GA – He stated the importance of this meeting and would like to see more joint meetings with the City and the County working together. He further stated he wants Dawson County citizens to understand approving the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) will keep their property taxes down explaining most of the tax is paid by visitors coming into Dawson County.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Discussion

a. Allocation of Tax Proceeds

Chairman Thurmond provided an overview of SPLOST. County Attorney Van Volkenburgh proposed a timeline to offer a SPLOST VII referendum on the March 16, 2021 ballot. Mayor Eason and Chairman Thurmond said some members of the City Council and Board of Commissioners have met regarding SPLOST VII, specifically as it relates to the allocation of tax proceeds.

b. Possible Projects for Inclusion in the Referendum

City Manager Bolz read aloud a comprehensive list of possible projects for inclusion in the referendum on behalf of the City of Dawsonville. Dawson County SPLOST Administrator David McKee read aloud a comprehensive list of possible projects for inclusion in the referendum on behalf of the County. Brief discussion among the Council and Board regarding the project lists of both the County and City. Public safety concerns were at the core of the discussion.

c. Consider SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement

Chairman Thurmond stated the members of both the City Council and Board of Commissioners will continue to work towards the IGA and allocation proceeds in accordance with the proposed timeline to allow time for the citizens to review and understand it to make an educated vote.

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G. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:02 am Chairman Thurmond adjourned the meeting for the Board of Commissioners.

At 11:02 a.m. a motion to adjourn the joint meeting and reconvene the City's meeting at Dawsonville City Hall in approximately 15 minutes was made by Councilmember Phillips; second by Councilmember Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

At 11:23 am Mayor Eason reconvened the meeting at City Hall in the G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers. All members of the City Council were present.

Motion to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session was made by S. Tolson; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by M. French; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:25 a.m. a motion to close regular session and go into executive session for pending or potential litigation was made by J. Walden; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

At 11:51 a.m. a motion to close executive session and resume regular session was made by M. French; second by S. Tolson. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:55 a.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by M. French; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



Mike Eason, Mayor



Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1

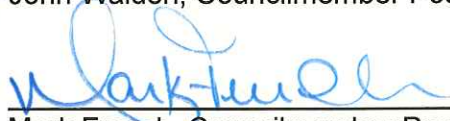


Stephen Tolson, Councilmember Post 2

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John Walden, Councilmember Post 3



Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

Attested:  Deputy City Clerk for
Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DAWSON

AFFIDAVIT OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Michael Eason, Councilmember John Walden, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Stephen Tolson, and Councilmember Mark French; being duly sworn, state under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief:

1. The City of Dawsonville Council met in a duly advertised meeting on November 17, 2020.
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 11:25 a p.m.
4. The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law: (check all that apply)

Consultation with the City Attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the City or any officer or employee or in which the City or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1);

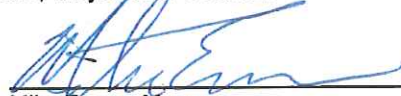
Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and _____;

Discussion of future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1);

Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a City officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2);

Other _____ as provided in: _____

This 17th day of November 2020; By the City of Dawsonville, Mayor and Council:


Mike Eason, Mayor


Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post #1


Stephen Tolson, Councilmember Post #2


John Walden, Councilmember Post #3


Mark French, Councilmember Post #4

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
17 day of November, 2020.


Signature, Notary Public

My Commission expires: Feb 18, 2024

