

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2020
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: CECIL THOMPSON, LOYD MOBLEY, BOB DIXON, RAYMOND TURNER AND GREG JOHNSON

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: NICK OVERSTREET – CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, JUSTIN FRANKLIN – CITY ATTORNEY

MAYOR PRO TEM TURNER BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 p.m.

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: REV. BOBBY THOMPSON

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

DVA - Tonya Parker brought the Council up to date on activities of the DVA. She reported that her office was a designated pick up site for free mask given away in conjunction with Meadows Regional Hospital last Thursday. She also reminded the Council of the 9/11 event that we be held September 11, 2020 beginning at 9:00 am at the Meadows Street Park.

VCVB – Alexa Britton brought the Council up to date on the activities of Tourism. She reported that the Kiosk has been installed at the Museum and invited everyone to come by and see it. She reported that the Museum had 99 visitors in July. Year to date numbers stand at 454 visitors from 34 States and 2 Countries.

Alexa also presented a request to apply for a 2021 Cultural Facilities Grant being offered by the Georgia Council for the Arts. The grant is for \$75,000.00 with a 50% match required. The funds can be used for much needed sound and lighting equipment in the PAL Theatre. With \$14,510 remaining in the PAL SPLOST budget it would only take an additional \$22,990 approved by Council to meet the required \$37,500 match. A motion was made by Councilman Dixon to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

ONION FESTIVAL – See Agenda Item 7

TOOMBS MONTGOMERY CHAMBER - Michele Johnson's report was passed out at the meeting. She reported that the proposals for the new spec building are due January 20th, and that they are looking for a January 21, 2021 completion date. She also reported that the next Development Authority was scheduled for Thursday August 20th at 12 noon.

FINANCIAL REPORT - BILL BEDINGFIELD - Mr. Bedingfield gave the financial report for the month of July. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -A motion was made by Councilman Dixon to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2020 meeting. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

AGENDA

1. **Mayor Phil Best – GMA** – Mayor Best, Past President of the Georgia Municipal Association and Mayor of Dublin Georgia, presented a Life Time Achievement Award from the GMA honoring the achievements and service of the late Mayor Ronnie A. Dixon. This award can only be presented to those that have at least 35 years of public service. Mayor Dixon began his 42-year career with the City of Vidalia in 1978 as a Councilman, and spent the last 26 years as the city's Mayor. Mayor Best stated that over his 42 years of service he exemplified what giving and serving the public means. He served on numerous boards with GMA as well as presiding over District Nine as its President. In 2007 Mayor Dixon was inducted into the GMA Hall of Fame. Mayor Best

presented the award to Sandy Dixon, the late Mayor's wife. Numerous family and friends were in the audience.

2. **Senator Blake Tillery** – Senator Tillery presented a Resolution from the Georgia State Senate honoring the life time achievements of Ronnie A. Dixon who served as Mayor of Vidalia for 26 years. After reading the Resolution he presented it the Sandy Dixon and her family.
3. **Clay Sikes – ESG** – Clay Sikes, owner of ESG, the company that manages the city's public works department, informed the Council that they had started a scholarship program for students at Vidalia High School honoring the late Mayor Ronnie A. Dixon. The Scholarship will be for \$500.00 presented to the Student who completes an application that is reviewed by the late Mayor Dixon's family and chosen as the top applicant. As part of the application each applicant must write an essay on what they would do if they were the Mayor for a day. This year the family has chosen two applicants to receive the scholarship. They are Caiden White and Jah'dea Rhymes, who were both presented with a check for \$500.00.
4. **2020 Audit Engagement Letter** – Mr. Bedingfield presented the 2020 audit engagement letter from the McClain, Calhoun, McCullough, and Clark accounting firm. The letter has a not to exceed price of \$40,000.00 for the 2020 audit. A motion was made by Councilman Dixon to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson. The vote was unanimous
5. **Capital Request** – Mr. Overstreet presented a request for capital for the Fire Department, Recreation Department and Public Works. The Fire Department request is for bunker equipment that include suits, air packs with cylinders, and face masks. The bids for the equipment totals \$21, 839.13, and if approved would come from the equipment line item in SPLOST. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Overstreet presented a capital request from the Recreation Department that includes resurfacing the basketball court at Flossie Hayes Park, new netting for the ballfield at Ed Smith Park, a new mower to replace a 1996 model, and the purchase of a lightning detection system that will cover both the Ed Smith complex and the Aquatic Center. The total cost is \$56,446.09 and will come from the Recreation Line item in SPLOST if approved. A motion was made by Councilman Mobley to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Overstreet presented a capital request from the shop that includes a computer diagnostic scanner, a tire balancing and changing machine, a hydraulic hose crimping machine and some heavy duty impact wrenches. The total cost for these items is \$37,137.30 and would come from the equipment line item in SPLOST if approved. A motion was made by Councilman Dixon to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous

6. **2021 LMIG** – Mr. Overstreet presented the final list of streets that are on the LMIG 2021 list for resurfacing. (See Attached) A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson. The vote was unanimous.
7. **Onion Festival By-Laws** – Mr. Andy Woodruff, Chairman of the 2021 Onion Festival, presented the requested amended by-laws for the Vidalia Onion Festival. (See Attached) A motion was made by Councilman Johnson to approve the by-laws as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dixon. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Woodruff also presented the 2020-2021 Vidalia Onion Festival Committee members for approval by the Council. (See Attached) A motion was made by Councilman Dixon to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mobley. The vote was unanimous.

8. **Ordinance Amendment** – Mr. Overstreet presented an amendment to ordinances 9-22 and 9-23 for the first reading. (See Attached) If approved the final reading and vote will be at the September Council meeting.

9. **GMA Cares Act Resolution** – Mr. Overstreet presented a resolution that is required to participate in the GMA Cares Act funding. (See Attached)

City Managers Report

Mr. Overstreet brought the Council up to date on the Engineering application process for the upcoming TAP grant.

Mr. Overstreet informed the Council that he had left off a number of sidewalks, that needed to be cut, in the bid packet that was awarded to The Yard Guy owed by Gabe Hightower. When the added footage is priced out it comes to an additional \$3750 in the Contract. Mr. Overstreet is requesting that the Council approve this addition. A motion was made by Councilman Johnson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Overstreet is also asking for an additional onetime fee of \$1625.00 for additional cutting on some of the sidewalks that were in extremely bad shape. Once these neglected ones have been brought up to standard they will not need any additional cutting. The Yard Guy is the company that has this contract. A motion was made by Councilman Mobley to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Bedingfield presented a bid for a new 85-inch TV to replace the one that is not working in the Council chambers. The cost is \$1797.99 and if approved it would come from the equipment line item in SPLOST. Before Mr. Bedingfield asked for a vote he requested that the Council look at possibly adding two monitors out on either side of the Council Chambers for better viewing by the audience. The Council was in agreement and requested he get a proposal and bring it back to the Council.

Councilman Dixon asked Mr. Overstreet get the DOT to check out a dip on Hwy 280 West. Mr. Overstreet said he would get in touch with them.

Councilman Mobley asked Matt Smith to give him a brief report on how things were going at the Ed Smith Complex with baseball and softball. Matt stressed that every precaution was being taken to protect everyone from covid-19, but that not everyone abided by the rules. He reported that he has roped off the stands to prevent large gatherings, and was encouraging everyone to bring a chair and to spread out. He stated that a decision on football and soccer would have to be made soon.

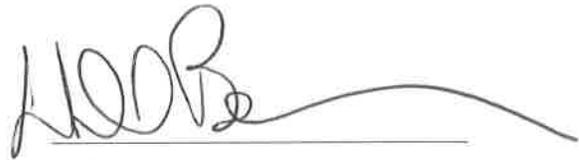
Being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Johnson to adjourn and enter executive session to discuss real estate. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dixon. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman Dixon to adjourn from executive session and enter open session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thompson. The vote was unanimous.

Being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Thompson to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dixon. The vote was unanimous.



Raymond Turner, Mayor Pro-Tem



William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

2021 LMIG Streets

Street ID	Street Name	Beg Location	End Location
THOMPSONST	Thompson St - THOMPSONST	Pine St	W Toombs St
EASTERRD	Easter Rd - EASTERRD	Raymonia Cir	DE
STOCYARDRD	Stockyard Rd - STOCYARDRD	E 1st St (SSR 280)	E 6th Ave (SR 292)
SLAYTONST	Slayton St - SLAYTONST	US 280	Waters DR
BELLST	Bell St - BELLST	Peacock St	DE
SECONDAVE	Second Ave - SECONDAVE	Momis St	Lively St (Sect 10)
FOURTHAVE	Fourth Ave - FOURTHAVE	Dickerson Dr	Grand St

COMMITTEE		2020-2021 VIDALIA ONION FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS				
	TITLE	NAME	WORK #	CELL #	EMAIL	
E	CHAIRMAN	Andy Woodruff	(912) 565-9700	(912) 293-7543	andyw@vidaliavalley.com	
	Secretary	Kellie Murray	(912) 337-8718	(912) 216-0351	kmurray@vidaliaga.gov	
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E	CHAIR ELECT	Jake Clegghorn	(912) 337-6327	(912) 293-0685	jake.clegghorn@altamaha.bank	
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E	ADVISOR	Dustin Booth	(912) 337-6733	912-293-1240	dustin.booth078@countryfinancial.com	
E	CVB - MARKETING/ADVERTISING	Alexa Britton	(912) 338-8687	(912) 293-1315	abritton@vidaliaga.gov	
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E	ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTOR	Tim Jones	(912) 338-5301	(912) 687-3819	timjones@meadowstregional.org	
CH	CHAIR OF ENTERTAINMENT					
CH	CHAIR OF EVENTS	Flora Torres			Floram1@bellsouth.net	
	Event: Children's Parade & Movie	Flora Torres			Floram1@bellsouth.net	
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	Event: Culinary Extravaganza	Jan Williams		(912) 293-2107	jgwilliams1960@gmail.com	
	Event: Recipe & Tasting Contest	Sabrina Toole	(912) 337-7913		recdept@vidaliaga.gov	
	Event: Talent Show	Michael Harden		(912) 385-7393	pattheatre@vidaliaga.gov	
	Event: Onion Run	Paul Cook			paul@paulcooklaw.com	
CH	CHAIR OF MERCHANDISING	Liza New			lnew813@gmail.com	
CH	CHAIR OF OPERATIONS	Jay Howard	(912) 338-2611	(912) 278-8021	jwileyhoward@gmail.com	
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	Fireworks					
	Volunteers	Heather Meade				
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	Vendors Committee Member	Christy Carter			Christycarter17@gmail.com	
	Vendors Committee Member	Sean Flaagan			Seanflaagan1972@gmail.com	
CH	CHAIR OF AIRPORT OPNS (Air Show year only)					
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EOM	DOWNTOWN VIDALIA MAINSTREET	Tonya Parker	(912) 337-8033	(912) 215-0311	dvwainstreet@vidaliaga.gov	
EOM	CITY COUNCIL LIASON	Bob Dixon			bobforvidalia@gmail.com	
COMMITTEE KEY:						
E - EXECUTIVE	(voting member)					
CH - CHAIR	(voting member)					
EOM - EX-OFFICIO MEMBER	(non-voting member)					

**Bylaws of the
VIDALIA ONION FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
Revised 8/10/2020**

**ARTICLE I
NAME AND LOCATION**

The name of the organization shall be the Vidalia Onion Festival Committee. Its location shall be in Vidalia, GA.

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSE**

The Vidalia Onion Festival Committee is organized as an appointed board of the City Council of Vidalia for the purpose of overseeing, organizing, promoting, and publicizing the official Vidalia Onion Festival annually and to work in cooperation with the City of Vidalia and concerned businesses, service organizations and clubs, and individuals toward the accomplishment of a successful event.

**ARTICLE III
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

The Vidalia Onion Festival Committee shall operate as a not-for-profit, organization. No member of the committee shall receive any pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise, from its activities, except the committee shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments in accordance with the purposes set forth in Article II.

**ARTICLE IV
COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1 Membership on the Festival Committee shall consist of an Executive Committee, Chairpersons of activities and events, and other volunteers recognized by the Executive Committee who are not otherwise Chairpersons, but who serve in the general operations of the Festival. All Chairpersons must also be approved by the Vidalia City Council.

Section 2 Eligibility and Election/Appointment of Committee members: A person shall be considered eligible to serve on the Vidalia Onion Festival Committee if he or she lives and/or works in the Vidalia area, has shown a willingness to become involved in the community and is willing to dedicate the time and effort necessary to perform the duties that are inherent in a position on the Committee for the duration of their term.

In May of each year the Festival Committee shall evaluate those positions that are to be filled due to vacancy. The Executive Committee will select a pool of potential members to be reviewed by the full Committee. Selection of the board shall be approved by the City Council at its regular July/August meeting. All persons being considered by the Council must have expressed a willingness to serve. New members shall join the Committee upon approval.

The following positions are considered permanent and shall be filled by the person indicated:

Vidalia CVB - Executive Director
City of Vidalia- City Manager
Treasurer/Finance Director - City of Vidalia

Ex-Officio Members (Non-Voting Members) shall be as follows:

City Council Member – City of Vidalia
President of the Toombs-Montgomery Chamber of Commerce
Executive Director - Downtown Vidalia Association

Section 3 All members of the Festival Committee may attend meetings of the Executive Committee and may inspect all records of the Festival Committee. The Secretary will be required to attend all meetings for recordkeeping purposes.

Section 4 A member of the Festival Committee may be suspended by the Executive Committee if it is determined that the member has flagrantly or continuously acted contrary to the purpose and basic policies of the Festival

Committee.

ARTICLE V **POSITION AND DUTIES**

Section 1 The Vidalia Onion Festival Committee shall consist of no less than eleven (11) and no more than sixteen (16) voting members. All executive committee and chair positions are required to be filled when presented for approval to the City Council at the July/August council meeting. In the event that one of the following positions is vacated during an incomplete term, these positions must be filled by someone with prior Festival experience while holding a position on the Festival Committee for at least 2 years: Chairman, Chairman Elect, Past-Chair, Member At-Large. (Past-Chair position will allow for a “seasoned” Advisor the following year.) City of Vidalia employees may not hold more than 3 positions on the Committee with voting privileges.

Section 2 The Secretary position is for the purpose of recordkeeping and will not be a voting member of the Committee.

- **Secretary**
- Responsible for maintaining accurate minutes of each Committee meeting and appointing someone to do so in his or her absence;
- Provides a copy of meeting minutes to each Committee member;
- Responsible for correspondence as needed by the Committee;
- Notifies Committee members of upcoming meetings;
- Attends all meetings, including Executive Committee, for the purpose of recordkeeping;
- Ensures that minutes of all meetings are approved by the Vidalia Onion Festival Committee;
- Takes the roll at Executive Committee and Vidalia Onion Festival Committee meetings to determine a quorum is in attendance;
- Responsible for submitting approved minutes to the finance director prior to the next scheduled Vidalia Onion Festival Committee meeting.

Section 3 The voting members of the Vidalia Onion Festival Committee shall consist of the following:

Executive Committee:
Festival Chair
Festival Chair-Elect
Festival Past-Chair
Member At-Large
Advisor
Executive Director of Vidalia CVB
City Manager
Treasurer/ City Finance Director
Director of Entertainment

Chairs:
Chair of Events
Chair of Operations
Chair of Merchandising
Chair of Vendors
Chair of Entertainment
Chair Airport Operations

Section 4 The duties of the Committee Members shall be as follow:

❖ **Chair:**

- Works with the Committee to obtain members to serve in all Festival Committee positions;
- Oversees and coordinates all aspects of the Vidalia Onion Festival;
- Attends and presides over all regular and special called meetings of the Committee;
- Works cooperatively with Committee members to accomplish the purpose and objectives outlined in Article II of these bylaws within the time and budgetary constraints;
- Sets the date, time and place for Committee meetings;
- Prepares an agenda for each meeting. The agenda should include, but may not be limited to, minutes from the previous meeting, present topics being worked on by the committee and any new topics to be discussed;
- Is the official media spokesperson;
- Serves on the Executive Committee;
- Reports actions of the Committee to the City Council by attending the monthly City Council meetings (beginning each January through the close-out report to the Council following the Festival) and maintains an open line of communication with City staff. The Exec. Director of the Vidalia CVB may report to the City Council outside of the required

meetings (January through the close-out report) in the absence of the Chairperson.

❖ **Chair - Elect:**

- Becomes the Chair of the Committee at the beginning of June of the following year;
- Presides over all regular and special called meetings of the Committee in the absence of the Chair;
- Agrees to serve as immediate-past Chair after serving as Chair and will provide support to the overall festival as needed;
- Responsible for coordinating fund raising with assistance from the At-Large Committee member;
- Serves on Executive Committee;
- Attends all Committee meetings.

❖ **Immediate Past-Chair:**

- Shall bring continuity and experienced leadership to the Festival Committee;
- Serves on Executive Committee;
- Attends all Committee meetings.

❖ **At-Large Position:**

- Serves along with Chair-Elect in coordinating fund-raising;
- Shall provide support to the overall Festival as needed;
- Serves in the absence of the Secretary for recording minutes;
- Serves on Executive Committee;
- Attends all Committee meetings.

❖ **Advisor:**

- Provides support to the Festival Chair and to the Committee as a whole;
- Serves on Executive Committee;
- Attends all Committee meetings.

❖ **Treasurer:**

- Shall be the Finance Director of the City of Vidalia.
- Has general supervision of the finances of the Vidalia Onion Festival and shall keep full and accurate records and accounts (which shall be

audited) showing the transactions of the Committee;

- Keeps books and transactions as the Committee requires;
- Performs all duties pertaining to the office of treasurer, including rendering a report showing the financial condition of the Vidalia Onion Festival Committee at its regular meetings;
- Responsible for issuing Purchase Orders and submitting all invoices with prior Committee member approval to the Accounts Payable Clerk of the City;
- Responsible for verifying all deposits, and insuring that they are submitted on a completed Deposit Form;
- Serves on the Executive Committee;
- Attends all Committee meetings.

❖ **Chair of Events:**

- Accountable for all event activities and for ensuring all event chairs are responsible and accountable for their event;
- Responsible for coordinating The Children's Parade, Movie Under the Stars, Opening Ceremonies and other events that may be included in other areas of the Festival;
- Serves as coordinator of equipment requests for all sanctioned events and submits proper equipment requests to the Chair of Operations prior to the Festival;
- Assists the Chair of Operations in assuring that all equipment is on site during the event;
- Keeps Committee updated on the status of each event;
- Works with Committee to establish sanctioned event fee structure;
- Assists Exec. Director CVB in collecting information needed for events for brochures, social media and Festival website;
- Keeps a current schedule of all planned events;
- Responsible for implementing and collecting sanctioned event fees;
- Attends all Committee meetings.

❖ **Chair of Operations:**

- Responsible for securing Festival volunteers, overseeing any required fencing, organizing signage for in/out traffic flow and parking, securing lighting, and overseeing other activities, (i.e. porta-lets, ice, etc.) related

to the Festival's general operation.;

- Ensures all operational chairs are responsible and accountable for equipment and supplies in their division/event;
- Updates Committee of the status of each area within operations;
- Responsible for communications with carnival company, coordinating carnival requirements and site;
- Responsible for coordination of fireworks;
- Attends all Committee meetings.

❖ **Executive Director Vidalia CVB:**

- Serves as liaison between the Vidalia Onion Festival Committee and both the Vidalia CVB Authority and Georgia Department of Economic Development Tourism Division;
- Writes news releases and articles and ensures distribution to news media and other appropriate outlets to market and advertise the Vidalia Onion Festival;
- Determines the economic impact of the Vidalia Onion Festival through surveys, questionnaires, etc.;
- Participates in travel shows relating to the recruitment of Festival attendees;
- Works with the Georgia Department of Economic Development Tourism Division to promote the Vidalia Onion Festival on the state level;
- Responsible for representing the Vidalia Onion Festival at hospitality association and state tourism meetings, travel shows and local, state, national and international Vidalia Onion Festival Committee approved meetings;
- Maintains and updates the Vidalia Onion Festival's listing in state tourism publications and other tourism-oriented publications and features;
- Responds to inquiries concerning the Vidalia Onion Festival that are routed through the Vidalia CVB office;
- Arranges for State Proclamation;
- Develops printed materials and other promotional items as required to promote tourism during the Vidalia Onion Festival;
- Along with the Festival Chair, represents the Vidalia Onion Festival

Committee as a liaison with print and broadcast media;

- Serves on the Executive Committee;
- Serves as a liaison to the city staff and the City Council in the absence of the Chair;
- Attends all Committee meetings.

❖ **Chair of Vendors:**

- Responsible for recruiting and coordinating vendors for the Festival Committee for all events scheduled during Vidalia Onion Festival week;
- Shall be responsible for all Festival vendors;
- Attends all Committee meetings.

❖ **Vidalia City Manager:**

- Is a member of the Executive Committee;
- Works with the Festival Committee to determine support needed from appropriate City Departments (i.e., Police Department, Fire Department, etc.);
- Remains a permanent member of the Committee to represent the Mayor and City Council;
- Attends all Committee meetings.

❖ **Director of Entertainment:**

- Coordinates all entertainment for the Festival;
- Entertainment includes, but may not be limited to, Battle of the Bands, Street Dance/Opening Ceremonies band, and Saturday's bands including the headlining entertainer;
- Attends all Committee meetings;
- Is a member of the Executive Committee;

❖ **Chair of Entertainment:**

- Assists the Director of Entertainment in coordinating all entertainment for the Festival;
- Attends all Committee meetings.

❖ **Chair Airport Operations:**

- Coordinates all activities at the airport, including the air show, in

cooperation with the various event chairs expecting to be located on airport property;

- Attends all Committee meetings (when an air show is included in the Festival).

❖ **Chair of Merchandising:**

- Responsible for all activities associated with souvenirs and merchandising, including securing official Festival logo;
- Updates Committee on the status of each area with regard to merchandising;
- Attends all Committee meetings.

Section 5 General Expectations:

All members of the Committee are expected to carry out their duties to the best of their abilities while honoring the guidelines set forth in the by-laws.

Section 6 Terms for the Committee Chairs shall be as follow:

Terms of office shall be for three (3) years and members may be re-appointed to one (1) additional three (3) year term. After rotation off Committee, a member may not be reconsidered for a period of twelve (12) months. If a member is nominated and approved by the Committee and the City Council to serve on the Executive Committee, that member shall serve five (5) years as Member at-Large, Chair-Elect, Chair, Past Chair, and Advisor.

Section 7 Vacancies/Removal:

Once vacancies have been determined by the Committee, they shall be reported to the City Manager. All vacancies on the Committee, whether caused by failure to elect, resignation, death, or otherwise, shall be filled in a timely manner and shall assume office immediately upon election and approval of the Mayor and City Council.

A member may be removed by a majority vote of the Committee for

misconduct or excessive absences. Appeal for removal would be made to the Vidalia City Council.

ARTICLE VI **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

The Vidalia Onion Festival Committee recognizes the importance of community involvement in making the Festival a success. Members of the Vidalia community will be encouraged to participate through open meetings and involvement in festival activities and events.

ARTICLE VII **MEETINGS**

Section 1 Regular meetings of the Vidalia Onion Festival Committee shall be held at a location and time to be designated by the Festival Chair at least monthly from August or September until after the Vidalia Onion Festival. The Secretary shall notify all members of the Committee not less than five (5) days in advance of such meetings. Regular meetings can be modified to be more often as needed by a majority vote of the Committee. Meetings may also be cancelled by a majority vote, which may include votes via email.

Section 2 A quorum shall consist of nine (9) members of the Committee.

Section 3 Special meetings of the Committee may be called by the Festival Chair. The Secretary shall notify all members of the Committee not less than five (5) days in advance (when possible) of such meetings.

Section 4 Unless otherwise specified, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceeding at all meetings of the Committee.

ARTICLE VIII **SUB-COMMITTEES**

The Festival Chair may appoint sub-committees as he or she deems necessary and proper and shall designate the purpose(s) of the sub-committee. Upon motion of any member and passage of such motion by a majority vote, a

sub-committee for any specific purpose, may be formed, and it shall be mandatory for the Festival Chair to make the appointment of such sub-committee. After such sub-committee has performed its function, the sub-committee may then be dissolved by vote of the Festival Committee.

ARTICLE IX **FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

Section 1 The fiscal year of the Festival Committee shall start October 1.

Section 2 The Committee shall maintain a general reserve fund, which shall be used for the purpose of absorbing losses and of paying advance costs of the current Festival.

Section 3 The financial records of the Festival Committee shall be kept by the City Financial Director and shall be audited annually.

Section 4 No funds of the Festival Committee shall be used for any purpose other than expenses directly related to the planning and operation of the Festival.

Section 5 All checks require two signatures. All purchases made or all contracts signed over \$500 must be approved using a purchasing order system through the Finance Director. Authorized signers shall be 2 of the following: Festival Chair, Past Chair or City Finance Director.

Section 6 Each Chair should turn in a proposed budget to the Executive Committee at the September meeting. The Executive Committee will review the individual proposed budgets and create a final budget based on the needs and funding ability. A proposed final budget will be presented and approved at the October meeting. The allocated budget does not preclude Article IX, Section 5.

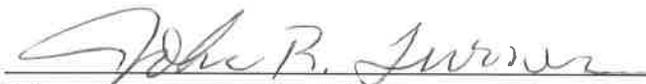
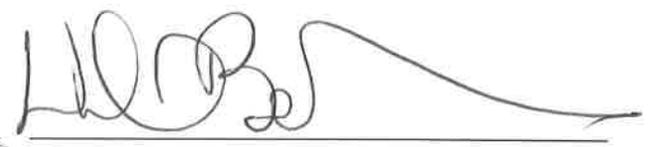
ARTICLE X **NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The Vidalia Onion Festival Committee members and officers shall be selected entirely on a nondiscriminatory basis with respect to age, sex, race, religion, and national origin.

ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENTS

The Vidalia Onion Festival Committee may propose changes to the by-laws of the organization by a two-thirds vote present at any regular or special meeting where notices of such proposed action has been announced in the meeting notice. All proposed changes or modifications to these by-laws are subject to the approval of the Vidalia City Council.

These Vidalia Onion Festival By-Laws are approved by the Vidalia City Council on August 10, 2020.

 _____ Mayor – City of Vidalia	 _____ City Clerk
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The foregoing By-laws are duly approved and adopted by the Vidalia Onion Festival Committee this August 11, 2020.

Chairman – Vidalia Onion Festival 2020

Secretary

AMENDMENT TO CITY ORDINANCES § 9-22 and 9-23
THE CITY OF VIDALIA, GEORGIA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIDALIA, GEORGIA, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY AUTHORITY THEREOF THAT THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VIDALIA IS HEREBY AMENDED BY DELETING THE ENTIRE CURRENT SECTIONS 9-22 AND 9-23 AND REPLACING THE SAME WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Sec. 9-22. – Accumulation of junk, trash, and debris, etc., prohibited and declared a nuisance.

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Debris, for the purpose of this article, shall include, but not limited to, cardboard, paper, rags, cartons, boxes, buckets, plastic, wood, metal, rubber, cement rubbish, construction debris, or similar objects, fallen, broken, or destroyed trees or tree limbs or other material or objects not a part of the land and constituting a health or safety hazard.

(A) It shall be unlawful for the occupant or owner of any lot, parcel, or premises in the city, or any agent or representative of such occupant or owner, to permit or maintain on such lot, parcel, or premises, any nuisance as enumerated herein, the accumulation of scrap, junk, trash, and debris as defined in this article, which distracts from the community aesthetics, and endangers the public health, safety, and/ or welfare. The following conditions shall constitute a nuisance as it relates to the accumulation of junk, trash, debris, scrap, etc.

(1) Any lot, parcel, or property where the depositing of debris, trash, garbage, refuse, furniture, mattresses, scrap wood or metal, or other household goods or appliances, etc., on private or public property: The depositing and leaving on private or public property of debris, trash, garbage, refuse, furniture, appliances, mattresses, household goods, scrap building materials, paper, cardboard containers, brick, cement rubbish, tree debris/residue, cans, containers, any other rubbish and

trash, or other like material, which distracts from the community aesthetics or which is a menace to public health and safety in the city.

(2) Any lot, parcel, or property where the retention, storage, or accumulation of any automobile or motor vehicle parts, tires, mechanized equipment, machinery, appliances, scrap metal, scrap wood, or other scrap material, etc., on the property in a condition that prevents its use for the purpose for which it was originally manufactured, which distracts from the community aesthetics, or which is a menace to public health and safety in the city.

Exceptions: For the purpose of this article, businesses that are open, properly zoned, or otherwise permitted, and conducting a lawful active business, may be exempt, at the discretion of the City Manager or designee, with such determinations being made on a case by case basis. Examples, including, but not limited to, are; (auto repair, service stations, appliance repair, construction companies, manufacturing, or other like businesses, etc.).

Sec. 9-23. – Overgrowth of grass, objectionable weeds, or similar vegetation, prohibited and declared a nuisance.

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Weeds, for the purpose of this article, shall be defined as all objectionable growth, including weeds and grasses which serve as a breeding place for mosquitoes and other unhealthy or undesirable insects, or as a refuge for snakes, rats or other rodents, or that create a fire or traffic hazard or provide a hiding place for persons. Provided, however, that flowers, shrubbery, trees and other growth used as a part of landscaping shall not be included in this definition.

Wooded areas, for the purpose of this article, shall be defined as those portions of lots consisting of a semi-dense or dense growth of trees, some of which exceed three inches in diameter, brush, and/or bushes.

(A) It shall be unlawful for the occupant or owner of any lot, parcel, or premises in the city, or any agent or representative of such occupant or owner, to permit or maintain on such lot, parcel, or premises, any nuisance as enumerated herein, the growth thereon of grass, objectionable weeds, or similar vegetation. The following conditions shall constitute a nuisance as it relates to the growth of grass, objectionable weeds, or similar vegetation.

(1) Any lot, parcel, or premises, on which a residential structure is built, shall be deemed a nuisance if the growth of grass, weeds, or similar vegetation, as defined herein, is 12 inches or more in height.

(2) Any vacant lot or parcel, located within a residential district or area, shall be deemed a nuisance if the growth of grass, weeds, or similar vegetation, as defined herein, exceeds 18 inches or more in height.

(3) Any lot or parcel, other than those described above, shall be deemed a nuisance if the growth of grass, weeds, or similar vegetation, as defined herein, exceeds 18 inches in height.

***Exceptions:* For the purpose of this article, lots or parcels, without residences or premises, that are deemed to be in their natural state, and wooded areas, as defined herein, shall be exempt from the above requirements. Additionally, said lots or parcels shall be allowed to return to their natural state provided that they are bordered by another lot that is wooded or in its natural state, or at the discretion of the City Manager or designee. The City Manager or designee, shall have authority to determine whether a lot or parcel is subject to this ordinance or is exempt, with such determinations being made on a case by case basis.**

It is the intention of the governing body, and it is hereby ordained, that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of Ordinances, City of Vidalia, Georgia, and the sections or subsections of this ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention, as necessary.

THIS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION AS PROVIDED FOR BY THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF VIDALIA, GEORGIA.

FIRST READING:

August 10, 2020

SECOND READING:

September 14, 2020

ADOPTED THIS 14 DAY OF September, 2020.

JOHN RAYMOND TURNER,
MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST: 
BILL BEDINGFIELD, CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION
CITY OF VIDALIA

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VIDALIA (CITY) TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF) TERMS AND CONDITIONS AGREEMENT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT PAYMENTS, INCLUDING ALL UNDERSTANDINGS AND ASSURANCES CONTAINED WITHIN SUCH AGREEMENT; TO DIRECT AND AUTHORIZE THE PERSON IDENTIFIED AS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY, OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE CITY TO ACT IN CONNECTION WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION; AND TO PROVIDE SUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS MAY BE REQUIRED.

WHEREAS, in an effort to mitigate the effects of COVID-19, the United States government has made available grant funding through the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to the State of Georgia, which was established within Section 601 of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act);

WHEREAS, Governor Brian P. Kemp has authorized the sharing of CRF allocations and disbursements in a phased, measure approach with local governments across the State of Georgia;

WHEREAS, Governor Kemp has acknowledged the critical need that such CRF funding be released to local governments experiencing immediate need as quickly as possible and has directed the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) to coordinate with local governments to achieve allocation and disbursement of such CRF funding;

WHEREAS, OPB has created and will administer a grant management system, GeorgiaCARES, which local governments, including the City shall utilize in order to received allocations and disbursements of CRF funding; and

WHEREAS, the OPB and the State of Georgia, require formal, official action of the City governing authority to that the CRF funding may be disbursed to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIDALIA, GEORGIA:

Section 1. Execution of Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Terms and Conditions. The Mayor and Council hereby authorize the execution, delivery, and performance of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Terms and Conditions (Agreement) in substantially the form attached hereto as a composite Exhibit A and the acceptance of payments, including all understandings and assurances contained herein.

Section 2. Other Actions Authorized. The City hereby directs and authorizes the Mayor of the City of VIDALIA or the designee of the Mayor to act in connection with the Grant application and to provide such additional information as may be required by OPB, federal, or state government.

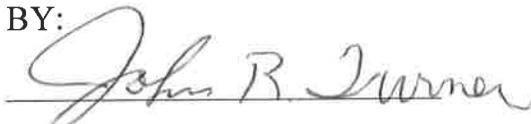
Section 3. City Attorney. The City, by and through its governing authority, hereby acknowledges that it has had its legal counsel review the Agreement and that the members of the governing authority itself have reviewed the Agreement and further acknowledge that any rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the interpretation of the Agreement.

Section 4. Repealer. All motions, orders, ordinances, bylaws, resolutions, and parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed as reviving any motion, order, ordinance, bylaw, resolution, or part thereof.

Section 5. Effective Date; Severability. This resolution shall become effective immediately, and should the Agreement have been executed by the Mayor or designee before the effective date of this resolution, then this resolution shall stand as an official act of the governing authority of the City approving of such execution of the Agreement. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision hereof be held invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability thereof shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED, APPROVED, and EFFECTIVE this 10TH day of AUGUST, 2020.

BY:



RAYMOND TURNER MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:



WILLIAM BEDINGFIELD CITY CLERK

COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE SIGN IN

NAME	ADDRESS
Kellie Murray	City of Vidalia
Robbie Atkins	ESL Operations
Doug Roper	3114 North Street East Vidalia GA 30474
Amy Woodruff	1241 Airwell Road Ext.
Brian Sikes	702 W Birch St.
Alexa Button	CVB
Don Adams	CVB
Phila Cr Best	Dollar
Raye Helmsy Paine	Vidalia
Susan Bayliff	Vidalia
Jonny Head	Vidalia
Billy Apple	Vidalia
Melby Knell	Vidalia
David Sika	400
Michelle Johnson	Vidalia
Tonya Parker	DIA
Matt Smith	Vidalia Rec Dept
Macy Edmonds	
Perry Edmonds	
Evi White	1327 Woodlawn Cir
Sandy Dixon	
Pamela Dixon	
Wendell Dixon	
Rod Dixon	
Hugh Dixon	
Ashley Dent	
Landon Dixon	
Louise Dent	
Jessi Carter	
Haley Davis	
Deborah Wilkison	
John Wilkison	
Kavas Dixon	
Ally Dixon	
Mary Dixon	
Robert K. White	

Leigh-Anne White
 Candice White
 Bobby Whit
 Billy Ragan - Airport

CITY OF VIDALIA
AFFIDAVIT AS TO OPEN MEETING LAW

The undersigned chair or presiding officer, under oath, certifies that a meeting of the Mayor and Council held on the date identified below being the date of this document, the Board closed its meeting as permitted by the Open Meetings Act of Georgia. The only matters considered or discussed during the closed portion or executive session of its meetings is as checked below:

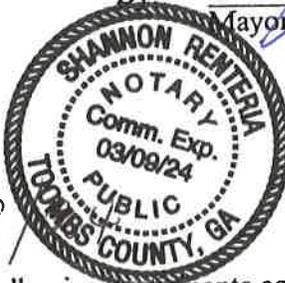
- Staff meetings held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law.
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3]
- Meetings when discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring disciplinary action or dismissal or periodic evaluation or rating of a city official or an employee. (Note: The final vote if made is open to the public.)
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (6)]
- To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the City or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved;
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-2]
- To discuss the future acquisition of real estate;
[O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (4)]

This the 10th day of August, 2020.

CITY OF VIDALIA

By: *John R. Turner*
Mayor or Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above indicated date:
Shannon Renteria
Notary Public, State of Georgia
Commission Expires 3/09



(Although the same is not mandatory, the following participants concur with the accuracy of this Affidavit.)

<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	_____
<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	_____
<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	_____
_____	_____
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Note: This form is to be used on all meetings of the City of Vidalia when four (4) or more council members are present.