

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL ANNEX
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023
7:30 A.M.**

The Mayor and City Council held a Special Called Meeting on the stated date, time, and place.

PRESENT: Doug P. Roper, III, Mayor
Raymond Turner, Councilmember
Bob Dixon, Councilmember
Jennifer Evans, Councilmember
Cecil Thompson, Councilmember
Loyd Mobley, Councilmember
CITY STAFF: Kellie Murray, City Clerk

A list of visitors is attached to these minutes.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR DOUG ROPER

Mayor Doug Roper called this meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Raymond Turner gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Jennifer Evans made the motion to approve agenda as written with a second made by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION AS PER O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2) – PERSONNEL
Note: The Executive Session Affidavit, as required by O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b) is attached.**

A motion was made to enter Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel by Councilmember Loyd Mobley with a second made by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Loyd Mobley made the motion to exit Executive Session and enter back into regular session. A second to this motion was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning to regular session, Mayor Roper inquired if any motions were to be made at this time. Councilmember Loyd Mobley made the motion for the City of Vidalia to

separate from the Employment Contract with City Manager Nick Overstreet pursuant to Section 3(a), separation without cause. Councilmember Bob Dixon made the second to this motion. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to appoint Bill Bedingfield as City Manager until this position is filled with a permanent candidate. This motion was made by Councilmember Bob Dixon with a second made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson. This motion passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURN

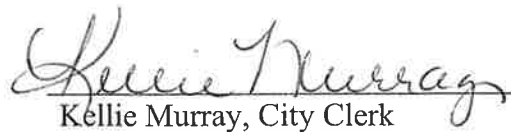
There being no further business to conduct, a motion was made to adjourn by Councilmember Loyd Mobley with a second made by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

AFFIRMATION

We affirm these minutes are correct and true to form as presented to the Mayor and City Council on November 13, 2023.



Doug P. Roper, III, Mayor



Kellie Murray, City Clerk

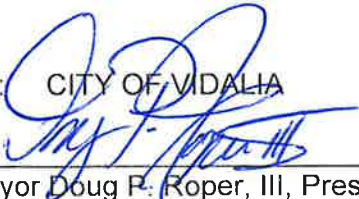
**CITY OF VIDALIA
EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT**

- (1) Pursuant to my duties as Mayor, I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Vidalia City Council held on the **27th** day of **OCTOBER, 2023**. A portion of said meeting was closed to the public.
- (2) I am competent to make this Affidavit and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.
- (3) It is my understanding that **O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b)** provides as follows: When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the person presiding over such meeting or, if the agency's policy so provides, each member of the governing body of the agency attending such meeting, shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.
- (4) The subject matter of said meeting, or the closed portion thereof, was devoted to matters within exceptions to public disclosure provided by law. Those specific relevant exceptions are identified as follows: **[Circle relevant item(s)]**
 - A. Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the settlement of a matter covered by the attorney-client privilege as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-2(1) and 50-14-3(b)(1)(A)**. The subject discussed was _____
(Identify the case or claim discussed).
 - B. Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(B)**.
 - C. Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(C)**.
 - D. Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(D)**.
 - E. Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(E)**.
 - F. Meeting to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(b)(2)**.
 - G. Meeting to interview one or more applicants for the position of the executive head of an agency as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(b)(2)**.
 - H. Pursuant to the attorney-client privilege and as provided by **Georgia Code Section 50-14-2(1)**, a meeting otherwise required to be open was closed to the public in order 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 agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved and the matter discussed was _____
[Identify the matter only].
 - I. Staff meeting held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law as provided by **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(a)(1)**.

J. Meeting to consider records or portions of records exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to **Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Georgia Code** because there are no reasonable means to consider the record without disclosing the exempt portions.

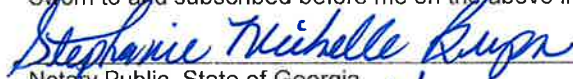
This Affidavit is executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of **O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b)** and is to be filed with the official minutes for the aforementioned meeting.

This 27th day of October, 2023.

BY: CITY OF VIDALIA


Mayor Doug Roper, III, Presiding Officer


Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above indicated date.



Notary Public, State of Georgia
Commission Expires 10/26/2027



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

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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.