

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MUNICIPAL ANNEX  
FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024  
7:30 A.M.**

The Mayor and Council conducted a Special Called Meeting on the date, time and location stated above.

**PRESENT:** Doug P. Roper, III, Mayor  
Raymond Turner, Councilmember  
Bob Dixon, Councilmember  
Jennifer Evans, Councilmember  
Cecil Thompson, Councilmember  
Loyd Mobley, Councilmember

**CITY STAFF:** Bill Bedingfield, City Manager  
Daniel O'Connor, City Attorney  
Kellie Murray, City Clerk

A list of visitors is attached.

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR DOUG P. ROPER, III, WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE.**

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Doug Roper with the Invocation given by Councilmember Raymond Turner who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**

Councilmember Bob Dixon made the motion to approve the agenda as written with a second made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

**3. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY ESG FOR GRASS-CUTTING SERVICES. This will be an amendment to the current contract with ESG.**

Councilmember Loyd Mobley discussed proposal submitted to Streets and Sanitation Committee by ESG. City Manager Bill Bedingfield advised there are excess funds that

will cover the cost of this contract in our current year budget. Councilmember Raymond Turner made the motion to approve this proposal with a second made by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

**4. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL QUOTE SUBMITTED BY HUB ELECTRONICS FOR CAMERA SYSTEMS TO BE LOCATED AT SPLASH PAD AND CONVENIENCE CENTER.**

City Marshal Chad Phillips presented quotes received to install security camera systems at the Splash Pad and Convenience Center and discussed the specifications of each. A motion was made to approve and award the bid of \$3,457.56 (less sales tax). This motion was made by Councilmember Bob Dixon with a second made by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Bill Bedingfield presented a proposal, not for official action, to increase 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to accommodate a business wishing to build. City Marshal Chad Phillips reported the area is zoned Industrial (I-1). This proposal was discussed for information purposes only, there is no cost-estimate on road construction at this time. Mr. Bedingfield also requested approval to seek quotes for interior decorating at City Hall. The Mayor and Council were also advised Lynn Moore, Toombs Co. EMA Director, extended an invitation to a new warning system being presented by the State of Georgia on March 18, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION PER O.C.G.A. §50-14-4 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERSONNEL PER O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2).**

A motion was made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley to enter Executive Session for the purpose of a personnel issue. A second was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to return to regular session by Councilmember Loyd Mobley with a second made by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion unanimously and this meeting returned to regular session.

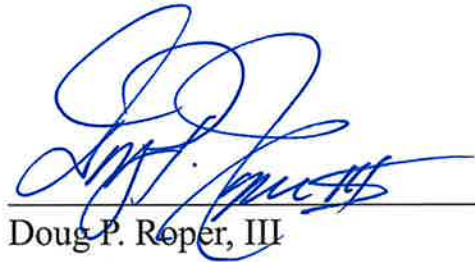
A recommendation was made to end employment relationship with Finance Director Patricia Glover effective immediately. Councilmember Cecil Thompson made the motion to approve this recommendation. A second was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

## 6. ADJOURN

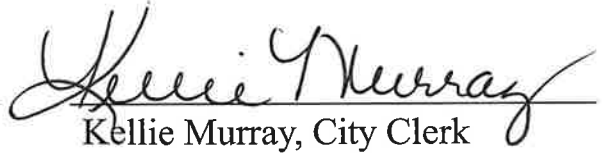
There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson to adjourn this Special Called Meeting. A second was made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously, and this meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

### AFFIRMATION

We affirm that these minutes are correct and true to form as presented to the Mayor and City Council on March 11, 2024.



Doug P. Roper, III  
MAYOR



Kellie Murray, City Clerk


**CITY OF VIDALIA  
EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT**

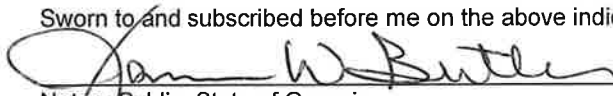
- (1) Pursuant to my duties as Mayor, I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Vidalia City Council held on the **1st** day of **MARCH, 2024**. A portion of said meeting was closed to the public.
- (2) I am competent to make this Affidavit and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.
- (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.






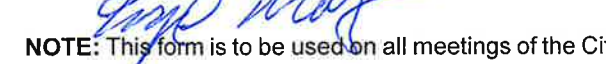
This 1st day of March, 2024

BY: CITY OF VIDALIA  
  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mayor Doug R. Roper, III, Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above indicated date  
  
 Notary Public, State of Georgia  
 Commission Expires 5-18-26



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

	<u>Cecil Thompson</u>
	<u>John Raymond Turner</u>
	<u>Jennifer Evans</u>
	<u>Loyd Mobley</u>
	<u>Bob Dixon</u>
	

**NOTE:** This form is to be used on all meetings of the City of Vidalia when four (4) or more council members are present.







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W 2nd St