

**AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MUNICIPAL ANNEX
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024
5:30 P.M.**

The Mayor and City Council held a workshop on the stated date, time, and location.

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

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

The purpose of the workshop is for **DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY** on the following items:

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR DOUG P. ROPER, III

Mayor Roper called this meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Auditor Presentation & Engagement Letter
- Licenses & Special Event Permit
- Quotes / Purchase Requests
- Committee Recommendations/Resolution

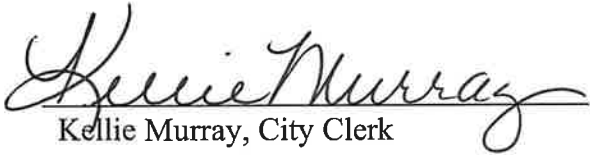
With no further business to discuss, Mayor Roper adjourned this meeting at 5:45 p.m.

AFFIRMATION

We affirm that these minutes are correct and true to form as presented to the Mayor and City Council on April 8, 2024.



Doug P. Roper, III
MAYOR



Kellie Murray, City Clerk

**AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL ANNEX
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor and City Council held their regularly scheduled meeting on the date, time and location stated above.

A list of visitors is attached to these minutes.

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

CITY STAFF: Bill Bedingfield, City Manager
Daniel O'Connor, City Attorney
Kellie Murray, City Clerk
Tonya Parker, DVA Director
Alexa Britton, CVB Director
Brian Sikes, Fire Chief
Garry Colson, Captain, Vidalia PD
Tony Hall, Project Manager, ESG
Scott Strickland, Recreation Director
Billy Ragan, Airport Manager
Chad Phillips, City Marshal

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR DOUG P. ROPER, III, WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY PASTOR RICK DAVIS, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Mayor Roper called this meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Pastor Rick Davis, Bible Baptist Church, giving the Invocation and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Councilmember Jennifer Evans made the motion to approve the agenda as written. A second was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner. Motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

4. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- Workshop Meeting Minutes dated February 12, 2024
- Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated February 12, 2024
- Executive Session Minutes dated February 12, 2024
- Special Called Meeting Minutes dated March 1, 2024
- Executive Session Minutes dated March 1, 2024

Councilmember Bob Dixon made the motion to approve the consent agenda as written with a second made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion was approved unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Bill Bedingfield, City Manager, presented the financial report to Mayor and Council.

6. PRESENTATION TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF AUDIT REVIEW FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

Mr. Tracy Clark of McClain, Calhoun, McCullough, Clark & Co. presented a review of annual audit for fiscal year 2022. His recommendations were presented, and he advised there were no major findings during this audit.

7. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER TO MCCLAIN, CALHOUN, MCCULLOUGH, CLARK & CO., P.C. TO PERFORM AUDIT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

Councilmember Raymond Turner made the motion to approve this engagement letter to perform the audit for fiscal year 2023. A second was made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

8. TOURISM / CHAMBER UPDATE

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| - Downtown Vidalia Association (DVA) | Tonya Parker |
| - Vidalia Convention & Visitors Bureau (VCVB) | Alexa Britton |
| - Greater Vidalia Chamber | Michele Johnson |
| - Vidalia Onion Festival | Jake Cleghorn |
| - Sweet Onion Golf Authority | Andy Woodruff |

Tonya Parker advised “Sweeten Your Ride” will be held April 5-6 at the old Walgreens parking lot. The proceeds will go to replenish the flag fund for the Boy Scouts. She

has received several applications to participate in Rural Zone designation and while present at the podium, Councilmember Loyd Mobley made a motion to officially appoint Tonya as Director of the Downtown Development Authority. Councilmember Cecil Thompson made the second motion. This motion passed unanimously.

Debbie Evans presented the update for the Greater Vidalia Chamber and Andy Woodruff presented the update for the Vidalia Onion Festival.

9. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE TO ALEXA BRITTON FOR THE ONION FESTIVAL SPECIAL EVENT LOCATED AT 2921 AIRPORT ROAD (VIDALIA REGIONAL AIRPORT). THIS LICENSE WILL BE ISSUED TO THE VIDALIA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU. *ALL REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET.*

Councilmember Jennifer Evans made the motion to approve this license with a second made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

10. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE TO ALEXA BRITTON FOR THE ONION FESTIVAL EVENTS LOCATED AT 114 JACKSON STREET (RONNIE A DIXON CITY PARK). THIS LICENSE WILL BE ISSUED TO THE VIDALIA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU. *ALL REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET.*

Councilmember Raymond Turner made the motion to approve this license with a second made by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

11. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE TO KARTIKKUMAR PATEL AT TAMMY'S (ONION CITY, LLC). THIS LOCATION IS UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP. *ALL REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET.*

Councilmember Jennifer Evans made the motion to approve this license with a second made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson. This motion passed unanimously.

12. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF COIN-OPERATED AMUSEMENT MACHINE LICENSE ISSUED TO KARTIKKUMAR PATEL AT TAMMY'S (ONION CITY, LLC). THIS LOCATION IS UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP. *ALL REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET.*

Councilmember Bob Dixon made the motion to approve this license with a second made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

- 13. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT SUBMITTED BY PAIGE ALEXANDER, SWEET ONION SOCIAL, FOR WILL MOSELEY PARKING LOT PARTY ON MARCH 22, 2024 FROM 5:00 P.M. UNTIL 11:30 P.M. ROAD CLOSURE IS REQUESTED: MCNATT STREET FROM TESTON LANE TO INDUSTRIAL LANE. (See application and map)**

A discussion was held concerning this application and the requested road closure and its effect on local industries. A motion was made to approve this special event permit on Sweet Onion Social contacting Trane to ensure there would be no interference with their operation. The road closure will be approved from the entrances to each parking lot to ensure emergency personnel maintains access to the industrial buildings as needed. Motion was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner with a second made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

- 14. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH CIVICPLUS TO COMPLETE A RECODIFICATION OF THE CITY OF VIDALIA ORDINANCES AND CHARTER. DURATION OF PROJECT IS ESTIMATED AT ONE YEAR AT A TOTAL INVESTMENT OF \$20,900.00. FUND SOURCE: FUND BALANCE**

A motion was made to approve this agreement with CivicPlus to recodify City Charter and all city ordinances at a cost of \$20,900.00 from Fund Balance. Motion was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner with a second made by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

- 15. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL AND AWARD OF BID FOR THE 2024 LMIG. TWO BIDS RECEIVED ARE LISTED BELOW:**

SIKES BROTHERS	\$238,257.20
MCLENDON ENTERPRISES	\$301,425.20

GADOT LMIG GRANT AMOUNT IS \$207,767.58 WITH A REQUIRED 10% MATCH FROM THE CITY OF VIDALIA OF \$20,776.76 FOR A MINIMUM PROJECT COST OF \$228,544.34.

Councilmember Loyd Mobley made the motion to accept and award this bid to Sikes Brothers in the amount of \$238,257.20 to complete the 2024 LMIG grant. A second was made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

16. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF QUOTE SUBMITTED BY HARPER CONSTRUCTION TO PREP AND COAT WOODEN BEAMS AT THE RONNIE A DIXON CITY PARK STAGE. TOTAL LABOR & MATERIALS \$4,600.00. BIDS RECEIVED:

HARPER CONSTRUCTION	\$4,600.00
PPC COMPANY	\$10,180.00

Councilmember Bob Dixon made the motion to approve and award this quote to Harper Construction in the amount of \$4,600.00 for improvements to the stage at Ronnie A Dixon City Park. A second was made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans and this motion passed unanimously.

17. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL AND AWARD OF BIDS TO CLEAR LOT ACROSS FROM RV PARK. BIDS RECEIVED:

Garrett Tree & Land Management, LLC	\$9,800.00
GAB Land Services	\$14,400.00
DHE Contractors	\$15,000.00

Councilmember Raymond Turner made the motion to accept and award this bid to Garrett Tree & Land Management, LLC in the amount of \$9,800.00 to clear debris from lot across from RV park. Councilmember Bob made a second motion Dixon and this motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE MET FEBRUARY 16, 2024

18. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 24-002, ONE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS OR LICENSES RELATED TO THE USE OF LAND WITHIN THE CITY OF VIDALIA FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- *SOLAR ENERGY PRODUCTION FACILITIES (SOLAR FARMS)*
- *CRYPTOCURRENCY MINES (PROOF-OF-WORK MINING)*
- *ANIMAL BREEDING OR TESTING FACILITIES (EXCEPT PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED TYPES OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY IN AN APPLICABLE ZONE)*

- *LANDFILLS*
- *PUBLIC UTILITY FACILITIES IN THE (OR) ZONE AND (R3) ZONE.*

A motion was made to approve this one-year moratorium by Councilmember Raymond Turner with a second made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE MET MARCH 7, 2024

NOTE: Recommendation of Committee will need a first and second motion to approve due to Mayor Roper serving as Committee member.

19. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL AND AWARD OF BID TO REPLACE GPU UNIT AT VIDALIA REGIONAL AIRPORT. BIDS ARE ATTACHED AND VARY FROM GAS, HYBRID, AND BATTERY-POWERED UNITS. See enclosed bid sheet.

A motion was made to approve and award the bid of Mark C Pope in the amount of \$24,900.00 for a rebuilt, gas-powered GPU unit. This motion was made by Councilmember Bob Dixon with a second made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson. This motion passed unanimously.

20. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- a. Brian Sikes, Fire Chief
- b. James Jermon, Police Chief
- c. Tony Hall, Project Manager – ESG
- d. Scott Strickland, Recreation Director
- e. Billy Ragan, Airport Manager
- f. Chad Phillips, City Marshal

The monthly report for Vidalia Police Department was presented by Capt. Garry Colson in the absence of Chief Jermon. Recreation Director Scott Strickland advised there are 4 participants in the Stay Golden program ages 82-90. The Pickleball league has 24 individuals registered with 6 teams. Saturday, April 20th will be “Play Day” at rec department and will include the parade of teams.

21. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Bill Bedingfield thanked the City Hall staff for all the extra work handled during our staff shortages.

22. 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 to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel by Councilmember Bob Dixon. A second was made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed.

Councilmember Raymond Turner made the motion to exit the Executive Session and return to the regular session with a second made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson. This motion passed unanimously.

Upon return to regular session, Councilmember Bob Dixon made the motion to approve a \$300.00 a month car allowance to City Marshal Chad Phillips. This allowance will be effective immediately. A second was made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

23. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn this meeting of the Mayor and City Council. Motion made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson with a second made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

AFFIRMATION

We affirm that these minutes are correct and true to form as presented to the Mayor and City Council on April 8, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug P. Roper, III", written over a horizontal line.

Doug P. Roper, III
MAYOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kellie Murray", written over a horizontal line.

Kellie Murray, City Clerk

CITY OF VIDALIA

EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT

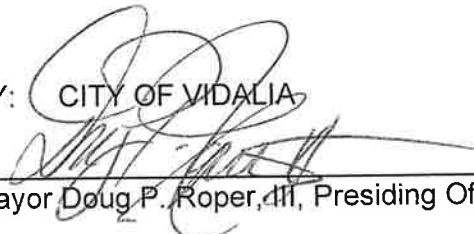
- (1) Pursuant to my duties as Mayor, I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Vidalia City Council held on the **11th** day of **MARCH, 2024**. A portion of said meeting was closed to the public.
- (2) I am competent to make this Affidavit and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth 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.

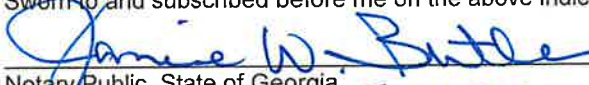
This Affidavit is executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of **O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b)** and is to be filed with the official minutes for the aforementioned meeting.

This 11th day of March, 2024

BY: CITY OF VIDALIA



 Mayor Doug P. 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

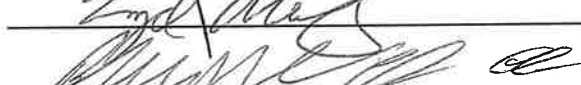


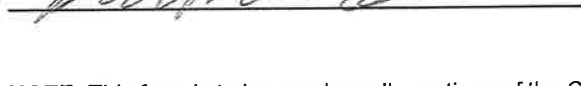
(Although the same is not mandatory, the following parties swear with the accuracy of this Affidavit)











Cecil Thompson

John Raymond Turner

Jennifer Evans

Loyd Mobley

Bob Dixon

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE SIGN IN

DATE OF MEETING: MARCH 11, 2024

NAME	ADDRESS
Charles [unclear]	VIDALIA
Bernie Nelson	
Billy Logan	VRA
Chad Phillips	CA
Angie Woodruff	SOGA
Salome J. B. [unclear]	
[unclear]	MEMC.
[unclear]	MCDC
Paige Alexander	SOS
Tanya Parker	DVA
Bob [unclear]	SOS
Janice O'Neal	ESG
Rev. Ronald Miller	
Rosemarie Rhoads	
Ken [unclear]	Vidalia
Kathy Hill	Radio Station
Thomas [unclear]	CV Mosley
Garry [unclear]	VPD
Tracy [unclear]	Miss [unclear]
Alex [unclear]	Vidalia CVB
Dubrie Evans	Chamber
Tom [unclear]	ESG
Matt O'Leary	VID.
Lash Clemens	Vidalia
Blenda Green	Vidalia
Wyle [unclear]	vidalia
Lynndi [unclear]	Vidalia Borden St.
Phillie Turner	Vidalia Co.
Connie [unclear]	Vidalia Co.
Penelope McCrae	
[unclear]	Upham Co.
[unclear]	Vidalia
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