



**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**CITY OF AUBURN, GA**

Bel Outwater, Chair

Cameron Whitehead, Vice-Chair

Susan Long, Secretary

Massa Williams

Tina Nix

Mayda Brown

Jon Gomolak

**Minutes**

December 3, 2024

6:15

Auburn Public Library

24 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Members Present: B. Outwater, C. Whitehead, S. Long, M. Williams, T. Nix, M. Brown, Jon Gomolak

City Officials/Staff: S. Waters, R. Rocquemore, J. Bradley, J. Rowan

**CALL TO ORDER**

Call to Order 6:16

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Approval Of Minutes November 5, 2024**

Action Taken: Motion to approve minutes of 11/5/ 2024

C. Whitehead	Yes (1 <sup>st</sup> Motion)
S. Long	Yes
M. Williams	Yes
T. Nix	Yes (2 <sup>nd</sup> Motion)
M. Brown	Yes
J. Gomolak	Yes

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Main Street Report**

It's the end of the year and Staci Waters was happy to report that all Downtown events were a success! The new Calendar will be approved at the next Council meeting.

Food Truck Fridays will be May 9<sup>th</sup>, June 13, Sept. 12 and Oct 10

We would like to up the budget on Food Truck Fridays to enhance the Entertainment experience.

Farmer's Market will be May 6 – September 16<sup>th</sup>

Car shows, JeepFest, AuburnFest, and Sounding off Christmas will continue.

## 2. WhistleStop Shop Update

The city's new computer system is not printing past due accounts or DDA members checks. No update.

### a. Upcoming vacancy/moves

Sweet Treats is moving out of Shop 6. Shop 10 has asked to move into it. That will leave Shop 10 vacant. We have three applications to look at, Alma Earth, The Brow Girl, and The Brow Girl had the most interest. They are currently in Dacula.

**Motion Taken: Motion made to move Shop 10 to Shop 6. Shop 6 will be Offered to The Brow Girl.**

C. Whitehead	Yes
S. Long	Yes
M. Williams	Yes (2 <sup>nd</sup> motion)
T. Nix	Yes
M. Brown	Yes (1 <sup>st</sup> motion)
J. Gomolak	Yes

## 3. Rise and Grind Lease discussion

J. Gomolak had comparison rent prices ranging from \$1100 - \$1500. The highest rent in Auburn at the time is \$800. After discussion, most Members thought \$1200 was a fair price, helping ensure her success. The Median of the group was \$1400.

We would like to be notified in writing of permit filed

We would like them leave the upgrade they do

No motion or vote were taken at this meeting.

Bel will follow up with discussion with the owner.

#### 4. RGS 30 Day LOI extension

They have presented a contract to our attorney Jack Wilson. We need time to look over the contract.

Motion made to extend the Letter of Intent for 30 more days.

C. Whitehead	Yes (1 <sup>st</sup> Motion)
S. Long	Yes
M. Williams	Yes
T. Nix	Yes
M. Brown	Yes (2 <sup>nd</sup> Motion)
J. Gomolak	Yes

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting – January 7, 2025

#### ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn.

C. Whitehead	Yes (1 <sup>st</sup> motion)
S. Long	Yes
M. Williams	Yes (2 <sup>nd</sup> motion)
T. Nix	Yes
M. Brown	Yes
J. Gomolak	Yes

Respectfully Submitted

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Bel Outwater  
Chair

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Susan Long  
Secretary