



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

January 7, 2025

6:15

Auburn Public Library
24 5th Street

Members Present: B. Outwater, C. Whitehead, S. Long, M. Williams, T. Nix, M. Brown, J. Gomolak
(by telephone)

City Officials/Staff Present: S. Waters, M. Parks, R. Rocquemore, J. Bradley, J. Rowen, J. Wilson

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order 6:19 pm

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes: December 3, 2024

Motion Taken: Motion to approve minutes of December 3, 2024

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Officer Roles

Chair –

Nomination for Cameron Whitehead made by Susan Long. No Second motion

Nomination for Bel Outwater by Tina Nix, Second by Massa Williams

C. Whitehead	Yes
S. Long	Yes
M. Williams	Yes
T. Nix	Yes
M. Brown	Yes
J. Gomolak	Yes

Vice Chair – Suggestion to keep Cameron Whitehead as Vice Chair by B. Outwater

C. Whitehead	Yes
S. Long	Yes

M. Williams	Yes (2 nd motion)
T. Nix	Yes (1 st motion)
M. Brown	Yes
J. Gomolok	Yes

Secretary – Suggestion to keep Susan Long by B. Outwater

C. Whitehead	Yes
S. Long	Yes
M. Williams	Yes (2 nd motion)
T. Nix	Yes (1 st motion)
M. Brown	Yes
J. Gomolok	Yes

2. Meeting date/time/location 2025

Suggestion made by B Outwater

Keep date 1st Tuesday of the month

Time 6:15

Location: Auburn Public Library Meeting Room

C. Whitehead	Yes
S. Long	Yes
M. Williams	Yes
T. Nix	Yes (1 st Motion)
M. Brown	Yes (2 nd Motion)
J. Gomolok	Yes

3. Financial Report

This was send by email to every member. \$261,195.70

4. Main Street Report

a. Budget Request

S. Waters asked for up to \$3500 to book the band Fly Betty for the first Friday Night Food Truck.

Motion made to approve up to \$3500 to book a band Fly Betty

C. Whitehead	Yes
S. Long	No
M. Williams	Yes (2 nd Motion)
T. Nix	Yes
M. Brown	Yes (1 st Motion)
J. Gomolok	Yes

5. Whistlestop Shop Update

Brow Girl Shop 10 will be moved in by February 1, 2025

Demona has moved into shop 6

All shops filled

6. Rise and Grind Lease

Leasee agreed to changes presented. Rent is set at \$1000 with a \$50 increase every year. 5 year Lease.

Can renew for another 5 years.

Motion made to enter lease agreement.

C. Whitehead	Yes
S. Long	Yes
M. Williams	Yes (2 nd Motion)
T. Nix	Yes (1 st Motion)
M. Brown	No
J. Gomolak	Yes

Discussion on their Parking Lot. They are asking for help in resurfacing. City might be able to help with this. Tabled until next month and a city update will be given.

7. HUE GRAPIC LEASE

They pay \$800. Raise to \$825 with a \$50 yearly increase

Motion for \$825 rent with a \$50 yearly increase

C, Whitehead	No
S. Long	Yes
M. Williams	Yes
T. Nix	Yes (1 st Motion)
M. Brown	Yes (2 nd Motion)
J. Gomolak	Yes

8. DDA Training

Advanced DDA Training on January 25th 8:30 am. Let Staci Waters know if you would like to attend. Jon attending basic DDA training.

Executive Session – Real Property Disposition

➤ Action taken – Vote to move into executive Session.

C, Whitehead	Yes
S. Long	Yes
M. Williams	Yes
T. Nix	Yes
M. Brown	Yes
J. Gomolak	Yes

➤ Action taken – Vote to Return from executive Session.

C, Whitehead	Yes
S. Long	Yes
M. Williams	Yes
T. Nix	Yes
M. Brown	Yes
J. Gomolak	Yes

After executive session, the DDA's attorney reported that the Authority met in executive session to discuss one matter regarding real property disposition, as allowed under the Open Meetings Act. There were no votes taken in executive session. The original affidavit

and resolution required by State law have been signed and delivered to the staff to be included with the minutes of this meeting.

Motion made to hold Special Called Meeting on Thursday, January 16th at 7:15 pm at the Auburn Public Library.

C. Whitehead	Yes
S. Long	Yes
M. Williams	Yes
T. Nix	Yes
M. Brown	No
J. Gomolak	Yes

ANNOUNCEMENTS


Next Regular Meeting – February 4, 2025

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn meeting

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

Respectfully submitted 2/04/2025



Susan Long
Secretary

Attest



Bel Outwater
Chair

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, Bel Outwater, Chairman who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

(1) I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the City of Auburn, Georgia Downtown Development Authority held on the 7th day of January, 2025.

(2) That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A. Section 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 chairperson or other person presiding over 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.

(3) The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 7th day of January 2025, which was closed for the purposes of discussion with staff regarding the potential acquisition of real property as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

(4) This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

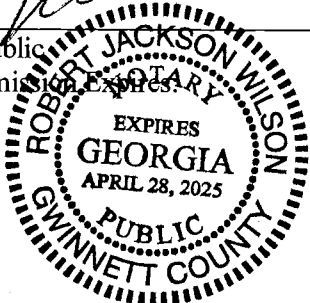
This 7th day of January, 2025.



Belinda Outwater

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this 7th day of January, 2025.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires



RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, GA
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Auburn, Georgia Downtown Development Authority (hereinafter "Auburn DDA") as follows: At the meeting held on the 5th day of January 2025, the Auburn DDA entered into closed session for the following purposes:

- ___ staff meetings for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law, O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(a)(1);
- ✓ ___ discussing the future acquisition of real estate, O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(b)(1); *disposition ONLY*
- ___ discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee, O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(b)(2);
- ___ meeting with legal counsel covered by the attorney/client privilege for consulting about pending or potential litigation, settlement, and claims, O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2(1).


At the close of the discussions upon this subject, the Auburn DDA did vote to re-enter into open session and herewith takes the following action in open session:

- (1) The actions of the Auburn DDA and the discussions of the same regarding the matter set forth for closed session purposes are hereby ratified.
- (2) Each member of this body does hereby confirm that to the best of his or her knowledge, based upon the advice of the Authority's Attorney, the said subject matter of the meeting and of the closed session portion was devoted to matters within the specific relevant exception(s) as set forth above.
- (3) The Chair is hereby authorized and directed to execute an affidavit, with full support of the members of the Auburn DDA, in order to comply with O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b).

This 7th day of January, 2025.



Belinda Outwater, Chair (SEAL)



Cameron Whitehead, Secretary

Susan Long
Susan Long

Massa Williams
Massa Williams

Tina Nix
Tina Nix

Mayda Brown
Mayda Brown

Attended by teleconference
Joe Gomolak