

**CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION SUMMARY MINUTES
Tuesday, April 30, 2024**



Councilmembers in Attendance: Mayor Frank Moran, Mayor Pro Tem Melissa R. Bayardelle, Councilmember Robert Tressel, Councilmember Tiffany Carroll, Councilmember Derrick Battle, Councilmember Doris Devey.

Staff in Attendance: Jody Palmer, J. Jayson Phillips, Melissa Chosewood, Leo Parker, Chris Shaffer, Chief Michael Turner, Sandra Touchstone, Jonathan Pope, Michael Broome, Jeffery Durham.

The Work Session for April 30, 2024 was called to order by Mayor Frank Moran at 6:00pm in the Municipal Annex.

- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Elder Ronnie Gooch- Hiram Seventh-day Adventist Church, and Hiram Elementary School Citizenship Award recipients.
- Mayor Moran and Council recognized Hiram Elementary School Citizenship Award recipients.
- Mr. James Whitaker presented a review of the City of Hiram's Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2023 Audit.
- Recognized Jeffery Durham for attaining his Class B Commercial Driver's License.
- Recognized Jonathan Pope for attaining his Class 4 Water Operator certification.
- Discussed the Public Works facility (83 Duncan Circle) addition project.
- Discussed the bid for the Hiram Veterans Memorial.
- Discussed pyrotechnics for the Red, White & Boom and New Year's Eve Block Party events.
- Discussed alcohol sales and consumption at Gray's Mill Park.
- Discussed amendment to the insurance license fee.
- Discussed hotel motel excise tax.
- Jody Palmer presented the draft FY25 budget.
- Mayor Moran reviewed Consent Agenda with City Clerk.
- Mayor Moran's second appointment of an Ethics Board Member will be considered on May 7, 2024.
- Approved the Public Works office expansion at 83 Duncan Circle by Contractors of West Georgia (CWG) at a cost of \$60,480.00, plus a 10% contingency of \$6,048.00 for a total of \$66,528.00, to be funded by Street SPLOST.
- Considered bid awards for the Hiram Veterans Memorial dismissed and re-advertised.
- Councilmember Tressel thanked staff for the work on the retreat.
- Mayor Pro Tem Bayardelle mentioned the Joint Board Meeting on May 2, 2024 at 8:30am at the Paulding County Water System.
- Mayor Pro Tem Bayardelle mentioned the Paulding County Chamber of Commerce Greystone Power Luncheon on May 2, 2024 at 11:30am at Greystone Power Headquarters.
- Mayor Moran mentioned the upcoming news and events:
 - Regular Session Meeting on May 7, 2024.
 - Budget Work Session at 9am on May 18, 2024.
- Mayor Moran announced that the meeting would be adjourned from Executive Session.
- Entered Executive Session to discuss property acquisition and personnel.

Melissa Chosewood
City Clerk
5/6/2024