

**CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 25, 2023**



**Councilmembers in Attendance:** Mayor Frank Moran, Mayor Pro Tem Teresa Philyaw, Councilmember Kathy Bookout, Councilmember Melissa R. Bayardelle, Councilmember Derrick Battle, Councilmember Doris Devey.

**Staff in Attendance:** Jody Palmer, J. Jayson Phillips, Deputy Chief Josh Lonergan, Clifford McGrady, Leo Parker, Jackie Pryor, Isabella Orr.

**The Work Session for April 25, 2023 was called to order by Mayor Frank Moran at 6:00pm in the Municipal Annex.**

- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Clifford McGrady.
- Mayor and Council recognized the Georgia Cities Week Essay Contest Winners from Hiram Elementary School (no submissions from Hiram High School)
  - Mrs. Statham's Class: Keon Davis
  - Mrs. Hokanson's Class: Khadija Jalloh
  - Ms. Wilkes's Class: Adedoyin Olatunde (Camila)
  - Ms. Uding's Class: Nalicia Joseph
  - Ms. Walls's Class: Milani Weaver
- Mayor and Council recognized Hiram Elementary School Citizenship Award recipients:
  - Kindergarten: Teddy Kim
  - First Grade: Bryson Sellers
  - Second Grade: Lucas Burd
  - Third Grade: Ezekiel Harrington
  - Fourth Grade: Skyler Bailey
  - Fifth Grade: Alisia Victoria and Nicholas Bayardelle-Adams
- Mayor Moran read the Georgia Cities Week Proclamation.
- Discussed The Events Place.
- Discussed Cyclist Safety.
- Discussed Online Media Policy.
- The discussion of the annexation of three parcels of land on Metromont Road will be delayed until next Work Session.
- Discussed the draft FY24 Budget.
- Discussed Red, White and Boom Event.
- The request from Paulding County Library services was not discussed because the event was moved to Taylor Farm Park.
- Reviewed Consent Agenda with Deputy City Clerk:
  - Adoption of Online Media Policy
- Mayor Moran mentioned upcoming events:
  - May 2: Regular Session at 6pm in the Municipal Annex
  - April 29: Shred Event 8:00am-12:00pm at New Season Church
  - April 29: Leo Parker's birthday
- Cliff McGrady read Melissa Chosewood's email to staff about the hard work of the Occupation Tax Certificate (OTC) team.
- Councilmember Bookout recognized those on the Council for their efforts in getting the new Occupation Tax method in place.

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- Councilmember Bayardelle mentioned upcoming events:
  - This evening: Shirley Chisolm Event at 8pm at the Rosenwald.
  - April 27: Pastors Alliance Meeting at 11:30AM at the Board of Education.
- Mayor Moran announced that the meeting would adjourn immediately following the Executive Session.

**23-046:** Councilmember Battle made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate. Councilmember Bookout seconded the motion.

Post 1, Philyaw – Yes	Post 2, Bookout – Yes
Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes	Post 4, Battle – Yes
Post 5, Devey – Yes	
Motion passes: 5-0	

City Clerk  
Approved: May 2, 2023

