

**CITY OF HIRAM COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, January 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, Kathie Stancil, Jackie Pryor, Leo Parker, Chief Turner, Jonathan Pope and Isabella Orr.

The Work Session for January 30, 2024 was called to order by Mayor Frank Moran at 6:05pm in the Municipal Annex.

- Invocation: Jody Palmer
- Pledge of Allegiance: Hiram Elementary School Students led the pledge.
- Mayor and Council recognized Hiram Elementary School Citizenship Award recipients:
 - Kindergarten: Amari Gomez
 - First Grade: Camden Robinson
 - Second Grade: Camilla Partida Hernandez
 - Third Grade: Alexa Smith
 - Fourth Grade: Amy Sierra
 - Fifth Grade: Abdul Darboe
- Mayor and Council presented the Gia Smith Day Proclamation to Gia Smith for her various accomplishments as a young representative of Hiram.
- Mayor Pro Tem Bayardelle thanked Outrageous Mini Golf for their support of Hiram's Students.
- Mayor Moran read the Public Hearing Procedures.
- The City of Hiram held a Public Hearing to consider application 2023-13-Z (CoH), by Dina Patel, requesting to re-zone 2.66 acres from B-2 (Highway Business District) to I-1 (Light Industrial District) for the development of a 2story self-storage facility accompanied by RV/Boat Parking. The property is located in Land Lot 544; District 2; Section 3; along the northwest intersection of Pace Court and Pace Road, within the City limits of Hiram, Georgia.
- Applicant was not present at the meeting.
- No one spoke in support or opposition of the application.
- 24-013:** Councilmember Devey made a motion dismiss the re-zoning application without prejudice. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion.
 - Post 1, Tressel– Yes
 - Post 2, Carroll – Yes
 - Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes
 - Post 4, Battle – Yes
 - Post 5, Devey – Yes
 - Motion passes: 5-0
- The Public Hearing was closed.

- Discussed purchase of the third sanitation truck needed as part of the fleet.
- Discussed proposed holiday schedule changes.
- Discussed 2024 City Events.
- Discussed police and public works vehicle purchases.
- Discussed hotel motel excise tax disbursement.
- Discussed Mayor/Council retreat.
- Discussed Mayor Pro Tem appointment method.
- Discussed agenda deadlines.
- Discussed increasing the City Manager's spending limit from \$5,000.00 to \$25,000.00.
- Discussed Elected Officials Special Events/Sponsorships budget.
- Reviewed the Consent Agenda with City Clerk:
 - Purchase of the third sanitation truck needed as part of the fleet

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- 2024 City Events.
- Mayor Moran mentioned upcoming news and events:
 - Regular Session: February 6th at 6pm in Municipal Annex
 - Melissa and Isabella will be attending the Clerks Conference February 4-7.
 - The Sherman Carter Event at the Rosenwald on February 03rd from 1PM-3PM.
- Councilmember Tressel mentioned the upcoming Paulding Education Foundation's Casino Night and the Great Gatsby Gala hosted by the Family Alliance of Paulding, both on February 10, 2024.
- Mayor Pro Tem Bayardelle mentioned upcoming events:
 - Greystone Power Luncheon on February 01st at 11:30AM.
 - Chamber of Commerce First Friday Vibe\$ on February 02nd at 8AM
 - Chamber of Commerce Workforce Development Event on February 06th at 9AM
- Councilmember Battle asked Jody for updates regarding annexation, Barnwell Street and Night Club property.
- Mayor explained that general business had concluded and the meeting will end after the adjournment of the Executive Session.

24-014: Councilmember Battle made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition. Councilmember Tressel seconded the motion.

Post 1, Tressel – Yes

Post 2, Carroll – Yes

Post 3, Bayardelle – Yes

Post 4, Battle – Yes

Post 5, Devey – Yes

Motion passes: 5-0

- Work Session ended.



City Clerk

Approved: February 06, 2024

