

CITY OF MABLETON, GEORGIA
Riverside EpiCenter
135 Riverside Pkwy, Austell, GA 30168
May 8, 2024 @ 6:30PM

The Honorable Michael Owens, Mayor - Present
The Honorable Ron Davis, District 1 Councilmember - Present
The Honorable Dami Oladapo, District 2 Councilmember - Absent
The Honorable Keisha Jeffcoat, Mayor Pro Tem/District 3 Councilmember - Present
The Honorable Patricia Auch, District 4 Councilmember - Present
The Honorable TJ Ferguson, District 5 Councilmember - Present
The Honorable Debora Herndon, District 6 Councilmember - Present

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Michael Owens
2. **ROLL CALL** - City Clerk Hiott conducted the roll call and quorum was present.
3. **INVOCATION** - Led by Councilmember Davis.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Led by City Manager Tanks.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilmember Jeffcoat and seconded by Councilmember Davis to approve the agenda. The motion carried 6-0.
6. **PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ PROCLAMATIONS** - None
7. **APPOINTMENTS** - None.
8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *2 minutes per speaker - no more than 30 minutes for all speakers. Anyone wishing to make a public comment should complete and submit the public comment card to the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting.*

Jo Lahmon, Regional Manager of South Cobb Regional Libraries, spoke about Happy Happenings at North Cobb and South Cobb libraries. She announced other events being held by the library, including summer readings beginning May 13th. There will be a new mascot to be named by the community.
9. **CONSENT AGENDA**
a. April 24, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
Motion was made by Councilmember Jeffcoat and seconded by Councilmember Herndon to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 6-0.
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. First Read:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Administration of City of Mableton Code of Ordinances to add Section dealing with Oaths - City Attorney Emilia Walker-Ashby

Mayor Owens announced the item and explained how the ordinance stipulated that certain oaths of office are required by the City's Charter and the State of Georgia for mayor, council, boards, commissions, and staff. He asked if there were any questions or comments. There was none. (First Read, no action taken.)

- b.** Consideration and Approval of RFQ 24-02 for Professional Planning Firm to Conduct services for City of Mableton Comprehensive Plan 2045 - Mayor Owens

Mayor Owens announced the item explaining six companies had responded to the City's Request for Qualifications for the City of Mableton Comprehensive Plan Mableton 2045. The Mayor and Council have been reviewing the RFQs. He would like to have the final company selected by the next council meeting. He entertained a motion to allow the City Manager to convene a small group of council members and staff to review and make a recommendation for the mayor to nominate a final company.

Motion was made by Councilmember Auch for the City Manager, Mayor, Councilmembers Jeffcoat and Davis and two staff members to form a selection panel to narrow down from three companies down to one by the May 22, 2024 Council meeting.

- c.** Consideration and Approval of Resolution Updating the City of Mableton Preliminary Classification and Pay Plan and for Other Purposes - (DEFERRED)

Mayor Owens announced the item and asked that the item be deferred until the next meeting.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jeffcoat to defer the Resolution Updating the Preliminary Classification and Pay Plan to the next meeting (May 22, 2024). Councilmember Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

12. OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

- a.** Discussion on Extension of Exemption on Business Licensing Lates Fees and Penalties - City Attorney Emilia Walker-Ashby

Mayor Owens announced the item. Attorney Walker-Ashby stated the item was presented at the discretion of the Mayor and Council to authorize the Mayor to allow an additional 90 day extension to waive business license penalties and late fees. The Mayor had previously extended waiving of business license penalties and late fees through April 30th. The authorization would give the Mayor the discretion to waive business license late fees and penalties through August 31st.

Motion was made by Councilmember Auch to allow the Mayor to waive business license penalties and late fees through the end of August (August 31, 2024). Councilmember Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

13. CITY MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS - NONE

14. CITY ATTORNEY/CITY CLERK/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS - NONE

15. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Mayor and Council thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mayor Owens asked everyone who was interested in serving on boards and commissions to reach out to their council members. He encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED) FOR LITIGATION(O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(1)(A); REAL ESTATE(O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(1)); PERSONNEL (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(2)); AND MISC. EXEMPTIONS (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(4)&(5))

Motion was made to go into Executive Session by Councilmember Ferguson for real estate, personnel, and litigation and seconded by Councilmember Jeffcoat. The motion passed 6-0. Yeas: Davis, Jeffcoat, Auch, Ferguson, and Herndon (6:52 p.m.)

Motion was made to close Executive Session by Councilmember Auch and seconded by Councilmember Ferguson. The motion carried 6-0. Yeas: Owens, Davis, Jeffcoat, Auch, Ferguson, and Herndon. (9:51 p.m.)

Motion was made by Councilmember Jeffcoat to authorize the Mayor to finalize and execute the lease agreement with the Epicenter for an amount not to exceed the parameters of the approved spending plan. Councilmember Auch seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ferguson to authorize the Mayor to finalize and execute the nonexclusive brokerage agreement with McWhirter Realty Partners LLC, with commission to be paid by the landlord or seller. Councilmember Jeffcoat seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Owens presented a Certificate of Excellence to City Clerk Susan Hiott and thanked her for service.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Auch and seconded by Councilmember Herndon to adjourn. (9:56 p.m.)

Dr. Michael Owens, Mayor

Susan Hiott, City Clerk