

CITY OF MABLETON, GEORGIA

Riverside EpiCenter
135 Riverside Pkwy, Austell, GA 30168
December 19, 2023 @ 3:30PM

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

SPECIAL CALLED

TRANSITIONAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Michael Owens
2. **ROLL CALL** – City Clerk Susan Hiott conducted roll call. Quorum was present.
3. **INVOCATION** – Led by Councilmember Davis.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Councilmember Jeffcoat.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilmember Oladapo to approve as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jeffcoat. The motion to accept the agenda was approved by the council unanimously.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - City Clerk Hiott announced information about the time limit and asked those who spoke to announce their address and district. Those who spoke were:
 - Monica Delancey of District 2 shared positive updates from Riverside Community. She added her daughter lived fifteen years near Six Flags Georgia and now lives in Texas near Six Flags. She spoke about evictions and apartment complexes on Riverside Parkway.
 - Sulenia Alexander of District 4 agreed with Monica Delancey and asked Council to keep on their agenda to stop evictions.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. SECOND READ: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Article 2, Insurance Companies, of the City of Mableton Code of Ordinances*

Mayor Owens announced the item and provided background information. City Attorney Walker-Ashby announced there was a change to Section 7.6.1.4 to include schedule of fees attached, Schedule A, and subsequent fee schedules. Also, Section 6 was changed to authorize Mayor to waive city late fees and penalties, through February 29, 2024. Staff will use the NCIC code, and the code will be within the business license software. Councilmember Oladapo asked for explanation of the Acronyms. Attorney Walker-Ashby provided additional explanation. Additional questions and discussion followed about the NAICS Codes. Mayor Owens reiterated that in Section 6 that he would be authorized to waive city late fees and penalties through February 29, 2024.

Motion was made by Councilmember Oladapo to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article 2, Insurance Companies of the City of Mableton Code of Ordinances and seconded by Councilmember Davis. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. SECOND READ: An Ordinance Authorizing the City's Participation in the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System*

Mayor Owens announced the item. This was approved by a resolution, but GMA wanted adoption in form of an ordinance. There were not any questions or discussion.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ferguson to approve an ordinance authorizing the City's participation in the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System. Councilmember Jeffcoat seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED) FOR: NONE

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)
Exemptions O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b)(4)&(5)

9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council expressed gratitude for the work over the year and happy holidays, love and happiness to everyone. Councilmember Jeffcoat thanked staff and noted Santa had left a gift for everyone. Councilmember Ferguson thanked those who came to the meetings and expressed their opinions and concerns. Councilmember Herndon thanked Monica Delancey for sending pictures. The pictures were impactful. The council does hear the comments and hopefully as the City grows, Council can address issues. Mayor Owens thanked everyone for taking time and effort to attend the

meetings. They have been working for six months. There is a lot more to do. He addressed the importance of public comments and added how emails are also impactful. He asked everyone to continue to send emails to the Council. He explained there are some things that the City can't do. The City has no authority to stop evictions. He has checked with City attorney and Cobb County Court and verified that the City can't stop evictions. He explained there are some things the City can do, but the City can't stop or impede evictions.

10. PROCEDURAL ISSUE

Interim City Attorney Walker-Ashby explained that there was a public hearing required for occupational taxes (fees) in the Occupational Tax Ordinance before adoption.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jeffcoat to reconsider the vote for the Chapter 7, Article 2, Insurance Companies of the City of Mableton Code of Ordinances for a public hearing. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Oladapo to have a public hearing for any comments about the fee schedule Chapter 7, Article 2, Insurance Companies. Councilmember Jeffcoat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Owens opened the public hearing for the fee schedule. There was a question from the audience about the location of the ordinances on the website. Council indicated the ordinances were at Mableton.gov. There was no other comment. Mayor Owens closed the public comment.

Motion was made by Councilmember Oladapo to approve Chapter 7, Article 2, Insurance Companies of the City of Mableton Code of Ordinances. Councilmember Herndon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Jeffcoat and seconded by Councilmember Oladapo to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. (4.04 p.m.)

ATTEST:

Mayor Michael Owens

Susan Hiott, Clerk