CITY OF MABLETON, GEORGIA

Riverside EpiCenter
135 Riverside Pkwy, Austell, GA 30168
March 26, 2025 at 5:15 PM

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

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Keisha Jeffcoat called the meeting to Order at 5:23pm

2. ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Alison Benson conducted the roll call and a quorum was present. Mayor Owens was absent.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Herndon to approve the Agenda as written and Councilmember Oladapo seconded.

4. AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSION

a. Comprehensive Comp Plan Update - Special Projects Manager Xavier Ross

Special Projects Manager Xavier Ross was delayed due to traffic, so this item was discussed during the Pre-Regular Meeting Agenda Review under New Business - Item C.

5. PRE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Pro Tem Jeffcoat called for a review of the Consent Agenda. She highlighted that the City now has 14 contracted haulers. Councilmember Ferguson asked if others could sign up. Sustainability, Waste & Beautification Director, Emily Groth, explained that haulers could still join. Director Groth explained that latecomers may miss second-quarter environmental fees. Councilmember Ferguson commended Director Groth for her work to help quickly implement this service.

Mayor Pro Tem Jeffcoat discussed an agreement for grant writing services. City Manager Tanks explained the need and introduced Chris Brewer, who will be providing contract grant-writing services at a flat monthly rate. Councilmember Auch inquired about hiring a full-time grant writer. City Manager Tanks confirmed that hourly was a better price. Director Groth clarified that Brewer's contract is for 12 months at $1,600/month, a flat fee. She also mentioned that the next step would be to bring Mr. Brewer before the Council & Directors.

Mayor Pro Tem Jeffcoat introduced the community composting program, a free two-year pilot initiative in partnership with Food Well Alliance. Director Groth will provide further details via presentation during the Regular Meeting. Councilmember Auch inquired about the number of locations, and Director Emily confirmed that there would be one.

Mayor Pro Tem, introduced the next item, which is the adoption of Cobb County 2040 Comp Plan. City Manager Tanks stated that in order to be in compliance with DCA's Active City requirements, the City will have to adopt a complete Comp Plan before transition ends. This will be done as a backup plan until the City's comp plan is completed and will replace this one as a stand-in.

Councilmember Auch asked if we have an update on the City's Comp Plan with Grice. City Manager Tanks mentioned that there was a delay and provided details. A lengthy discussion ensued. City Manager mentioned that Mr. John Funny can come to the April 7th Work Session, to provide an update and answer any questions/concerns. Additional discussion ensued. City Manager Tanks invited Special Projects Manager Xavier Ross to provide additional details and updates.

Mayor Pro Tem Jeffcoat inquired about the updated expected completion date. Mr. Ross confirmed that the project is projected to be completed in FY 2026, with a timeframe ranging from as early as December to as late as March. City Manager Tanks suggested that we go into Executive Session to further discuss this topic.

Mayor Pro Tem introduced item D, an Agreement between the City and Cobb County for the November 4th, General Election and Subsequent Runoffs Required on December 2, 2025. No additional comments were made on this matter. City Manager Tanks noted that it was a necessary requirement.

Lastly, item E was introduced by Mayor Pro Tem Jeffcoat to Amend the Pay and Classification Plan. City Manager Tanks stated that the City needs to beef up the Planning and Zoning department due to the demand for Zoning. The City is planning to add four additional positions to the Zoning department: Deputy Director of Community Development, an additional Senior Planner, and 2 - Entry Level Planners. Mayor Pro Tem Jeffcoat and Councilmember Oladapo asked a couple of questions, which were addressed. The discussion then concluded.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

N/A

7. 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 by Councilmember Oladapo to enter into Executive Session or litigation, real estate, and personnel. Councilmember Davis seconded. Motion carried 5-1. Councilmember Ferguson voted Nay. Council entered into Executive Session at 5:59pm.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ferguson to close Executive Session. Councilmember Davis seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Council closed Executive Session at 6:31pm.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Oladapo to adjourn. Councilmember Ferguson seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Work Session adorned at 6:31pm.

Dr. Michael Owens, Mayor	Susan Hiott, City Clerk