CITY OF MABLETON, GEORGIA

Riverside EpiCenter
135 Riverside Pkwy, Austell, GA 30168
August 13, 2025 at 6:30 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 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Mayor Owens called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

2. **ROLL CALL**
   City Clerk Hiott conducted the roll call. Mayor and Council were present except Councilmember Ferguson who was working out of town.

3. **INVOCATION**
   Led by City Manager Bill Tanks

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
   Motion made by Councilmember Auch and seconded by Councilmember Jeffcoat to approve the agenda as written. the motion passed 6-0.

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
   a. **OZI-2025-001: To consider amending the stipulations for Felleke Seyoum regarding other business application OB-28 of 2023, property located at 1025 Veterans Memorial Hwy in Land Lot 166 of the 18th District - Community Development Director Michael Hughes**

   Mayor Owens announced the item and recognized Community Development Director Michael Hughes who provided background on OZI-2025-001. He summarized the property is located at 1025 Veterans Memorial Highway at the Provident Shopping Center where the Publix is located. The applicant is requesting a formal amendment to the zoning stipulations established under Cobb County Zoning Case O.B. 28, enacted in 2023, that prohibit any new liquor stores from operating at the subject property without council approval.

   Mr. Hughes recognized Planning and Zoning Manager Chris Wheeler ane he provided the additional information:

- The applicant previously submitted a business license application to the city;
- It was denied due to existing zoning restrictions on the property.
- According to the zoning minutes, the previous applicant, Matthew Bowman, petitioned the Cobb County Board of
- Commissioners to remove the zoning stipulation (Z-37) from 2003 in order to allow for a liquor store to operate in the shopping plaza located at 1025 Veterans Memorial Highway, Suite 310.
- Additionally, it was stipulated that future tenants must appear before the City Council to request removal of the liquor store from the list of prohibited uses.

There were six stipulations previously:
1. The previous stipulation that prohibits liquor stores (stipulation 1 from the April 16, 2003 letter – attached and made a part of these minutes) be removed for this Applicant and this Applicant only.
2. Future tenants at the Plaza must come before the Board of Commissioners with an Other Business Item to have the liquor store prohibited use considered for removal.
3. There are to be no window decals at the location.
4. Allowance of one liquor store only on the entire property.
5. All previous stipulations and conditions, not other wise in conflict, to remain in effect.
6. All other staff comments and recommendations, not otherwise in conflict.

Mr. Wheeler stated that staff recommends approval subject to the same stipulations approved by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners approved for the prior applicant with a vote of 5-0. There is no difference between the current application and the previous application.

Mayor Owens reiterated that there was an existing store previously. The Council is being asked to approve with same stipulations as before. If there is to be another liquor store in the same location, applicant will have to come before the Council.

Mr. Wheeler restated that there are only six previously adopted stipulations.

Mayor Owens asked for public hearing and recognized the Felleke Seyoum.

The applicant, Felleke Seyoum, came to the podium and gave additional information about himself and the application. He reported that he was a father of 3 children under 4 years old. He was originally from Africa and had lived in Georgia since he was fourteen years old. He graduated from Georgia State University. He and his family live in midtown and planned to move to Mableton. He has owned a liquor store on Mableton Parkway for the past fifteen years. He was asking for approval of the second location. His lease requires him to be upscale. He described the equipment and investment to be in the upscale store. His initial investment will exceed over $100,000. There will be point of sale, cameras, and new signage. The store will provide a steady job for people. He was planning to have $250,000 inventory. The store will generate taxes and license fee revenue to the City. He will purchase inventory from local vendors. The store will generate employment for the community. He planned to hire 4-5 employees from the community. He wanted to have competitive pay and a family-like environment. The store will offer a one-stop experience next to the grocery store. He continued to provide additional information about the application. He has never been cited for any violations. He respectfully asked the Council to approve the new location.

Mayor Owens asked if anyone was in opposition? There was none. He asked again. There was none. He closed the public hearing.

Mr. Wheeler stated this was for the use only. The applicant will still have to apply for license with the City and go through all of the reviews. This is for the site only.

Councilmember Oladapo asked if the Council was voting to amend the stipulations the same as Cobb County. Mr. Wheeler explained no others can apply unless they come before the Council. He recommended using the exact same stipulations as Cobb County.

Motion was made by Councilmember Auch to approve the application (OZI 2025-001) with the six stipulations that staff recommended. Councilmember Oladapo seconded the motion. There was no opposition. The vote passed 6-0.

(Councilmember Jeffcoat abstained, but abstaining is considered a vote of yes due to the Charter: **Section 2.21b -*Any member of the city council present and eligible to vote on a matter and refusing to do so for any reason other than a properly disclosed and recorded conflict of interest shall be deemed to have acquiesced or concurred with the members of the majority who did vote on the question involved.*)**

b. Case # V-2025-01: A request by Jeff Kerlegrand Tax Parcel # 18016100020 (5995 Allen Rd) to reduce 75' lot frontage to 60' lot frontage, a lot reduction for a lot split - Community Development Director Michael Hughes

Mayor Owens announced the item and recognized Community Development Director Michael Hughes who reported that Case # V-2025-02 was a request by applicant Jeff Kerlegrand to reduce a 75-foot lot frontage to 60 feet lot frontage for 1.1 acres of land.

Planning and Zoning Manager Chris Wheeler explained in the Mableton Zoning Code that any reduction of lot in overall lot size and frontage requires Council approval. It would go before the Board of Zoning Appeals as a variance and, if recommenced approval then go to the Council. The recommended approval is for a lot reduction to do a lot split to build an adjacent house for his parents. The applicant had stated he could not be present for the meeting.

Mayor Owens confirmed staff recommend approval of the variance as the request meets the criteria for consideration and addresses a practical difficulty not self-imposed by the applicant. On July 10th the Mableton Board of Zoning Appeals recommended approval of the variance request for reducing the lot frontage from the required 75' to 60'.

Councilmember Herndon asked if there was a plan for how it would look on the lot. Mr. Wheeler handed a concept drawing to Councilmember Herndon. The applicant was looking to split the lots and to have a shared driveway. The lot was larger than the other lots in the area. Staff recommends approval. This allows the applicant to attempt a lot split. He still must get approvals from Cobb County Water and Sewer and Stormwater and the Cobb County and Douglas Department of Public Health.

Questions and explanations continued.

Mayor Owens opened the public hearing and asked those in favor to approach the podium. There was none. Mayor Owens asked if there was anyone in opposition. There was none. He closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jeffcoat to approve V 2025-01, a request by Jeff Kerlegrand, tax parce # 18016100020 and Councilmember Herndon seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

c. Second Reading - Consideration of an Ordinance creating Chapter 5, Alcoholic Beverages, and for Other Lawful Purposes -Community Development Director Michael Hughes

Mayor Owens recognized Community Development Director Michael Hughes. Director Hughes stated this was a Second Read of the ordinance creating Chapter 5, Alcoholic Beverages. He recognized Business License Supervisor Lamaya Edmonds who reported the ordinance was similar to the First Reading and that there were no significant changes.

Questions followed:

- Per Mayor's question, Ms. Edmonds reported there were minor clean-up changes, such as additions made to clarify the structure of the license review board, adding to the authority of city council to allow alcohol at city-sponsored events.
- Councilmember Oladapo asked what the changes were. The license review board membership changed from 10 members to 7 members. The members were appointed by City Council and the Mayor, making a total of 7 members.
- Councilmember Oladapo asked if the request brought up by the Mayor at the work session was added. Mayor Owens affirmed they were included regarding alcohol use at City events.
- Mayor Owens asked if there was any need for staff modifications or changes in staff. Ms. Edmonds replied the city should be fully staffed by the time the City was writing renewals.
- Councilmember Auch noted there were not any one-year residency requirements, and City Attorney Walker-Ashby reported the Charter did not stipulate the year requirement, but a member appointed by a council member should reside within the Council's district.
- Councilmember Jeffcoat asked why the number of members was changed to 7 instead of 10, and Attorney Walker-Ashby stated the intent was always to have 7. Councilmember Auch asked if a person lived in her district a couple months could not serve and City Attorney stated that was correct.

Mayor Owens stated he had looked at the compensation of alcohol boards from other cities. Often times they are members of city businesses, members of public safety, even police officers. Although no specific criteria are listed, he recommended the Council look at other cities and give specific thought to those appointed to the board. The board has some unique characteristics. There could be further discussion at a later time.

Council Member Herndon asked that the one-year requirement be researched further. City

Attorney Walker-Ashby looked in the Charter and did not see a one-year residency requirement for boards and commissions. Discussion followed. Attorney Walker-Ashby read Section 3.11 of Charter, *The city council shall create by ordinance such boards, commissions, and authorities to fulfill any investigative, quasi-judicial, or quasi-legislative function the city council deems necessary, and shall by ordinance establish the composition, period of existence, duties, and powers thereof.* Mayor Owens pointed out that the Charter clearly gives the authority of the Council by ordinance to create the compensation of the board.

Mayor Owens opened the public hearing for and against the ordinance. There was none. He closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilmember Oladapo and seconded by Councilmember Davis to approve the Ordinance creating Chapter 5 Alcoholic Beverages and for other Lawful Purposes. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Second Reading - An Ordinance Updating Chapter 7. Taxes, Fees and Assessments of the Code of Ordinances: Regulation Occupation Taxation and Business Licensure and For Other Lawful Purposes, Of Mableton Code of Ordinance - Community Development Director Michael Hughes

Mayor Owens recognized Director Hughes who announced the item as the Second Read of an Ordinance updating Chapter 7, Taxes, Fees and Assessment of the Code of Ordinances. Mr. Hughes introduced Business License Supervisor Lamaya Edmonds who presented background. Ms. Edmonds reported there were some changes made in the health spa segment in line with some stricter current regulations. The insurance section was added regarding collection of insurance premiums. There were some cleanups and minor changes. Mayor Owens asked if there were any questions and there were none.

Mayor Owens opened the public hearing. He asked if there was anyone in favor of the ordinance. There was none. Mayor Owens asked if there was anyone against the ordinance. There was none. Mayor Owens closed the public hearing.

City Attorney Walker-Ashby asked if the item could be deferred until after Item 6e so she could discuss the ordinance with Ms. Edmonds.

Motion was made and amended to defer by Councilmember Jeffcoat and seconded by Councilmember Herndon to defer to the end of Item 6 e. The motion passed unanimously.

(Clerk's Note: The Council heard Item 6e and then returned to Item 6d.)

City Attorney Walker-Ashby explained that the City had already approved Article 8, a subsection on Insurers. Back in 2024, the City adopted the Insurer Article 8, and has already sent it to the Insurance Commissioner. It was approved by the Insurance Commissioner. Staff did not know that Article 8 was already adopted. The Insurance Commissioner has approved Article 8. She requested to approve the current ordinance minus Article 8 Insurers within the current ordinance.

Motion was made and amended by Councilmember Jeffcoat to approve the Ordinance Updating Chapter 7, Taxes, Fees and Assessments of the Code of Ordinances: Regulation

Occupation Taxation and Business Licensure with the elimination of Article 8 of the current ordinance. Councilmember Oladapo seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

e. Second Reading and Public Hearing of An Ordinance Creating Article 5, Subdivisions, under Chapter 8, Buildings and Construction, of the City of Mableton Code of Ordinances - Community Development Director Michael Hughes

Mayor Owens recognized Director Hughes who stated the ordinance was a Second Read. Director Hughes summarized the purpose of the ordinance was to outline rules and processes for properties to be subdivided into multiple lots, maintenance periods for public roads and public infrastructure and technical requirements for subdivision layouts. The ordinance provides dedication language for dedication of roads to the City, provides a process for ensuring maintenance of detention ponds and a process for maintenance of private roads.

Mayor Owens asked if there were any questions. Councilmember Herndon asked if there were any substantial changes. Mr. Hughes explained the ordinance language was improved to clarify that the City was not accepting detention ponds. The ordinance continued some additional language for the maintenance of private roads.

Councilmember Jeffcoat asked how the ordinance impacted Service Delivery Strategy negotiations. Mr. Hughes replied that Attorney Walker-Ashby reviewed the ordinance to ensure that the ordinance complies with SDS.

Discussion ensued. Councilmember Herndon asked if anything was in place to make sure the owners responsible will actually do it. City Manager Tanks provided additional explanation of how code enforcement can go onsite and make them bring within code.

Councilmember Jeffcoat asked if the City was currently managing detention ponds under the City's purview. City Manager Tanks stated there was a one-year contact with the County to maintain the detention ponds.

Mayor Owens opened the public hearing. He asked if any were in favor of the ordinance. There was none. He asked if there was anymore against the ordinance.

Denny Wilson of District 2 stated there is a difference between detention ponds and retention ponds. It is unfair to pass on to the homeowners. She is upset about passing this on the the homeowners. Cobb County is telling the City that the City is responsible, and now the City wants to pass on to the homeowners. It was not fair to the homeowners.

City Attorney Walker-Ashby clarified that the detention ponds that are maintained by the County will continue to be maintained. If the County has been maintaining, the County retains and keeps that responsibility. This ordinance applies to new development where the developer at that point will have the responsibility to organize. Historically, the developers previously have not made plans for detention ponds. Because of that, a lot of governments have agreed to maintain the detention ponds. The County has agreed to provide by contract. What the City has now are procedures for developers to set up mechanisms for the ponds.

Mayor Owens asked if anyone else would like to speak. There was none.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jeffcoat to approve the Ordinance Creating Chapter 5, Subdivisions, under Chapter 8, Buildings and Construction, of the City of Mableton Code of Ordinances. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS

a. South Cobb Library Update - Jo Lahmon, South Cobb Library Region Manager

Mayor Owens announced item and recognized Jo Lahmon, South Cobb Library Regional Manager. She and Adult Services Librarian I staff, Nakisha McNeal provided a presentation which is within the agenda packet and record of the City of Mableton. They addressed: summer recap, the summer reading program, the summer food service program, and the vision to learn program. They continued to provide additional updates and library events information for the Cobb County South Cobb Library. Questions and answers followed.

8. APPOINTMENTS

a. Appointment of the Human Resources Director - Mayor Owens

Mayor Owens announced the appointment of the inaugural Human Resource Director and provided information. He noted the City has had consultants, a HR Specialist and Manager, but has not had a Director. The City conducted nationwide research. He had an official nomination. He continued to provide information about the appointee, Jeanne Pope. She brings over 20 years of HR leadership experience across municipal government, finance, and healthcare. She currently serves as HR Director for the City of Hamilton, Ohio. Mayor Owens addressed how her bio is impressive,and how she came out as number one in the technical panel interview. Mayor Owens continued to speak about the leadership of Ms. Pope.

Mayor Owens formally made the nomination for Ms. Jeanne Pope to be the Human Resources Director. He asked the Council if there were any questions from the Council. There was none.

City Manager Tanks agreed with the Mayor's comments. He spoke about her doing very well during the technical panel and cultural fit panel. He spoke about Ms. Pope is a great candidate. Mayor Owens noted her leadership was grounded in compliance, ethics, and commitment to inclusive practices, and the City puts these practices foremost in the City of Mableton.
Motion of recommendation and appointment made by Mayor Owens and was seconded by Councilmember Jeffcoat. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Pope approached the podium and expressed her appreciation and acceptance of the nomination. She was humbled to have the opportunity to assist in the visionary prospects of Mableton. She stated that there is a wealth of resources in the city. She looked forward to meeting the needs of the community and being part of the community. She thanked everyone for the opportunity.

City Manager asked for recognition of her guests. Her husband, Daryle Pope and two dearest friends were introduced. She expressed again how grateful, humble, and thankful she was for the opportunity.

9. **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.

Those who expressed their concerns about the condition of Mableton Riverside area apartments, and the housing crisis:
Monique Lester
Angela Wynn
Michele Bradley
Monica Delancy
Denise Woods
Denny Wilson
Bahiyah Graham

Ms. J. C. Bang spoke on behalf of business owners and potential business owners. She referenced the previous hearing where an application had a special stipulation that no other liquor store could be at the location. She asked that the City make sure there was a board and procedures in place before decisions are made on liquor, beer, or wine or other businesses. She explained that she raised her hand to speak for the alcohol business public hearing, and she was overlooked. She explained how Cobb County approved an alcohol business in the location, and put a stipulation that another one would not be placed at that location.

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Owens announced items on the Consent Agenda. City Attorney Walker-Ashby noted Item a was not a resolution and was an approval of an agreement.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jeffcoat to approve the Consent Agenda as written online. Councilmember Davis seconded.

City Attorney Walker-Ashby explained the agreement was collaborated with Cobb County and the Community Development Department in conjunction with the Cobb County IGA to provided stormwater and related services. It is basically to permit notice and stormwater mechanisms for developments, etc. The City will see lots of these standard template agreements.
Per question by Councilmember Herndon, the agreement stipulates it is the responsibility of the developer and development.

The motion carried unanimously.

a. **Approval to allow the Mayor to sign the stormwater maintenance agreement for the Leydenview subdivision. Property is located in Land Lot 338, 18th District, Cobb County. PIN 18038800010**

b. **Approval of July 16, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

12. NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation and Consideration of a Services Agreement between the City of Mableton and Trees Atlanta for Tree Planting Services - Sustainability, Waste, and Beautification Director Emily Groth

Mayor Owens announced the item and recognized Sustainability, Waste, and Beautification Director Emily Groth. Mayor Owens stated he had been working with Trees Atlanta for sometime before Ms Groth had started with the City. Sustainability and environment stewardship was important to the City. He was fortunate to have Ms. Groth to continue the project.

Director Groth presented, and the presentation is available in the record. Director Groth addressed who was Trees Atlanta and the front yard tree program, the financial impact, and the next steps. Trees Atlanta is a nonprofit community group that protects and improves the Atlanta area's urban forest. Efforts include planting, conserving, educating and advocacy. OIver 170,000 trees have been planted. Residents can sign up with Trees Atlanta to have a tree planted in their front yard. A video was shown about the Front Yard Tree Program. The financial impact is $10,000 maximum contract price covered by the Tree and Beautification Fund. The financial impact is $10,000 maximum contract price covered by the Tree and Beautification Fund.

Questions and discussion followed:

- Per question by Councilmember Jeffcoat, Director Groth replied that the trees were distributed first come, first serve.
- Per question by Councilmember Davis, Director Groth replied that Trees Atlanta has an active list of available trees. Their staff will assist with the tree selection.
- Mayor Owens added there was a guarantee and replacement tree program.
- Mayor Owens expressed he was happy about this program. He thanked Director Groth for her presentation.
- Mayor Owens stated there was a contract.
- Attorney Walker-Ashby reported she had seen and revised the agreement. It was a beautiful agreement.

Motion was made by Councilmember Auch and seconded by Councilmember Jeffcoat to approve the services agreement between the City of Mableton and Trees Atlanta for tree planting services. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution for the City of Mableton to amend the Purchasing Card Policy - Finance Director Karen Ellis

Mayor Owens announced the item and recognized Finance Director Karen Ellis who provided a presentation. The presentation is located in the agenda packet.

Director Ellis summarized the updates of the P-Card Policy and addressed:

- There are more detailed procedural requirements to ensure effective compliance and internal control.
- There are utilization of required forms, waivers andaffidavits for operational clarity

and cardholder accountability.

- The policy mandates training prior to issuance and includes a signed cardholder agreement.
- Reconciliation and audit controls added.
- More prohibited transaction defined.
- The amendment details violation levels, required forms and consequences to support Human Resources and financial audit reviews.
- There are exhibits and forms.
- There are legal and procedural alignments.

Following the updates on the proposed amended P-Card agreement, Director Ellis asked if there was any questions. There was none.

Motion was made by Councilmember Auch and seconded by Councilmember Herndon to approve the Resolution for the City of Mableton to amend the Purchasing Card Policy. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Consideration and Approval of City of Mableton Causing for the Six Flags Area Special Services District to be Levied at Same Amount Prior to the City's Incorporation - City Attorney Emilia Walker-Ashby

Mayor Owens announced the item and explained the Six Flags Special Services District was created years ago. The SSD is not new to businesses, but it is new to the City. The City is taking this up, utilizing the same boundaries and areas, same millage and same structure. The goal is to keep it in place as it was before.

Motion was made by Councilmember Oladapo to approve the City of Mableton causing for the Six Flags Area Special Services District to be levied at same amount prior to the City's incorporation. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion.

Councilmember Herndon asked if this district would be omitted if the City has a SSD. Mayor Owens explained that a SSD can be stacked and areas can be subject to multiple SSDs.

The motion passed unanimously.

13. OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

Mayor Owens asked for an update for the Code Enforcement team for the Riverside Parkway. A lot has been discussed in the newspaper, but from discussion stand point, that there is an update at a work session. City Manager Tanks stated there would be a presentation on an upcoming agenda.

14. CITY MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

City Manager Tanks asked for an Executive Session. There were no other comments.

15. CITY ATTORNEY/CITY CLERK/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

City Clerk Hiott provided details of the upcoming Qualifying August 18-20 at 1245 Veterans Memorial Highway, Suite 20, Hawthorne Plaza.

16. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Mayor and Council provided their announcements and comments:

- Council welcomed the appointed Human Resources Director Jeanne Pope and thanked everyone who attended the meeting.
- Councilmember Davis commented about how the City was working on the apartment concerns and asked for patience as the City was two years old.
- Councilmember Oladapo addressed the apartment concerns and reported on her visits to the apartment complexes. She was in touch weekly with the City's Code Enforcement team and was getting updates from the apartment complexes. She spoke about the work that was currently being done. She thought the City should start talking about what was done.
- Councilmember Jeffcoat shared the same sentiments related to housing and apartment issues in District 1 and 2. She was looking forward to making sure there was a strategic plan in place and getting the issues resolved. She reported on a book bag bash event. She wished all students and teachers a successful year.
- Councilmember reported on the successful Mableton big bike ride, in celebration of the Silver Comet Extension, connecting the Silver Comet Trail to the Atlanta BeltLine. She encouraged residents to utilize the front yard tree program. She thanked Director Groth for her work with the program. She encouraged residents to volunteer for the newly established Alcohol Review Board.
- Councilmember Herndon expressed her concerns about the apartment issues. She has a need for appointees for some boards.
- Mayor Owens stated Councilmember Ferguson sends his regrets for not being present. Councilmember Feguson was watching the meeting. Mayor Owens commented about how the Mableton Council was a working council, and all have other full-time jobs while also serving on the Council.
- Mayor Owens echoed some of the comments already made by the Council. He commented about how there is so much work of what the City does on a daily basis that does not get seen. The City needs to do a better job of getting the information out. There has been work done on Riverside. It is a delicate situation. Code Enforcement started in March of this year and noted there have been challenges for a long time. He commented about living in a similar place in Greensboro, North Carolina. He understood the challenges. Many have walked that same path. He addressed how the City inherited a mess, and some of the challenges the City faced.
- Mayor Owens commented about how the Mayor and Council care and want to help and improve the City. He spoke about how the housing issues were not just a Mableton issue.
- Mayor Owens reported on his recent visit with Six Flags. He reported Six Flags Over Georgia is not closing. On the contrary, Six Flags wants to partner with the City, to make sure the area is more fitting for a Six Flags.
- Mayor Owens reported that the SSD for Public Safety was pulled from the agenda. He wants it to be the best, well-put-together policy. It is not ready yet. The

City wanted it to be created to not overburden anyone in particular. He wanted a policy on the table that works for everybody.
- Mayor Owens addressed how the Veterans Affairs Commission is near and dear to his heart. He hoped to have the Commission in place before Veterans Day.
- Mayor Owens commented about how proud he was to have Trees Atlanta program in place.
- Mayor Owens thanked all for speaking up and addressed how the Council heard the comments and wanted everyone to have an opportunity to speak.
- He encouraged everyone to reach out to him and the Council.

17. 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 Jeffcoat and seconded by Councilmember Herndon to go into Executive Session for personnel, real estate, and litigation. The motion passed unanimously. (9:11 pm.)
Yeas: Owens, Davis, Oladapo, Auch, Jeffcoat, Herndon

Motion was made by Councilmember Jeffcoat and seconded by Councilmember Auch to close Executive Session. Yeas: Jeffcoat, Auch, Oladapo, and Herndon (Mayor Owens and Councilmember Davis were away and had not arrived in the meeting area yet.)

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Auch and seconded by Councilmember Herndon. The motion passed 4-0.

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Dr. Michael Owens, Mayor Susan Hiott, City Clerk