

### WORK SESSION MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER at 6pm by Mayor Martin

**AGENDA APPROVAL** Motion to approve with no changes by Martin, seconded by Courter and all in favor

#### REPORTS BY MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF Included in packet

#### **OLD BUSINESS** None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. JCWSA Water Purchase Agreement No additional comments from the council
- 2. IGA--Hoschton Park

Councilmember Christina Brown stated the concerns of approving the IGA, and why was there a rush, since we have an IGA in place until 2029. Councilmember Jackson asked City Manager if there was an urgency to approve this because the county wanted to add a turf? City Manager stated that they did want to update the IGA prior to adding more capital enhancement to the soccer field, but wasn't sure it was 100% due to having a turf.

- 3. Resolution 2025-08: Personnel Policy Update-Retirement Plan No additional comments from the council
- 4. Resolution 2025-09: Georgia Cities Week Mayor Martin stated that the team is working on community events for this
- 5. TA-25-01: Sign Ordinance Text Amendment City Planner Hu Blackstock stated that this was council driven for a few amendments as far as the structure and design of commercial monument signs
- Bid 2025-001 Oak Street Park Mayor Martin stated that we only received one bid and the bid received was out of budget. Mayor Martin would like to revisit this bidding process at a later date.
- 7. Bid 2025-002 Demolition of home at Mulberry Park Mayor Martin stated that she would like to table this item until the following schedule voting meeting in April.
- Wildflower At the Village Request for Speed Tables
  HOA Board members were here to represent the reasoning for speed bumps.
  Mayor Martin asked them to speak on behalf of their request. The Board gave

their concerns for their neighborhood becoming a cut through and the concern of speeders and to consider approving calming devices on their main road.

**CITIZEN INPUT** *Mr.* Rodney Cato, The Villages asked the status of the 29 Broad Street Project and when will paving project start in this subdivision.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)**

Motion to go into executive at 6:45pm by Martin, seconded by D. Brown and all in favor for real estate. Motion to go out of executive at 7:23pm for Real Estate by Martin, seconded by D. Brown and all in favor.

# ADJOURN

Motion at 7:23pm to adjourn the meeting by Martin, seconded Courter and all in favor.

# Members Present:

Debbie Martin, Mayor David Brown, Councilmember Christina Brown, Councilmember Scott Courter, Councilmember James Lawson, Councilmember Fredria Sterling, Mayor Pro-Tem Jonathan Jackson, Councilmember

## Also Present:

Jennifer Harrison, City Manager Hu Blackstock, Planning & Building Tiffany Wheeler, Finance Director Ben Munro, Media

### Upcoming Events:

March 20 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm	City Council Meeting (Voting Session)
March 26 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
March 27 <sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm	Historic Preservation Committee Meeting
March 27 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm	Community Conversations: Guest Steve Wittry, President & CEO,
	Jackson County Chamber of Commerce

#### CIVILITY PLEDGE

The way we govern ourselves is often as important as the positions we take. Our collective decisions will be better when differing views have had the opportunity to be fully vetted and considered. All people have the right to be treated with respect, courtesy, and openness. We value all input. We commit to conduct ourselves at all times with civility and courtesy to each other.

#### CITY OF HOSCHTON RULES OF DECORUM

The purpose of the Rules of Decorum is to foster an atmosphere of civil and courteous discourse, even and especially when discussing contentious topics, at all meetings held by the City of Hoschton.

- a. <u>Rules applicable to the public</u>
  - 1. Each speaker will be given 5 minutes during public comment.
  - 2. Each speaker will direct his or her comments to the Mayor or presiding officers and not to any other individual present.
  - 3. Each speaker will refrain from personal attacks, foul or abusive language, and will maintain a civil and courteous manner and tone.
  - 4. Each speaker will speak only to the agenda item under consideration. This does not apply during the Public Comment agenda item.
  - 5. Members of the audience will respect the rights of others and will not create noise or other disturbances that will disrupt the meeting.
- b. Rules for Mayor and Members of Council, Committees, Boards, or Commissions
  - 1. Members will conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner at all meetings.