

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
MUNICIPAL ANNEX  
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024  
5:30 P.M.**

A workshop was held prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council on the date, time and location stated above.

**PRESENT:** Doug P. Roper, III, Mayor  
Raymond Turner, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Cecil Thompson, Councilmember  
Bob Dixon, Councilmember  
Jennifer Evans, Councilmember  
Loyd Mobley, Councilmember

**CITY STAFF:** Josh Beck, City Manager  
Kellie Murray, City Clerk

The purpose of the workshop is for **DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY** on the following items:

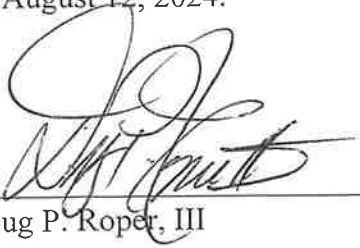
**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 1) ITEM #8 Special Events Permit application submitted by Tommy Bowens for "Fun in the Sun" neighborhood event.
- 2) ITEM #9 Discussion / Approval of Coin-Operated Amusement Machine License submitted for McIntosh Food Mart.

There were no further discussion items. This meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

**AFFIRMATION**

We affirm these minutes are correct and true to form as presented to the Mayor and City Council on August 12, 2024.

  
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Doug P. Roper, III  
Mayor

  
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Kellie Murray, City Clerk

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MUNICIPAL ANNEX  
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024  
6:00 P.M.**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on the date, time and location stated above.

**PRESENT:**

Doug P. Roper, III, Mayor  
Raymond Turner, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Cecil Thompson, Councilmember  
Bob Dixon, Councilmember  
Jennifer Evans, Councilmember  
Loyd Mobley, Councilmember

**CITY STAFF:**

Josh Beck, City Manager  
Daniel O'Connor, City Attorney  
Kellie Murray, City Clerk  
Tonya Parker, DVA Director  
Alexa Britton, CVB Director  
Brian Sikes, Fire Chief  
James Jermon, Police Chief  
Tony Hall, ESG Project Manager  
Scott Strickland, Recreation Director  
Billy Ragan, Airport Manager  
Chad Phillips, City Marshal

A list of visitors is attached.

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR DOUG P. ROPER, III, WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY BILLY GOODWIN, STAFF PASTOR, VIDALIA CHURCH OF GOD.**

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Roper. Billy Goodwin, Staff Pastor of Vidalia Church of God, gave the Invocation and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**

Councilmember Jennifer Evans made the motion to approve agenda as written. A second motion was made by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ben Sanders, Jr. discussed a permit issue at 1205 Meadows Lane, as well as the condition Raymonia apartments.

Junior Elkhatab addressed Council with concerns of the homeless issue within the City the proposed ordinance. He discussed the history of “Cruise in for a Cause” and the benefit of this event to several citizens.

**4. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- \* City Council Workshop Minutes dated June 10, 2024
- \* City Council Meeting Minutes, dated June 10, 2024
- \* Executive Session Meeting Minutes, dated June 10, 2024
- \* Special Called Meeting Minutes, dated June 14, 2024
- \* Executive Session Meeting Minutes, dated June 14, 2024

Councilmember Raymond Turner made the motion to approve the consent agenda as written with a second made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

**5. PRESENTATION TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF AUDIT REVIEW FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.**

Mr. Tracy Clark, with McLain, Calhoun, McCullough, Clark & Co., P.C., presented the audit review for fiscal year 2023. Mr. Clark addressed findings and presented the recommendations for corrective action. Mr. Clark noted corrections were made during the audit period. Following the audit review, Mr. Bill Bedingfield presented the City Council with the engagement letter for the fiscal year 2024 audit. A motion was made by Councilmember Bob Dixon to accept and approve this engagement letter to conduct the fiscal year 2024 audit.

**6. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Bill Bedingfield presented Mayor and Council with the June financials and thanked Shannon Renteria for her work and assistance.

**7. TOURISM / CHAMBER UPDATE**

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| - Downtown Vidalia Association (DVA)          | Tonya Parker    |
| - Vidalia Convention & Visitors Bureau (VCVB) | Alexa Britton   |
| - Greater Vidalia Chamber                     | Michele Johnson |
| - Sweet Onion Golf Authority                  | Andy Woodruff   |

The DVA and CVB monthly reports were presented by Tonya Parker and Alexa Britton. The Chamber and Golf Authority were unable to attend this meeting.

**8. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITS  
SUBMITTED BY TOMMY E. BOWENS FOR “FUN IN THE SUN” EVENT  
ON JULY 13, 2024, FROM 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM. ONE ROAD CLOSURE IS  
REQUESTED FOR A PORTION OF SLY STREET (Please see map attached)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner to approve this Special Events permit. This permit was reviewed by Police Chief James Jermon and Fire Chief Brian Sikes who both indicated no issues with request or road closure request. A second was made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

**9. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF COIN-OPERATED  
AMUSEMENT MACHINE LICENSE SUBMITTED BY  
CHETANKUMAR PATEL FOR MCINTOSH FOOD MART. ALL  
REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET**

Councilmember Loyd Mobley made the motion to approve this license with a second made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

**10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

- a. Brian Sikes, Fire Chief
- b. James Jermon, Police Chief
- c. Tony Hall, Project Manager – ESG
- d. Scott Strickland, Recreation Director
- e. Billy Ragan, Airport Manager
- f. Chad Phillips, City Marshal

All department supervisors presented monthly reports to Mayor and City Council.

**11. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager Josh Beck addressed the audience advising the process of approving ordinances is being addressed, and considering this, all proposed ordinances previously included on our agenda have been removed. There will be a public forum for citizen participation in this process and everyone was strongly encouraged to attend this forum to have input and express their opinions. Mr. Beck also provided updates on the golf course, Ezra Taylor Recreation complex, Calhoun Street culvert damage and the 2025 LMIG application.

**12. ADJOURN**

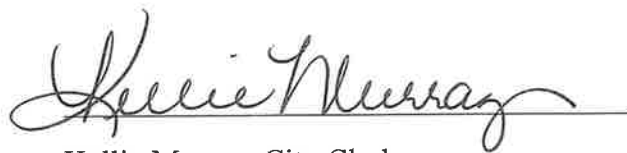
With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Loyd Mobley made the motion to adjourn with a second made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

## AFFIRMATION

We affirm that these minutes are correct and true to form as presented to Mayor and City Council on August 12, 2024.

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Doug P. Roper, III  
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kellie Murray', written over a horizontal line.

Kellie Murray, City Clerk

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE SIGN IN

DATE OF MEETING: **JULY 8, 2024**

NAME	ADDRESS
Glad Phillips	City Marshal
Kris Eisack	120 Jackson St
Danielle Turoski	2201 Dykes Circle
Bg Boddy	814 McHenry Dr.
Rich Gully	814 McHenry Dr.
Tammy Zettl	4511 US 1 South
Shannon Kenterian	Finance Director - Cov
ERCE NORTON	VIDALIA
Charles Faulk	VIDALIA
Lyndi Dean	"
Billy Ragan	Airport
JON D. GAN	ESG
JAMES ONAN	ESG
Ronald Miller	1114 Raymonia
Kosmaric Miller	1114 Raymonia
Shelli Turner	
Anthony Vines	614 Scott Dr
Patricia Laurel	614 Scott Dr
Amelia V. Selters	835 Barksdale Dr
Michael Selters	835 Barksdale Dr
Michelle Martinez-Hernandez	835 Barksdale Dr
Richard Simon	835 Barksdale Dr
Tammie Gibbs	181 Trotters Ln. VIDALIA
Donald Clarke	1702 Old Savannah Rd
Ken Mosley	Vidalia City
William Brewer	105 Everett St
Kelly Tippitt	604 Jordan St
Sharon Oliver	Durden St.
Alexa Britton	CUB
Garry Colson	VPP
William Conner	203 McIntosh.
Greg Stirling	603 Miller St
Richard Stokes	Mike St
Jennifer Stephens	Park Pl
Anna Stephens	Park Pl
Kim Emanuelson	Center Place
Garrett Wilcox	120 Boytrick P
Linda Bowman	1455 Tom McDonald Vidalia
Terry C/52 on 5/11	



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NAME	ADDRESS
Chris Moore	905 Jackson St. Ext.
Adam Fett	1739 Green Acres Dr
Paul Wardlaw Jr.	145 Kingswood Dr. Vidalia
Wanette Johnson	713 Thompson St. Vidalia
Jennistine McCrae	313 Symonds St. Vid.
Billy + Micki Goodwin	209 Old Petross Circle Vid
Tyler Salter	Morris Vidalia Ga
Bucky Musga	Center Dr. Vidalia, Ga
Michael Alexander	205 Broadfoot - Vidalia
Junior El Khatib	205 Whitten St. Vidalia
Wesley Lyle	109 W Toombs St Vidalia
Jorgilly S. Jones	801 E. North St.
John O. Bryant	210 N. Brock Dr.
Max S. Tamm	298 Galt Dr 130 E Vidalia
Makaylee Randolph	The Advance
Al Huffman	GELB
Phaed. Jay	Lyons Cr.
N. Huff	2013 Cason Dr Vidalia
Don Sanders Jr	
Natasha Farmer	800 West Argeman Dr. Vidalia, Ga
M. O. Lyle	Vid
Donni Wilkin	Vidalia Ga.
Deborah Rowell	Vidalia, GA 151 Pheasant Dr