

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL ANNEX
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023
7:30 A.M.**

A Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held on September 18, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Annex.

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

A list of visitors is attached to the minutes.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR DOUG ROPER

Mayor Roper called this meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Roper gave the Invocation and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was amended to include:

- 1) Lease Agreement with Toombs County Board of Education
- 2) Lease Agreement with McLendon Enterprises, Inc.
- 3) Contract Agreement with City of Vidalia and Hofstadter and Associates, Inc. for Ezra Taylor Sports Complex project

A motion was made to approve the amended agenda by Councilmember Raymond Turner with a second made by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TOOMBS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO RENT APPROXIMATELY 46.50 ACRES LOCATED ON QUINT SHIRE ROAD, LYONS, GA, MAP & PARCEL NO. C40 003.

A motion was made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley to approve lease agreement as written. A second was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner. This motion passed unanimously.

V. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MCLENDON ENTERPRISES, INC. TO RENT APPROXIMATELY 15.08 ACRES LOCATED ON QUINT SHIRE ROAD, LYONS, GA, MAP & PARCEL NO. C40 001.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bob Dixon to approve lease agreement as written to McLendon Enterprises, Inc. with a second by Councilmember Cecil Thompson. This motion passed unanimously.

VI. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF VIDALIA AND HOFSTADTER & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR EZRA TAYLOR SPORTS COMPLEX.

A motion was made to approve and execute contract with Hofstadter & Associates, Inc. for Ezra Taylor Sports Complex by Councilmember Loyd Mobley with a second by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION AS PER O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2) – PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Councilmember Raymond Turner to enter Executive Session with a second by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session and return to regular meeting by Councilmember Bob Dixon with a second by Councilmember Cecil Thompson. This motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURN


With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley with a second by Cecil Thompson. This motion passed unanimously, and this Special Called Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

AFFIRMATION

We affirm that these minutes are correct and true to form as presented to the Mayor and City Council on October 9, 2023.



Doug P. Roper, III
Mayor



Kellie Murray, City Clerk

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MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

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**CITY OF VIDALIA
EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT**

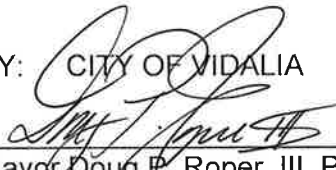
- (1) Pursuant to my duties as Mayor, I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Vidalia City Council held on the **18th** day of **SEPTEMBER, 2023**. A portion of said meeting was closed to the public.
- (2) I am competent to make this Affidavit and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.
- (3) It is my understanding that **O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b)** provides as follows: When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the person presiding over such meeting or, if the agency's policy so provides, each member of the governing body of the agency attending such meeting, shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.
- (4) The subject matter of said meeting, or the closed portion thereof, was devoted to matters within exceptions to public disclosure provided by law. Those specific relevant exceptions are identified as follows: **[Circle relevant item(s)]**
 - A. Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the settlement of a matter covered by the attorney-client privilege as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-2(1) and 50-14-3(b)(1)(A)**. The subject discussed was _____
(Identify the case or claim discussed).
 - B. Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(B)**.
 - C. Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(C)**.
 - D. Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(D)**.
 - E. Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(E)**.
 - ☒ F. Meeting to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(b)(2)**.
 - G. Meeting to interview one or more applicants for the position of the executive head of an agency as provided in **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(b)(2)**.
 - H. Pursuant to the attorney-client privilege and as provided by **Georgia Code Section 50-14-2(1)**, a meeting otherwise required to be open was closed to the public in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved and the matter discussed was _____
[Identify the matter only].
 - I. Staff meeting held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law as provided by **Georgia Code Section 50-14-3(a)(1)**.

- J. Meeting to consider records or portions of records exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to **Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Georgia Code** because there are no reasonable means to consider the record without disclosing the exempt portions.

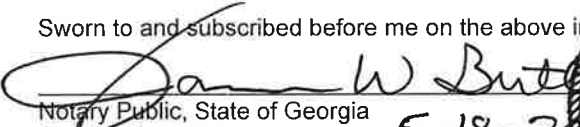
This Affidavit is executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of **O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b)** and is to be filed with the official minutes for the aforementioned meeting.

This 18TH day of **SEPTEMBER, 2023**.

BY: CITY OF VIDALIA

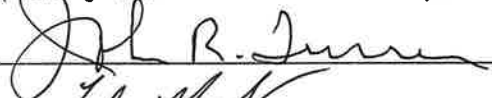
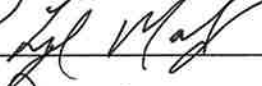




Mayor Doug R. Roper, III, Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above indicated date.


Notary Public, State of Georgia
Commission Expires 5-18-2026



(Although the same is not mandatory, the following parties concur with the accuracy of this Affidavit)

NOTE: This form is to be used on all meetings of the City of Vidalia when four (4) or more council members are present.