



**COUNCIL MEETING
4040 SOUTH BERKELEY LAKE ROAD
BERKELEY LAKE, GEORGIA 30096
FULL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2023**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor: Lois Salter

Council Members: Rodney Hammond, Scott Lee, Chip McDaniel, Bob Smith and Rebecca Spitler

City Officials: Leigh Threadgill - City Administrator

Dick Carothers – City Attorney

Members of the Public: 3

Members of the Press: 0

WORK SESSION

The mayor and council reviewed the meeting agenda and materials with staff.

CALL TO ORDER

Salter called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM. A quorum of council members was in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a) O-23-249 – Proposed 2024 Budget

Salter solicited comments from the public regarding the proposed 2024 budget.

There were no comments.

- b) 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update

Salter acknowledged Kristin Allin with the Atlanta Regional Commission to provide an update on the comprehensive plan.

Kristin Allin with the Atlanta Regional Commission delivered a brief presentation on the comprehensive plan update process and the remaining steps needed to adopt the plan.

Salter solicited comments regarding the 2024 Comprehensive Plan draft.

Michael LaPread asked about the zoning ordinance re-write and if that implies rezonings community-wide or just in commercial areas.

Mayor Salter responded that we are looking at all of our ordinances to update and refine them.

LaPread asked if there would be public hearings relative to any changes to the ordinances.

Threadgill responded that there would be.

AGENDA

Salter solicited motions regarding the agenda.

Hammond made a motion to accept the agenda as submitted. McDaniel seconded the motion. All council members were in favor and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Salter noted the following as items on the consent agenda and solicited a motion:

- a) Minutes of October 29, 2023, Council Meeting
- b) Financial Statements of September 2023 – Unaudited
- c) R-23-06 Resolution Certifying Election Results

Lee made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Spitler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) O-23-249 – Proposed 2024 Budget

Threadgill: O-23-249 is the proposed budget for 2024. This measure as presented anticipates no increase in the real property tax millage rate for 2024 over the rollback rate for 2023. The measure is presented for second read consideration.

Smith made a motion to place O-23-249, an ordinance to establish the budget for the year 2024, to repeal conflicting ordinances, to provide for an effective date and for other purposes, on second read. Hammond seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) O-23-250 – Proposed Amendment to Section 14-20 of the Code of Ordinances to adopt water efficiency standards as an amendment to the state plumbing code as required by the North George Metropolitan Water Planning District.

Threadgill: O-23-250 is a proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 20 – Buildings and Building Regulations, Standards adopted. The specific amendment is to the minimum state plumbing code as required by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District. The Metro Water District provided the changes in a red-line document, along with a Model Findings Resolution. In August the council adopted the findings resolution which directed staff to send the proposed amendment to the Department of Community Affairs for review and comment. The Department of Community Affairs confirmed receipt of the state plumbing code amendment incorporating the water efficiency standards and had no objection. The standards are required to be adopted by January 1, 2024, and they are presented here tonight for first read consideration.

McDaniel made a motion to place O-23-250, an ordinance to amend Section 14-20 (Standards adopted), to adopt regulations pertaining to water efficiency standards prepared by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District as an amendment to the Georgia state minimum plumbing code, to repeal conflicting ordinances, to provide for an effective date and for other purposes, on first read. Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

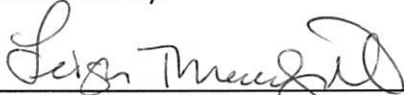
There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Spitler moved to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Salter adjourned the meeting at 8:31 PM.

Submitted by:



Leigh Threadgill, City Clerk

