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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 17, 2025

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- Members of the public who signed the Sign-In Sheet may donate time to another speaker; however, in no event shall the total duration of time allotted to one speaker (including donated time) exceed nine (9) minutes.

AGENDA

1. Opening Ceremonies.
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
 - B. Invocation.
 - C. Civility Pledge – Police Chief Rogers
 - D. Announcements – Police Chief Rogers
2. Additions, Deletions, Amendments, or Changes To The Agenda
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Council Appointments
 1. Consideration of and action to re-select an appointee for the Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for Ward 3. This item is sponsored by Councilwoman Tracie Arnold.
5. Presentation of Minutes of City Council
 - A. Special Called Meeting Minutes dated February 24, 2025 - 6PM
 - B. Special Called Meeting Minutes dated February 24, 2025 - 630PM
 - C. Special Called Meeting Minutes dated February 28, 2025
 - D. Workshop Session Minutes dated March 3, 2025
 - E. Regular Session Minutes dated March 3, 2025
6. Proclamations, Resolutions, Plaques, and Announcements
 - A. Consideration of and action on a request for a Proclamation for Margaret Wilson. This item is sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie.
 - B. Consideration of and action on a request for a Proclamation for Dr. Subrenia Willis. This item is sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie.
 - C. Consideration of and action on a request for a Proclamation for Aliyah Tousana. The proclamation is requested on behalf of Councilwoman Tracie Arnold, Ward 3.
 - D. Consideration of and action on a request for a Proclamation for Gloria Abdullah. This item is sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie.
 - E. Consideration of and action for approval of Proclamation for Layla Gray, College Park Tumbleweed Gymnast, scoring a perfect 10.
 - F. Consideration of and action on a request for a Proclamation for Georgia Cities Week April 21-26, 2025.
7. Remarks Of Citizens
8. Public Hearing

9. Consent Agenda

- A. Consideration of and action on a request to approve the City Wide Literacy program by purchasing technology equipment for Improved Literacy Skills – Interactive apps encourage reading and writing. Increased Access – Ensures students have learning tools outside the classroom. Closing the Achievement Gap – Provides equal opportunities for all students. Fostering Digital Literacy – Equips students with essential technology skills. Encouraging Family Involvement – Strengthens learning at home. This is a budgeted item and is sponsored by Councilman Joe Carn.
- B. Consideration of and action to approve the purchase of 2 golf carts in the amount of \$20,309.00. This is a budgeted item and is sponsored by Councilman Joe Carn.

10. Regular Business

- A. Discussion: Juneteenth parade and activities. Will the parade be held at Godby or Main and what activities will accompany this and where? This item is sponsored on behalf of Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie.
- B. Consideration of and action on a request to approve to increase of pavilion rental fee in the parks. This is located in Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 3, Ward 4.
- C. Consideration of and action on a request to add a stop sign on Janice Drive facing North due to excessive speeding in or near school zone. Sponsored by Councilman Roderick Gay.
- D. Consideration of and action on a request to approve the purchase for Strategic Equipment LLC in the amount of \$166,622.68. This is a request from Interim Convention Center Director, Yanous Barner. This invoice is for the replacement of the commercial dishwasher. This transaction has been classified as an emergency purchase.
- E. Consideration of and action on a request to approve the change order for Prime Engineering in the amount of \$196,570. This is a request from City Manager, Dr. Emmanuel Adediran. This invoice is for construction and engineering inspection services for the Global Gateway Connector Bridge Project.
- F. Consideration of and action on a request to approve the invoice for C.W. Matthews Contracting Company in the amount of \$922,742.72. This is a request from City Manager, Dr. Emmanuel Adediran. This invoice is for services rendered for the Global Gateway Connector Bridge project.

11. City Attorney's Report.

- A. City Attorney's Report

12. City Manager's Report.

13. Report Of Mayor And Council.

14. Executive Session.
15. Approval of Executive Session Minutes.
16. Adjournment.



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**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
COUNCIL AGENDA MEMO (CAM)
REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

DOC ID: 11840

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Dr. Emmanuel Adediran, City Manager

DATE: March 6, 2025

TITLE: Consideration of and action to re-select an appointee for the Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for Ward 3. This item is sponsored by Councilwoman Tracie Arnold.

Prepared by: Melanie Stephens
Department Director: Councilwoman Tracie Arnold

Review:

Emmanuel Adediran	Completed	03/11/2025 5:08 PM
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**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
COUNCIL AGENDA MEMO (CAM)
REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

DOC ID: 11849

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Dr. Emmanuel Adediran, City Manager

DATE: March 10, 2025

TITLE: Special Called Meeting Minutes dated February 24, 2025 - 6PM

Attachments

02242025 SPC 6PM (PDF)

Prepared by: Kelly Bogner
Department Director: Kelly Bogner, City Clerk

Review:

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CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
February 24, 2025

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Bianca Motley Broom; Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie, Councilman Joe Carn, Councilwoman Tracie Arnold, and Councilman Roderick Gay; City Manager Dr. Emmanuel Adediran; City Attorney Winston Denmark; City Clerk Kelly Bogner

Absent: None

Public hearing was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

1. Call to Order

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening. Welcome to the special called meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of College Park. I'm Mayor Bianca Motley Broom.

I have a quorum present with Councilmembers McKenzie, Carn, and Gay physically present. Councilmember Arnold is joining us via Zoom; but because we have three people in attendance physically, we do have a quorum. And so at this time -- at 6:04 p.m., I will call the meeting to order.

2. Public Hearing

A. Motion to commence the third of three public hearings to allow citizens to offer their remarks and comments regarding the Council’s intent to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for the City of College Park. The hearing will be held at Jack P. Longino City Hall Council Chambers located at 3667 Main Street, College Park, Georgia 30337 on February 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and pursuant to the requirements of Official Code of Georgia Annotated, O.C.G.A. 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the notice to “opt out” of House Bill 581. Consideration to approve Resolution 2025-XX to Opt Out of the Homestead Exemption.

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And we've got a public hearing on House Bill 581, so I'll declare that open at this time. Anyone wishing to speak can do so at this point. At this time seeing no one here for the public hearing who wishes to speak, I will declare the public hearing closed. Is there a motion?

(Public hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m.)

MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: So moved.

- 37 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion to close the hearing? Is there a motion to close the hearing?
- 38 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Yes.
- 39 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: No.
- 40 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Motion for --
- 41 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I -- I closed the public hearing.
- 42 COUNCILMAN CARN: What is the motion for? You said is there a motion.
- 43 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Right.
- 44 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yes. I'm asking --
- 45 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion is for what?
- 46 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion to be had?
- 47 COUNCILMAN CARN: City Attorney, I'm going to let you get seated here. I got a question.
- 48 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: We have two different meet -- meetings. There are two
49 meetings. The meeting -- the first meeting was the -- the public hearing, and then there's a
50 special called meeting that does have agenda items.
- 51 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I was never notified of that second special called meeting, but
52 we're here for a public hearing on House Bill 581. No one wished to speak, so is there anyone in
53 the Body who wishes to make a motion in regard to House Bill 581?
- 54 COUNCILMAN CARN: City Attorney, I have a question.
- 55 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn, if you could direct toward me and I'm --
56 I'm happy to -- I'm happy to make sure that -- what -- what is your question, sir?
- 57 COUNCILMAN CARN: So you talked around the idea of another special called hearing
58 possibly due to the fact that the other two were actually, kind of, combined.
- 59 Now, obviously for the record, there was no public comment on this public hearing. So I just
60 want to make sure we have given our residents every available option to be heard on this. Again,
61 this one constituted three meetings; three public hearings.
- 62 But since we do have an extended timeframe would having one during the March 3rd meeting
63 now that we're -- we have an extension --
- 64 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Huh-uh. We can't -- we can't.

- 65 COUNCILMAN CARN: -- till the end of March would that -- would that violate anything or --
- 66 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: Madam Mayor, I'm -- I'm not -- I understand that the House
67 may have passed it, but I -- it still has to go through the Senate and be signed by the Governor, so
68 I'm not sure that we have an extended timeframe as we sit here now. And so as we sit here now,
69 the deadline is March 1 --
- 70 COUNCILMAN CARN: March 1.
- 71 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: -- and -- and so I -- I would encourage you to operate based
72 on the premise that that is the deadline unless and until we hear something definitively different.
- 73 COUNCILMAN CARN: Well, I want to over accommodate the residents if legally possible.
74 And that -- that's, kind of, my idea. Now -- and I understand exactly what you're saying. Right
75 now it's three --
- 76 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: We have to vote.
- 77 COUNCILMAN CARN: -- it is three hearings and it's March 1st. I get that. Now -- and this is
78 just hypothetically speaking. If we were to do a fourth hearing on March 3rd -- let's just say if
79 we were to do one and it disqualifies as -- as a -- as a hearing; fine, well, and good.
- 80 We still got three, but an additional one in the event that there is an extension granted -- because
81 it seems that there was a desire statewide to give cities and counties a little more time.
- 82 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: Well, sir, you need to take action. My advice and
83 recommendation to you is to take action before March 1st. You won't have another opportunity.
- 84 COUNCILMAN CARN: Understood.
- 85 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: Tonight is it.
- 86 COUNCILMAN CARN: Got it.
- 87 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: And so, you know, you --
- 88 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. Right now the deadline is the deadline.
- 89 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: Yes, sir.
- 90 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Madam Clerk.
- 91 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Madam Mayor, my apologies. I do have two public
92 comments to read into the record if that is allowed for public hearing. Just to confirm.
- 93 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: The hearing has been closed.

- 94 COUNCILMAN CARN: Well, I think --
- 95 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: I know you closed the public hearing.
- 96 COUNCILMAN CARN: -- she closed the public hearing.
- 97 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: She closed it.
- 98 COUNCILMAN CARN: We didn't -- we didn't know we had any public comments.
- 99 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Didn't know --
- 100 MR. PHILIP LATONA: If there -- if there --
- 101 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Ma'am, Philip -- Philip want to -- would like to address about
102 the resolution.
- 103 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Good evening, Mayor and Council.
- 104 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Good evening.
- 105 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening, Mr. Latona.
- 106 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Tonight's third public hearing -- formulated the three public hearings
107 and as Attorney Denmark Winston provided, we have to decide on whether we're opting in or
108 opting out.
- 109 We do have a resolution, I think, attached to the agenda items that if we are opting out, we need
110 to vote on that this evening so that we can turn it in to the Secretary of State before March 1st.
- 111 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir.
- 112 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: I have a question.
- 113 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember --
- 114 COUNCILMAN CARN: Phil, I have a few questions.
- 115 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: I have a question.
- 116 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember McKenzie. Councilmember McKenzie, do you
117 have a question?
- 118 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: No, not as Councilmember. Councilmember McKenzie.
- 119 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Are you -- I'm sorry?

- 120 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Not as Councilmember McKenzie. Go ahead, Joe.
- 121 COUNCILMAN CARN: Phil --
- 122 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn.
- 123 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. So obviously this is an important decision, and we want to be
124 thorough -- as thorough as we can.
- 125 I got an understanding of the options and what they actually mean; but if you could, kind of, give
126 us the inning and the score in terms of opting out or opting in, which would -- which would
127 parallel us with the inflationary increase.
- 128 Where does that put us? What does that mean? And -- and can you, kind of, I guess, quantify
129 both options for us real quick?
- 130 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Well, opting in -- if you were to opt in, you are permanently included in
131 this floating homestead. As of right now, there's no ability to exit unless there's a constitutional
132 change, so you're locked in.
- 133 Another product or byproduct of House Bill 581 is the floating homestead sales tax which
134 College Park is one of four cities that gets MOST, so we would not be eligible for the floating
135 local homestead sales tax.
- 136 With some analysis that Mr. Wall did for us in a secondary presentation, his estimates were that
137 if we were to opt in, it would roughly cost the City about \$41,000 in reduced tax revenue for the
138 current year.
- 139 But now that's going to change -- if inflation changes, then you have -- I mean, it is -- it affects
140 the 1288 homestead owners that we have. It does not affect commercial businesses. It's a
141 residential tax -- tax break only, so it is something that would benefit the residents.
- 142 COUNCILMAN CARN: In terms of opting in?
- 143 MR. PHILIP LATONA: By opting in. Now, opting out provides the City the ability to mirror a
144 local -- a floating local homestead act specifically for College Park; so if we wanted to have a
145 separate one and not be part of the statewide one, we could present something, I guess, through
146 the lobbyist and have it go to the general assembly if we really wanted to do that.
- 147 You also have the on-the-table issues to think about with our senior homestead exemption. Now,
148 I know you're trying to make amendments to the pre-existing House Bill 270 that passed, so that
149 may impact the decision to move forward with a floating local homestead specifically for College
150 Park.
- 151 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. So in terms of opting out --

152 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Uh-huh.

153 COUNCILMAN CARN: -- we can mirror the inflationary rate increase if we so choose?

154 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Correct.

155 COUNCILMAN CARN: Or we can maintain a millage rate that doesn't move if we so choose?

156 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Correct.

157 COUNCILMAN CARN: Opting in is a benefit to cities that aren't capped, and I want the public
158 to understand this. Because of the MOST tax, we're one of the four cities that are already at the
159 cap for -- for our tax -- tax rate at 9 cents [*sic*]; right?

160 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Yes.

161 COUNCILMAN CARN: So opting in does not give us any additional benefit of -- of -- of -- of
162 the -- of the floating tax. So the only benefit it does give us is it mirrors the inflationary rate
163 increase.

164 Over the past couple of years, we have not increased your millage rate. I'm going to say it again.
165 We have not increased your millage rate. As a matter of fact, we decreased your millage rate and
166 rolled it back to 11.8?

167 MR. PHILIP LATONA: 11.608.

168 COUNCILMAN CARN: 11.68. If we opt out -- excuse me, if we opt in, we cannot roll back
169 that millage rate; is that right? It has to follow the inflationary increases?

170 MR. PHILIP LATONA: If the --

171 COUNCILMAN CARN: Is that right or no?

172 MR. PHILIP LATONA: When we get the tax digest --

173 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay.

174 MR. PHILIP LATONA: -- in June, July and we do our PT32 millage rate calculations, if our
175 rollback rate is higher than 11.608 and we intend to keep that rate, then we have to advertise as a
176 tax increase. So part of -- part of House Bill 581 is we have to provide by -- I believe it's March
177 31st an estimated millage rollback rate.

178 So whatever we decide at that point for the estimate -- if we are -- if our rollback rate that we
179 choose in June, July is higher than that rate, we have to advertise as a tax increase.

180 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. So, again, opting out I think gives us more options than opting
181 in, and it also gives us the same exact option as opting in. Does that sound about right or is
182 that --

183 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Yeah. You can -- yes. You can custom -- by opting out, if you wanted
184 to create your own City of College Park floating local option -- option sales tax exemption, you
185 could.

186 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. I want to make sure the public is clear on that. Opting out, the
187 City has to mirror the inflationary increase of the cost of living and inflation?

188 MR. PHILIP LATONA: If you wanted to create it as a floating local option sales tax -- I mean
189 local option --

190 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Homestead.

191 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Yes. Thank you.

192 COUNCILMAN CARN: But opting in gives us two -- two different options.

193 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Opting in as you are part of the statewide --

194 COUNCILMAN CARN: I mean opting in -- I'm sorry. Opting out gives us two different
195 options. Opting in, we have to follow the inflationary --

196 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Correct.

197 COUNCILMAN CARN: -- rate increase?

198 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Uh-huh.

199 COUNCILMAN CARN: So, again, we can do -- we can do both with the opt out?

200 MR. PHILIP LATONA: There's more flexibility by opting out if you choose to create your own
201 custom designed floating local homestead exemption for College Park.

202 COUNCILMAN CARN: By opting out?

203 MR. PHILIP LATONA: By opting out.

204 COUNCILMAN CARN: And opting in, we cannot lower it. We have to follow the inflationary
205 increase, essentially.

206 MR. PHILIP LATONA: The inflationary restrictions will be set by the Department of Revenue.
207 The assessment value is set by the Fulton County and Clayton County Assessor's Office.

208 So the difference between those two inflationary numbers would be what we would be
209 calculating in terms of a millage rate to extend additional credit to the property owner.

210 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. And my -- my feeling from just the experience in general as a
211 taxpayer -- inflation fluctuates --

212 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Uh-huh.

213 COUNCILMAN CARN: Do I believe inflation will go up in the next year or two? Yes. I do.
214 Will it go up tremendously? Maybe not.

215 But if it's going to be an average inflation rate of 2 percent, 3 percent; then we have to go up. I'm
216 going to say it again. Then we have to go up; is that right?

217 MR. PHILIP LATONA: It just depends on our budget and where our millage rate sits.

218 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. So -- so we can pull some levers where we don't necessarily
219 have to go up.

220 MR. PHILIP LATONA: We could roll back.

221 COUNCILMAN CARN: We could roll back again?

222 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Uh-huh.

223 COUNCILMAN CARN: But we would have to roll back to -- to pull against the inflationary
224 increase.

225 MR. PHILIP LATONA: The millage rate would be -- I'm trying to think how I present this to
226 you. The millage rate is determined by the tax digest and the increase in values. The inflationary
227 component is used to determine the additional homestead exemption that the citizens would
228 benefit from. So it's not dictating the millage rate. It's just a -- a component of the tax
229 calculation.

230 COUNCILMAN CARN: But that's the component that we can't control?

231 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Correct. So if the -- if the assessor says property values raised 10
232 percent and the Department of Revenue sets the inflationary rate at 2 percent, then that 8 percent
233 differential is what we're giving back as a homestead credit to citizens.

234 COUNCILMAN CARN: And we can do that whether we opt in or opt out ourselves if we
235 choose on the city property tax side?

236 MR. PHILIP LATONA: That is a -- that works if you're opting in. If we opt out, we have no
237 restrictions as to inflationary values, and we would probably be getting higher values on

238 assessments. But the relationship between millage rates and values, it would be inverse; so the
239 higher the values go up, the lower the millage rate is going to be.

240 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: I have some questions.

241 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Yes.

242 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember McKenzie, go ahead.

243 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Mayor Pro Tem that is, ma'am.

244 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right.

245 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: We want to call each other by the right names here. First of
246 all, Phil, I want to thank you for getting on a Zoom call last night at 7:30 on a Sunday evening
247 with Ed Wall, Spencer Shane, and -- and -- and our residents throughout the city of College Park.

248 It was really a very informative call, and I can say that when I was at this last -- our last council
249 meeting and we had these two hearings, I have a much greater understanding due to -- to the
250 conversations than I did before.

251 When we -- when you all -- when the presentation was shared last night, we were informed that
252 -- let's say the City does opt in to this particular 581 that if a person -- just, kind of, want to give
253 people an idea that if you have a \$250,000 home that is assessed at 106,000, the savings that you
254 would experience if we opt in would be \$35 for the year.

255 If you have a \$350,000 home which is assessed at \$148,400, your savings would be \$49; so you
256 would actually save \$49 on that, and if you have a \$450,000 home which would be assessed at
257 about 190,000, you would save about \$63 over what you are paying right now for year 2025 --
258 year -- in -- in -- in 2025.

259 I guess that's what it would look like -- 2024 -- 2025. So it's not that big of a difference by us
260 opting in. I think the -- the concern is that in the long term because of the inflationary
261 circumstances, we -- our homeowners may not be able to experience that kind of savings
262 compared to what we as a Governing Body can do.

263 And at our last meeting, we passed legislation that would -- that created a resolution where we
264 are going before our state legislature for a total tax exemption of -- homestead tax exemption for
265 seniors 65 and up.

266 Now, if this were -- if we were to opt in, how does that affect -- meaning -- because right now we
267 haven't received that senior tax exemption; so if we opt in now, how does that affect our seniors?
268 Would we still be able to pass a senior homestead exemption for a 100 percent for our seniors?

269 MR. PHILIP LATONA: I believe we could.

270 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay. So -- but even -- but if we opt out, our seniors still
271 would be able to -- to have that so --

272 MR. PHILIP LATONA: They'll still get that benefit.

273 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: -- basically wanted to let our senior community know that
274 this 581 really has no effect on you. I know we have several seniors who have been concerned
275 and some that were on the call on last night, and their real concern is they wouldn't have that tax
276 exemption for them. Which again, this doesn't benefit them one bit.

277 The -- the -- the general understanding that I got from the experts -- which we had three of you
278 all on the call and it was said a couple times -- and we actually have the -- the -- the -- the -- the
279 meeting -- the AI-generated meeting summary that -- that confirms what I'm saying.

280 But what I, basically, was hearing is that this particular 581 does not really benefit the city of
281 College Park because we have experienced a very conservative Governing Body that has been
282 very sensitive to the needs of our citizens.

283 And we are a group that would -- and I know as long as I'm serving up here, I will be in favor of
284 doing everything we can to keep these taxes as low as possible and to be able to have a budget
285 that reflects what we need to be able to do business effectively in this city.

286 So I guess what you're saying, again, \$40,000 -- this would be a \$40,000 difference of money
287 that we would not receive; and broken down into the various households, it would be anywhere
288 from maybe \$30 to -- to \$75 savings.

289 But it could hurt us in the long -- not -- the City -- well, the City is going to deal with whatever
290 the City has, but it may not be beneficial even for our homeowners in terms of what we could do
291 ourselves if we're not locked in.

292 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Correct.

293 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay. And that's -- that's my understanding.

294 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Mr. Latona. Mr. Latona, I -- I -- I want to be clear because I -- I
295 know that -- that \$41,000 number, that'd be the first year; correct?

296 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Yes.

297 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And so --

298 MR. PHILIP LATONA: It is going to change year over year based on inflation and -- and
299 assessment values.

300 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Do you have a sense of the percentage increase we've seen in our
301 tax digest say over the last five years?

302 MR. PHILIP LATONA: It's been close to double digits, upper -- upper 8; 9; 10 percent. I think
303 with the economy that we're in right now, it may not be as high. It may plateau. It may start to
304 come down, but that's just me guessing what the assessor's going to recognize as to what's
305 prudent.

306 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: So you said double digit. We'll -- we'll -- I'll -- I'll go --

307 MR. PHILIP LATONA: I'll say maybe 10. I wouldn't go --

308 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yeah. I was going to say, I -- I'll go to the lowest double digit,
309 which is 10. So on a \$200,000 house --

310 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Uh-huh.

311 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: -- if you saw a depreciation -- I mean an assessment that went
312 from 200 to 220 in one year, you might see that -- that nominal savings that first year, but if that
313 10 percent goes on --

314 MR. PHILIP LATONA: It's going to be a bigger --

315 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: -- for a couple of years, the -- the savings will add up as -- as that
316 -- that base rate only rises to the -- to the inflationary value that the Department of Revenue sets;
317 correct?

318 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Yes. That is correct.

319 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn.

320 COUNCILMAN CARN: Couple of things, Phil, and -- at -- at one -- at -- at -- at -- before you
321 leave, obviously, you know, you got probably the foremost expertise when it comes to taxes
322 assessment in this city. I do want to get a recommendation from you of which option and not
323 going --

324 MR. PHILIP LATONA: I don't set policy, sir.

325 COUNCILMAN CARN: I -- I understand, but I do want to get a recommendation. Your
326 assessment is -- and looking at this more so than anybody. The senior tax exemption is
327 tremendous for the community.

328 That goes without saying. It relieves a tremendous burden off the seniors where they don't have
329 to worry about city taxes ever; ever. The senior tax exemption also encourages long term home
330 ownership in the city of College Park.

331 City Manager, long term home ownership in the city of College Park is a plus and benefit in
332 many, many, many ways from police, crime, fires, from you name it, from street traffic, from --

333 from a litany of things that make our community more of a disruptive-free community which a
334 lot of residents are looking for; a disruptive-free lifestyle. That does encourage that.

335 The 40K number will change based on inflation and -- and the markets if we -- if we have opted
336 in. So opting in does ties us to the whims of the economy a little bit more than opting out; is that
337 right?

338 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Yes.

339 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. I'm going to say that again. Opting in does lock us into the
340 whims of the economy in terms of inflation more so than opting out because we can still turn the
341 dial and have a little bit more flexibility if we opt out. Opting in simply limits our boundaries of
342 constraint; is that right?

343 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Yes.

344 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. I just want to make sure the public understands the difference.
345 So can you give a recommendation? I mean, what -- what, you know, what -- what's your
346 recommendation in terms of, you know, just from your assessment?

347 MR. PHILIP LATONA: There's benefits for the City to be able to cultivate its own specialized
348 floating local homestead exemption based on past experience that the Governing Body has
349 shown.

350 It is knowledge of our senior -- senior community and trying to protect them. I think there's just
351 -- there's more control at the local level than being part of 581, and you're locked in.

352 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. Spoken like a true politician.

353 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Perfect. That's what I was aiming for.

354 COUNCILMAN CARN: Last thing I will say, I think our tax digest is obviously going to
355 expand. We have significant housing starts. We're going to have many more homes coming
356 online, so our tax digest will -- will get larger which also encourages a lower millage rate.

357 The more you expand the type -- tax digestion, the lower your rate. Uncoupling us from 581 also
358 gives us the additional flexibility to lower or raise as -- as -- as we -- as need be.

359 So I -- I think that gives a really thorough assessment of what we're talking about. City Manager,
360 I was not aware that we had public comments via email.

361 I understand we closed the public hearing. I, for one, would be fine with opening it just to read
362 those comments, you know. You say it's two comments?

363 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember, if you wish to address it and make a motion, I'm
364 happy to --

- 365 COUNCILMAN CARN: I -- I -- well -- and I am if you give me a minute.
- 366 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Please go ahead.
- 367 COUNCILMAN CARN: I appreciate it. We have two comments?
- 368 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Yes, sir.
- 369 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. Again, I, for one, would be -- if we can open up -- reopen the
370 public meeting just to hear the residents out that did take the time to email us. Shouldn't take any
371 more than a couple minutes, so I will make a motion that we reopen to make sure every voice is
372 heard and cover our bases. It's only two comments since no one was here in public to comment.
- 373 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: So there's a motion to reopen the public hearing for the reading
374 of the two email comments. Is there a second?
- 375 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Second.
- 376 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. All right. Any discussion? Hearing none, we'll
377 move to a vote. All those in favor?
- 378 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.
- 379 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.
- 380 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Aye.
- 381 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Arnold, what is your vote? She still on?
- 382 MR. JAMES HAMMOND: She's on.
- 383 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Arnold, can you hear me?
- 384 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.
- 385 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. All right. That is unanimous. Madam Clerk.
- 386 (Public hearing reopened at 6:31 p.m.)
- 387 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: First public comment is from Selisa Jefferson. Good
388 evening, Mayor and Council. Please vote not to opt out House Bill 581.
- 389 The House Bill 581 allows funding to help homeowner -- homeowners save on property taxes
390 along with it will help sustain our sewer infrastructure with the local option sales tax. You will
391 be placing our community in serious jeopardy by opting out.

392 Remember, CCP does not have a significant retail district like North Fulton for an increase in
 393 sales tax revenue to sustain an offset if we no longer participate. Also, our property values in
 394 2024 increased more than 42 percent, and the projections for 2025 to 2026 will be more than 57
 395 percent.

396 You have to be proactive by supporting this bill to help save our homes and our community.
 397 Let's work together to sustain financial support for our residents and community. Thank you.
 398 Best regards, Mrs. Selisa Jefferson.

399 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Question.

400 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Can you hold that for just one moment while we read the second
 401 one?

402 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: I wanted to -- when we did the in-person, we allowed the
 403 councilmembers to be able to respond. So I wanted to stop at the reading of this first one so that
 404 I could ask a question to Mr. Latona regarding the email that was read.

405 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And would ask just -- just hold the questions and we'll -- we'll
 406 get through that and -- and you'll be first. All right.

407 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Next public comment is from D. Jackson. Dear, City
 408 Manager, Mayor, Council, and Philip. I hope this message finds you well.

409 I'm writing to express my concerns again regarding the senior exemption that I qualify for which
 410 I have been attempting to secure for some time now. I have reached out to several individuals:
 411 yourself; Philip; Ward 1; Mayor but I continue to be passed from one person to another without a
 412 positive resolution.

413 I was told the Attorney Wilson [*sic*] needs to address the issue which the code does not provide
 414 the resolution in my case. Please advise on next steps or direct me to the person who can
 415 facilitate the positive resolution. Sincerely, D. Jackson, Herschel Road.

416 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Mayor Pro Tem McKenzie.

417 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Clerk, could you, please, read the first comment again so that
 418 Mr. Latona will be able to answer the question that I want to ask him? So the first public
 419 comment, please.

420 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Ma'am, would you like me to read the full -- full comment?

421 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: The first -- the first -- at least the first paragraph -- just --
 422 that's why I wanted to -- to deal with it at that time before we had another situation.

423 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Please -- yes, ma'am. Please vote not to opt out of House
 424 Bill 581. House Bill 581 allows funding to help home -- homeowners save on property taxes

425 along with it will help sustain our sewer infrastructure with the local option sales tax. You will
426 be placing our community in serious jeopardy by opting out.

427 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. That's it. That's -- question. Is that -- is that correct,
428 Mr. Latona? What -- what Ms. Jefferson is saying in terms of -- of that first -- her first two
429 sentences that this could affect our water sewer or whatever?

430 MR. PHILIP LATONA: That, I'm not sure of. We do collect revenue for a local option sales
431 tax. I'd have to research that if there would be any impact.

432 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay. Because we didn't hear anything like that in the -- in
433 the understanding so that's something that I've never heard before. So I'm just wondering where
434 that information was -- came from. So you're not aware of that?

435 MR. PHILIP LATONA: No.

436 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay.

437 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn.

438 COUNCILMAN CARN: Phil, so opting in does not remove us or disqualify us from the share of
439 the LOST; is that right?

440 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Correct.

441 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. And LOST is the local option sales tax for the public. The
442 LOST in Fulton County is based on a city's population.

443 That means we are on the lower end of the LOST. One of the smallest percentages of LOST
444 money goes to the city of College Park anyhow. It will continue to be based on that formula for
445 the foreseeable future unless the State changes the formulas.

446 So I want people to understand we're -- we're -- we're at the small potatoes of that money.
447 We're 13,900 people, so it's based on that compared to the city of Atlanta at over half a million
448 people, for example; or all the northern cities at 70; 80; 90,000 people; in South Fulton, 100,000.

449 For -- and to Mrs. Jefferson's comment, she said she experienced a 42 percent tax increase
450 recently. I want the public to keep in mind and understand none of that increase was a city
451 property tax increase.

452 I'm going to say it again, so it's clear. Yes. Over the last two years, I would imagine everybody's
453 property tax bill went up; everybody's. But there are three parts to that: 52 to 55 percent, school
454 board; 20 to 25, city; 20 to 25, county, depending on the city. Is that right?

455 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Uh-huh.

456 COUNCILMAN CARN: The part that we are talking about -- the city property taxes did not go
457 up by any percentage last year. As a matter of fact, it went down by how much, Mr. Latona?

458 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Well, the tax digest went down 8.7 percent.

459 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: You mean the millage rate?

460 COUNCILMAN CARN: The millage rate.

461 MR. PHILIP LATONA: The millage rate.

462 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: The millage rate.

463 MR. PHILIP LATONA: The millage rate went down 8.7 percent but tax digest-- the tax digest
464 grew. So, therefore, on average I would guess to say that people saw some increases. There's
465 also the piece last year that we received the -- state awarded from the HRTC -- HRTG homestead
466 tax relief. That was a one-time credit that we received from the state that was extended to all
467 homestead residents in College Park.

468 The maximum that that afforded residents was \$227.13. So given a property owner's value
469 staying flat, they probably saw an increase in 2024 taxes because that one-time tax credit of 2023
470 was a one-time deal for 2023.

471 COUNCILMAN CARN: Right. But, however, our city property tax millage rate did not
472 increase.

473 MR. PHILIP LATONA: No. We rolled it back

474 COUNCILMAN CARN: It decreased. I just want to make sure that portion of your tax bill
475 which is the portion that we are responsible for that we can control did not increase by any
476 percentage. As a matter of fact, it decreased by 8.71 percent.

477 I just want to make that clear. Yes. My bill overall increased, but that was county taxes and
478 school taxes. The city portion decreased; and the year before that, it remained steady. It did not
479 increase at all.

480 So I just want to make sure that -- that -- that people understand that when they look at their bills
481 and say they went up last year. They did. The city's portion did not go up. The millage rate did
482 not go up for the city side. I just want to make sure everyone understands that.

483 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Mr. Latona --

484 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I -- I have a question.

485 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Arnold, give me one moment. I was just about
486 to ask Mr. Latona a question and then I'll come to you.

- 487 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Thank you.
- 488 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: There's a -- there's a difference between what we said is the
489 millage rate and what the county values a property at; is that correct?
- 490 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Yes.
- 491 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Those -- those are two separate things?
- 492 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Yes.
- 493 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: So it's conceivable that even if the city rolls back their millage
494 rate if the county values a property at a value that is a certain percentage higher than the year
495 prior even though someone could have had a reduction in their city millage rate, it's the amount
496 of tax -- taxes that they owe to the city could increase?
- 497 MR. PHILIP LATONA: That's correct.
- 498 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. So I -- I just want to be clear about that, and that's an
499 individual thing based upon the valuation of someone's home; correct?
- 500 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Yes. It's individual.
- 501 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And so, Councilmember Arnold.
- 502 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Mr. Latona, will any -- will -- us opting in or out have any
503 impact on -- on MOST?
- 504 MR. PHILIP LATONA: No. It will not.
- 505 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay. Thank you.
- 506 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn.
- 507 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. So no impact on the MOST tax? No impact on the LOST tax?
- 508 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Correct.
- 509 COUNCILMAN CARN: Last thing I want to mention, there is another lever that you as a
510 resident if you are a homeowner can push -- and this is something that we in College Park out of
511 the 15,16 municipalities do not do a whole lot -- and that is appeal your property tax assessment
512 to Fulton County.
- 513 A lot of times you appeal that and you can get an adjustment if you feel like they overvalued it.
514 So we want to keep in mind that's a lever that everyone can use, and it does not cost anything to
515 appeal. We don't do it enough in College Park. Other cities take advantage of that a bit more.

516 So again, that is another lever option for the county assessment because only the county assesses
517 your property value.

518 So if your property went up from \$200,000 to \$250,000 and you didn't make any improvements
519 to your property, you need to appeal that, and you would very likely get a reduction if you appeal
520 it. But if you do not know to appeal it -- you know, education and awareness this year. City
521 Manager, education and awareness.

522 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes, sir.

523 COUNCILMAN CARN: We're bringing these homeowners a tremendous savings -- tremendous
524 savings. So we've accomplished tremendous savings. Now we want to show our homeowners
525 how to preserve those savings. I hope y'all are hearing me. We want to make sure you know
526 how to preserve those savings, so that's just as important.

527 We can't control those county levels anymore. When I was County Commissioner, I had a hand
528 in it; but on the city level, we want to keep things as low as possible for homeowners. So -- and
529 with as many options for homeowners that -- that -- that we can provide.

530 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further questions?

531 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: I have another -- yes. Yes. I have a question.

532 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Mayor Pro Tem.

533 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Mr. Latona, this is another piece that I have been informed
534 of. Just want to get clarification from -- from you. What would be the implications -- so this
535 particular House Bill 581 is just dealing with our homestead property owners' tax -- property
536 owners.

537 MR. PHILIP LATONA: That is correct.

538 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: What implications would this have on the business
539 community and our multifamily communities?

540 MR. PHILIP LATONA: It has no impact on them. They're not affected by this homestead
541 exemption -- this floating homestead exemption.

542 If -- in the examples that we gave, property values by the assessor raised -- went up 3, 4 percent;
543 they're paying that 3, 4 percent. They don't have an option of getting a -- a tax credit, so they
544 would be paying the higher -- on the higher value.

545 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Now, would we as a city be able to offer something to them
546 if we're opted in? To the business community or the --

547 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Opting in does -- they're not affected if we opt in because it is only a
548 residential program.

549 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay. So we could still -- we would still have control over
550 those year taxes meaning terms?

551 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Correct.

552 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay. I just know, like I said just for the record -- this is not
553 for you, but you were there -- not one person on our call last night wanted us to opt in.

554 Everyone that spoke up wanted us to opt out. So, you know -- and that was what I was given --
555 the recommendation that I was given through the experts.

556 But just want everybody to be aware that we have sought -- I have sought community input and
557 we had several -- we had lots of people on the call last night, and there's no one that wanted us to
558 opt in.

559 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further questions for Mr. Latona?

560 COUNCILMAN GAY: I just --

561 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Gay.

562 COUNCILMAN GAY: I just had one question. And it might be more legal than -- than county.
563 The -- the floating homestead exemption we opt in don't affect the senior homestead exemption?
564 Can you explain why it wouldn't if it is a tax?

565 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: Why the opting in would not affect the senior homestead? I
566 mean, it -- I don't know why it would. It's just -- it's just -- it's not related to the -- the --
567 homestead exemption is something that if the -- if -- if it passes, we would give, but if you -- if
568 you, kind of, opt in; then you would adopt that new system or be stuck with that new system that
569 the general assembly has -- has enacted.

570 But if you're exempting seniors from -- then they -- they're -- they're exempt. So they wouldn't
571 be under the old system; the new system; under no system. They would be exempt.

572 COUNCILMAN GAY: Okay. Does -- does -- does our senior homestead exemption -- if the
573 Governor signs on the ballot -- if this comes -- what comes first? This bill? If we opt out, what
574 becomes law? This before the senior homestead exemption?

575 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: I mean, it -- it -- it's almost impossible to determine that. I
576 mean, but -- well -- yeah. The -- the -- you -- you could make a decision tonight to -- to -- could -
577 - I'm not saying you will -- to opt out of 581 and if you made that decision, then that's -- that's the
578 end of it.

579 COUNCILMAN GAY: That's the end. But if we opt in, you -- you -- you don't know for sure if
580 the senior homestead exemption will not be stayed as a result? I wouldn't be?

581 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: No, sir.

582 COUNCILMAN GAY: Okay.

583 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: The way this is structured, if -- if a city has a better deal than
584 581, then they -- then -- then the residents have the option because there are some places where
585 there are frozen homestead exemptions that don't float.

586 Like, when you buy your house, you -- it is frozen at that value, and you are taxed on that value
587 as long as you live in it. And so for those communities, having a floating homestead exemption
588 is actually a worse deal.

589 It -- it -- it would cost more to those taxpayers. Those communities don't have to make it less
590 beneficial for their residents, and so that senior homestead exemption is a better deal for our
591 senior homesteaders. So it is -- it would not -- it would not be impacted by this. Councilmember
592 Carn.

593 COUNCILMAN CARN: And, Roderick, I -- I get your question. You don't want it to hamper or
594 what would the -- the -- the big savings. I get what you're saying.

595 Opting in or opting out -- and correct me if I'm wrong, Phil, whether we choose opting in or out,
596 it's only based on city property taxes that we choose to collect, so 65 and over that we choose not
597 to collect can't affect taxes that we don't collect on the cityside.

598 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further questions for Mr. Latona?

599 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Just -- yeah; one just clarification again.

600 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Go right ahead.

601 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay. So on one hand, it -- we believe that it would not
602 affect -- because we -- we haven't been granted this yet by Governor's office. That was my
603 concern.

604 The fact that this is just something that we submitted last week and opting in could that have an
605 impact on our -- on what we're asking for. But beyond that, it's -- it's -- so on one hand we're
606 saying we -- we cannot intervene.

607 I mean, we -- if -- if the tax digest goes up and -- and now our -- our residents are going to be
608 assessed, we have to charge a higher tax bill. We can go back and we can lower the millage rate.

609 But, I mean, what other options do we -- we still -- once we're in this system, we're in this
610 system. So I -- I'm still -- don't understand how we could -- this is not really for you just, you
611 know -- I -- I just see where we do this without having to go through this.

612 I mean, we could keep the taxes low. We could be creative in the programs -- everything -- even
613 when we did not get the tax -- well, before my time on this council, we were creative as a city to
614 be able to give those seniors that would've gotten that tax exemption, utility credit.

615 So we have so many ways and so many means in this city by which to accommodate our
616 residents. That -- that's basically -- like I said, I -- I had to -- I had to think through it. I had to
617 listen and meditate over this, but I really -- personally am hearing that this is not something that's
618 necessary for the city of College Park.

619 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Mr. Latona, have you had the opportunity to connect with other
620 cities in the -- in Fulton and Clayton Counties in regard to 581?

621 MR. PHILIP LATONA: I haven't spoken to them, no. Just based on the Zoom call that I was on
622 last night and Mr. Wall's clients, he mentioned several in the local area that are opting out.

623 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Yes.

624 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I know that Union City; East Point; Mountain Park; Sandy
625 Springs are all opting in. The city of Atlanta is opting out, but they actually have a better --

626 MR. PHILIP LATONA: Uh-huh. I think Clayton County is opting out as well.

627 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: -- floating -- right. So they have a -- I think Atlanta limits it to
628 2.6 percent increase for a homesteader from year to year so --

629 COUNCILMAN CARN: And --

630 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: -- Councilmember Carn.

631 COUNCILMAN CARN: And Atlanta has the MOST like us, so that's probably a part of why
632 they're opting out as well.

633 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Right. And we only have four cities that -- the four cities
634 that are in -- in -- in -- doing the MOST. And that is the answer to that question. If Ed Wall were
635 here to answer that question that was asked by the Chair, he would give you all of the
636 information on the various cities that have been.

637 So we have been advised by one who has communicated with several cities. He's been all over
638 Georgia going -- doing these presentations. And, again, based on what we have in our city, the
639 recommendation was that we have the ability to -- to do better than House Bill 581.

640 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I -- I had the opportunity to speak to Mr. Wall this morning about
641 the issue and he said that he's -- the advice that he's been giving his clients has been that if the
642 public is in favor of it, then it's just not worth the political headaches essentially.

643 And certainly during our -- our public hearings last week, we heard pretty loudly that folks
644 wanted to opt in; but whatever this Body chooses to do is what this Body chooses to do. Are
645 there any further -- further questions?

646 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Yes. Yes. I have a comment.

647 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I'm sorry.

648 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Arnold.

649 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I have another -- I have another question and please forgive the
650 noise in the background. I -- my question is -- I think I heard that Clayton County has opted out.

651 So being that we have residents that are in Clayton County as well, how does it impact them if
652 we were to opt in, right? If we had some of our residents that were opted in and some are opted
653 out?

654 MR. PHILIP LATONA: I was under the understanding that if the counties opted out or a city
655 opted out, it would impact. Subsequently, upon further discussion, it seemed like each one was
656 independent. So I think each city and/or county has the option of making their own decision, and
657 it would not impact everybody else.

658 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Arnold, does that answer your question?

659 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I don't know. It -- it's a bit confusing. Why? Because the city
660 is the city regardless to, you know -- I mean, the city is split into two counties, so it is still
661 making it confusing for me.

662 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember, I think -- and, Mr. Latona, assist me on this.
663 But for the portion of their taxes that the city of College Park is responsible for levying if the city
664 opted in -- let's say on that -- that \$100,000 house, okay, that had an increase in value by the tax
665 assessor in Clayton County of 10 percent, it would be taxed on that 10 percent increase for the
666 county portion of the bill; but for us it would be essentially what that inflationary rate was which
667 would be probably around 3 percent. Does that make sense?

668 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Yes. It does. Thank you.

669 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. Mayor Pro Tem McKenzie.

670 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Yes. I want to clarify the -- a little bit of information --
671 overriding misinformation and clarification. At our last meeting where we had the two public
672 hearings, I was very concerned about how to -- to move on this decision.

673 We did hear from citizens at the last council meeting when we had the hearing, but I had a
674 preponderance of citizens from wards throughout this city that have spoken and do not want the
675 City to opt in. And they -- and last night's call, we specifically had Wards 4 and Wards 1 on the
676 call.

677 So yes we may have had some people come down who are able to attend this -- these last two
678 meetings; but since that time, we received phone calls, we received letters, and then we had
679 citizens that came out that wanted to learn. And as of 8:30, 8:15 last night; their voices were
680 heard loud and clear, and I plan for my vote to reflect the majority that I heard from.

681 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. Any further discussion? Hearing none, is there a motion?

682 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: I'd like to make a motion to opt out of House Bill 581.

683 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a second?

684 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second.

685 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any further discussion? Hearing none, we'll move to a vote. All
686 those in favor of opting out of House Bill 581.

687 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

688 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Aye.

689 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All those opposed?

690 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

691 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

692 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I'm opposed. So the motion fails and so this meeting is over;
693 right? This is the only thing on -- on this particular meeting so --

694 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Mayor, Kelly sent out the -- to, you know, as far as the public
695 hearing, yes; but there's another --

696 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That's another special called meeting which I found out about on
697 social media, but we have to adjourn one meeting before we call another one.

698 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay. Sorry.

699 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: So the -- the 6:30 meeting -- the six o'clock meeting is adjourned.

700 3. Adjournment.

701 Special Called Meeting and Public Hearing adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

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1 CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
 2 MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
 3 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
 4 February 24, 2025
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6 MINUTES

7 Present: Mayor Bianca Motley Broom; Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie, Councilman
 8 Joe Carn, Councilwoman Tracie Arnold, and Councilman Roderick Gay; City
 9 Manager Dr. Emmanuel Adediran; City Attorney Winston Denmark; City Clerk
 10 Kelly Bogner
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12 Absent: None

13 Special Called Meeting was called to order at 6:56 p.m.
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15 1. Call to Order

16 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Now at 6:56 p.m., I'm calling the second special called meeting
 17 to order with a quorum of Council members McKenzie, Carn, and Gay in person.

18 Councilmember Arnold is joining us via Zoom. So because we have three people in person, we
 19 have a quorum to start this meeting. First item on the agenda.

20 2. Regular Business

21 A. Consideration of and action on a request to approve Resolution 2025-XX to not change
 22 any of the City Charter. Item sponsored by the Legislators.

23 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Agenda item 2A, consideration of and action on a request
 24 to approve Resolution 2025-XX to not change any of the City Charter. Item sponsored by the
 25 Legislators.

26 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

27 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

28 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Carn. Is there a second?

29 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Second.

30 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Mayor Pro Tem McKenzie. Any discussion?
 31 Hearing none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

32 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

- 33 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Aye.
- 34 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.
- 35 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Arnold? Any opposed?
- 36 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.
- 37 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: You're opposed, Councilmember Arnold?
- 38 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: No. I am in support of --
- 39 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. You're -- you're in favor --
- 40 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: -- not to change any of the charter.
- 41 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. All right. Thank you. All right. So that is unanimous.
- 42 B. Consideration of and action on a request to approve Georgia Municipal Association
43 restated Adoption Agreement and General Addendum.
- 44 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Agenda item 2B, consideration of and action on a request
45 to approve the Georgia Municipal Association restated Adoption Agreement and General
46 Addendum.
- 47 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?
- 48 COUNCILMAN CARN: Discussion. Question. This item --Rose, is this -- I know we approved
49 something at the last meeting or two.
- 50 MS. ROSE STEWART: Last year, you did. This -- this is a continuous item that has to come
51 before Mayor and City Council. You know, this is based on the change in the retirement benefits
52 for public safety staff that was approved several -- a few years back; few years back.
- 53 COUNCILMAN CARN: This is renewal?
- 54 MS. ROSE STEWART: Well, this is a restatement. It has to be signed -- re-signed each year.
- 55 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.
- 56 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Carn. Is there a second?
- 57 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Second.
- 58 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Mayor Pro Tem McKenzie. Any discussion?

- 59 COUNCILMAN CARN: Do we have a copy of this document?
- 60 MS. ROSE STEWART: It was in your packet. It should have been.
- 61 COUNCILMAN CARN: I've got 581 in here but this is the -- this is the hearing -- public
62 hearing. I've got the homestead exemption resolution.
- 63 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Can you hear me?
- 64 COUNCILMAN CARN: I don't have any of that.
- 65 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Arnold, just one moment.
- 66 COUNCILMAN CARN: Okay. All right. Well, we -- okay. I'm fine. I'm good.
- 67 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. Councilmember Arnold. Councilmember Arnold? Go
68 right ahead.
- 69 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I'm sorry. Were we taking a vote?
- 70 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Not yet. Is there any further discussion?
- 71 COUNCILMAN GAY: I have a discussion.
- 72 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Gay.
- 73 COUNCILMAN GAY: This is on tonight's special called agenda. Are we on a deadline or
74 something or just because we're here might as well vote on it?
- 75 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: No. We -- we -- we have to get this done by March the 20th
76 at the latest.
- 77 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Yes. Mid- March.
- 78 COUNCILMAN GAY: So it couldn't have made council meeting? I mean, it -- it would not
79 have been enough time?
- 80 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: The -- the -- the -- this is so important that I didn't think it was
81 prudent to put it on a March -- I mean, I don't want anything to happen where for some odd
82 reason we don't vote.
- 83 We don't have a meeting, and we don't do this because if we don't get this done, we lose our tax-
84 exempt status. I mean, it would be a -- a -- a nightmare. So out of an extreme abundance of
85 caution, I just thought the earlier we can get it before the Body, the better.
- 86 COUNCILMAN GAY: Okay.

- 87 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any additional questions? Discussion? Hearing none, we'll
88 move to a vote. All those in favor?
- 89 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.
- 90 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Aye.
- 91 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.
- 92 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Arnold? Councilmember Arnold?
- 93 MR. JAMES HAMMOND: She just dropped.
- 94 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: She just dropped?
- 95 MR. JAMES HAMMOND: Yes.
- 96 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Mr. Hammond says that Councilmember Arnold
97 dropped but Councilmembers McKenzie, Carn, and Gay have voted in favor of it. So the motion
98 does pass. There is no further business. Councilmember Carn.
- 99 COUNCILMAN CARN: City Clerk.
- 100 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Yes, sir.
- 101 COUNCILMAN CARN: Let's make sure -- make sure to follow up with Councilwoman Arnold
102 just to get her vote on record.
- 103 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Yes, sir.
- 104 COUNCILMAN CARN: If -- if -- if she -- if she -- if she's just not here -- then I guess her vote
105 is not going to be counted either way so --
- 106 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: She's not here.
- 107 COUNCILMAN CARN: All right.
- 108 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: She's not here.
- 109 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: She's -- she's not here.
- 110 COUNCILMAN CARN: Got you. Okay.
- 111 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: She abstains.

112 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: The motion passed. So that concludes our business on the
113 second special called meeting. And so at this time at 7:01 p.m., we are adjourned.

114 We'll see you next Monday for our regular meeting on March 3rd.

115 4. Adjournment.

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117 Special Called Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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Bianca Motley Broom, Mayor

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CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2025

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Bianca Motley Broom; Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie, Councilman Joe Carn, Councilwoman Tracie Arnold, and Councilman Roderick Gay; City Manager Dr. Emmanuel Adediran; City Attorney Winston Denmark; City Clerk Kelly Bogner

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good afternoon. Welcome to the third special called meeting of the week for the Mayor and City Council of the City of College Park. I'm Mayor Bianca Motley Broom.

We have a full quorum present with Councilmembers McKenzie, Carn, Arnold, and Gay; and so I will call the meeting to order at this time. There is one item on the agenda. Madam Clerk.

2. Regular Business

A. Consideration and action to "opt out" of House Bill 581. Consideration to approve Resolution 2025-XX to Opt Out of the Homestead Exemption.

MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Agenda item 2A, consideration of and action to opt out of House Bill 581. Consideration to approve Resolution 2025-XX to opt out of the Homestead Exemption.

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Carn. Is there a second?

COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Arnold. Any discussion?

COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: So I -- I wanted to --

- 33 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Arnold, go right ahead.
- 34 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Thank you. Thank you. I would like to revise that motion a
35 little bit. I want to make a motion to -- that we rescind the vote accompanying resolution -- the
36 resolution from February 24th, 2025, opting into House Bill 581.
- 37 And I also want to go ahead and make a comment in regards to that. I don't know how many
38 people know that I was out of town, and I was connected virtually with -- through the city media.
- 39 And there was delays in -- coming in and -- with my responses. It was never my intent on my
40 vote -- for my vote to be opting in, and I think I shared that with everyone.
- 41 My vote was always to opt out of House Bill 581 for a multitude of reasons, but mostly because
42 we cannot see into the future not knowing the impact that this would have on our -- our future tax
43 digest.
- 44 And being able to do things like we've done here recently as far as rolling back taxes and saving
45 taxes for our citizens and with a mandate on our tax digest, we may not have the same flexibility
46 that we have right now.
- 47 And so I don't feel like opting in will be the best choice for the citizens -- city and the citizens
48 right now. So those are my comments.
- 49 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Thank you, member -- Councilmember Arnold. Any
50 further comments? Hearing none. Councilmember Carn, do you wish to amend your motion to
51 Councilmember Arnold's suggested amendment?
- 52 COUNCILMAN CARN: I do.
- 53 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Madam Clerk, do you have that, or would you like --
- 54 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Yes, Madam Mayor.
- 55 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: It might be easier, Councilmember Carn, for you to withdraw
56 that motion and then restate a motion.
- 57 COUNCILMAN CARN: Well, my motion was the same. I think she was just giving
58 clarification to her vote. So there's no change in the motion or modification of the motion, is it?
- 59 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: If -- if I may, Madam Mayor.
- 60 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Mr. Denmark.
- 61 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: Yeah. I -- I think Councilwoman Arnold made a motion to
62 rescind the vote from this past Monday, which I think would be appropriate -- to specifically
63 rescind that vote and the accompanying resolution, and -- and I think that's the motion.

- 64 COUNCILMAN CARN: Let's -- let's start there with the rescind.
- 65 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. First of all -- hold on. Do you -- do you withdraw your --
66 your previous motion?
- 67 COUNCILMAN CARN: Yes.
- 68 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. So the new motion would be -- is it --
- 69 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: To rescind the vote and the accompanying resolution from
70 February 24th in opting -- that -- that was opting in to House Bill 581.
- 71 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Councilmember Arnold, are you making that motion?
- 72 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I am.
- 73 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Is there a second?
- 74 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second.
- 75 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Carn. Any further discussion?
76 Hearing none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?
- 77 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.
- 78 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.
- 79 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.
- 80 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Aye.
- 81 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That is unanimous. The motion passes. Is there any further
82 business? I don't believe there is.
- 83 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I like to -- I would like --
- 84 COUNCILMAN CARN: There are two additional motions, Mayor. There are two additional
85 motions.
- 86 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: I would like -- I would like to make a motion to opt out of
87 House Bill 581 and to approve the accompanying resolution to support that.
- 88 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. Is there a second?
- 89 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second.

90 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Carn. Any discussion? Hearing
91 none, move to a vote. All those in favor?

92 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

93 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

94 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

95 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Aye.

96 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. So now I don't think there's additional --

97 COUNCILMAN CARN: Yes.

98 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Yes. There is.

99 COUNCILMAN CARN: There is, Mayor. I have a third motion and a third item covering
100 House Bill 581. City Manager, it's my understanding that the deadline for decision is March 1st
101 which is tomorrow, so we have to turn it in today.

102 So I'm making an additional motion that this document be signed today immediately after
103 adjournment by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem where we make sure that we're signed, and we
104 have this in hand to the State on the deadline.

105 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember, you can go ahead and make the motion but
106 the -- the --

107 COUNCILMAN CARN: That's my motion.

108 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I'm just -- I'm letting you know that this has been something that
109 has been approved by this Body. I was going to sign it before I walked out the door, but go
110 ahead and make a motion.

111 COUNCILMAN CARN: Just crossing the T's and dotting the I's. And I assumed you were
112 going to definitely take care of that so -- so -- but we want to take care of it immediately now.

113 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I -- I was going to sign it before I walked out the door, but go
114 ahead. The motion --

115 COUNCILMAN CARN: We're on the same exact page, and that's a good thing, Mayor.

116 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yes.

117 COUNCILMAN CARN: I'm glad we're thinking alike. That's my motion.

118 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Is there a second?

119 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: Second.

120 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember McKenzie. Any further discussion?
121 Hearing none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

122 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

123 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

124 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

125 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Aye.

126 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Any further business?

127 COUNCILWOMAN MCKENZIE: No.

128 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Hearing none, the meeting is adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

129 3. Adjournment

130 Special Called Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

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Bianca Motley Broom, Mayor

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CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP SESSION
MARCH 3, 2025

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Bianca Motley Broom; Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie, Councilman Joe Carn, Councilwoman Tracie Arnold, and Councilman Roderick Gay; City Manager Dr. Emmanuel Adediran; City Attorney Winston Denmark; City Clerk Kelly Bogner

Absent: None

Workshop Session was declared open at 6:01 p.m.

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening. Welcome to the workshop session of the Mayor and City Council of the City of College Park. I'm Mayor Bianca Motley Broom. We have a full quorum present with Councilmembers McKenzie, Carn, Arnold, and Gay. And so we will get to business at 6:01 p.m. I think we've got a DMO presentation.

1. Presentation on Destination College Park, a Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for the City of College Park.

MS. KAREN JEREMIE: Hello.

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening.

MS. KAREN JEREMIE: How's everyone this evening? Can you hear me? I have a soft voice, so I want to make sure that I speak loudly. Is it okay? Can everyone hear me?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Yes.

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yes, ma'am.

MS. KAREN JEREMIE: Very good. My name is Karen Jeremie, and I represent Ward 1, and I am the Destination Marketing Organization -- which is what DMO stands for -- I am the board -- Ward 1 representative for that particular board.

And I have served on the board for one year, and it will be -- has been a pleasure to serve under the -- with the DMO, and I have learned quite a bit about how it operates. In order to -- before I begin, there has been some questions that I've seen, and I wanted to give you my background.

32 I am a very humble person, I hope, and I don't like to talk about myself very much; but I think for
33 this particular presentation, I think my background needs to be reflected. I come to you with
34 quite a bit of experience in this particular field.

35 When I was asked to serve in the capacity for this board, my councilperson for Ward 1, Mayor
36 Pro Tem McKenzie; knew of my experience as the public relations and community relations
37 professional -- the director for the Sacramento Kings, the Sacramento Monarchs, and ARCO
38 Arena.

39 And she knew that I had done this particular work for almost seven seasons. In addition to that, I
40 was the manager for community relations for Delta Airlines, and I managed the Delta Airlines
41 foundation corporate charitable contributions.

42 In addition to that, I have also worked with the CDC. I've worked with DeKalb County Public
43 Health, and I've worked with other -- other organizations as the partnership engagement and
44 community engagement professional and consultant.

45 I've also done that work with Georgia Power. This has given me lots of experience in marketing
46 and community development. I've done this work in six industries over the past 20 to 25 years.
47 So when I come to you, I come to you not just as a member of the board, but as an experienced
48 professional in the field.

49 So, I'd like to share with you this presentation as well as some observations that I have
50 experienced in my year of serving on the board for the destination marketing organization.

51 If you would, there's a presentation, please. Destination Marketing Organization. I have a
52 proposal for -- that I'd like to present to you about Destination College Park. It is based on my
53 observation of my experience with the Atlanta Airport District and what I hope would be in the
54 best interest of the City of College Park.

55 If we could go to the next slide. I've done a SWOT analysis that talks about what I think the
56 strengths, the weaknesses, the opportunities, and the threats are when it comes to our destination
57 marketing organization. I also would like to talk with you about why Destination College Park is
58 needed.

59 An example of a recommended strategy, some strategic priorities that I think would best serve us,
60 some key performance metrics that I think can be put into place, some ideas for initiatives and
61 partnerships, and as well as how funding can take place.

62 If we could go to the next slide, please. First, let's talk about a SWOT analysis. Why change is
63 needed now and how that change will help the city's economic development. College Park has
64 lots of strengths.

65 I moved here in 2020. I'm very, very fortunate to have considered a lot of places to live in Metro
66 Atlanta, but I was convinced that College Park was the place for me. It was a choice to move
67 here, and I'm very excited to have done so.

68 Part of the reason that I moved here and so many others was the strength is the airport proximity.
69 The Gateway Hotel District is a very attractive opportunity. It has very distinct neighborhoods,
70 the recreational interests, its parks, and Woodward Academy is very -- very alluring.

71 But let's be honest, College Park has some weaknesses as well. The City of College Park could
72 improve its own city branding and marketing. There's a lack of the public familiarity of College
73 Park assets. The DMO resource allocation is not focused on the city brand, and the arts and
74 culture could be improved.

75 There's lots of opportunity here, lots of opportunity. I think developing the city brand
76 independent of the Tri-Cities brand would be a benefit to College Park. In addition to that;
77 highlighting the restaurants, the emerging greenspaces and the trail, a realignment of the hotel-
78 motel tax to a College Park-specific DMO, and growing the local art culture and world-class
79 entertainment that is currently blooming in College Park.

80 There are some threats, however, to doing those and seizing those opportunities. There is real
81 competition amongst the Tri-Cities. The ATL District marketing taking a regional approach is a
82 threat to the city approach. We are facing economic fluctuations, and there is a recent
83 government reputation that does stand to be addressed. Next slide, please.

84 So it is my recommendation that the City of College Park should go beyond a sole regional
85 representation with its current destination marketing organization to achieve broader economic,
86 cultural, and strategic goals by having a dedicated DMO for the City of College Park.

87 I'm reading this piece because I want to be very, very, very strategic and very pointed in how I
88 say this. The City of College Park should appropriate DMO funds to multiple entities, donate an
89 amount equal to the contributions made by other participating cities in the Atlanta District DMO
90 up to 500,000 or 20 percent.

91 Currently, Hapeville donates approximately \$400,000 approximately, and it is my understanding
92 that Union City donates approximately \$160,000. Donating that 20 percent, 500,000, would
93 better align our giving and expectations with the regional collaboration that currently exists
94 today. The remaining DMO funds should be noted -- donated to Destination College Park, a local
95 DMO targeting city priorities.

96 Why is Destination College Park needed? It allows us to be over -- stop being overshadowed.
97 Currently, College Park can build its own brand around aviation; logistics. We can build it
98 around cultural diversity of our neighborhoods. We can build it around the airport adjacent
99 tourist destinations that we have.

100 We have brand differentiation. We can stand on our own. Our branding is not dependent on the
101 Tri-Cities area. We have enough assets. We have enough time. We have enough influence to
102 have our own brand. All our own that we can then leverage for economic development.

103 A specialized DMO helps to differentiate the city as opposed to just differentiating the region. It
104 is important for us to contribute to the region. We are regional players, but we also cannot

105 sacrifice the city to do so. We have to participate in our regional -- we have to cooperate in our
106 region, but we should not sacrifice Main Street College Park.

107 We should not sacrifice Virginia Avenue. We should not sacrifice Phillips Park so that we
108 participate in the Atlanta DMO. We can take our local tourism dollars and then we can do direct
109 revenue capture.

110 Right now, when you ask -- and I have asked -- how do we capture the revenue that is generated
111 in College Park specifically? What does Ward 1 get when the tourists and visitors come through?
112 The DMO as they track today, you can't tell me.

113 How did we track the dollars? How much did -- revenue and visitors did we get when we did the
114 Ward 4 Festival that was a citywide festival? What was the economic impact of that? The DMO
115 can't tell me.

116 We can do geo-targeting that allows us to track the actual revenue that comes into the city based
117 on what we would like to see, and we can do projections, and we can market based on that.

118 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Ms. Jeremie.

119 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: Yes.

120 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: There is someone in the audience who has a phone or something
121 that is -- if you could just turn it to silent. There's -- I -- I hear some -- can you could just turn
122 everything down? There's -- there's somebody out there who's got -- I apologize. Please go
123 ahead.

124 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: Thank you. We can leverage the city's -- you can do hyper-targeted
125 marketing to leverage the city's proximity and the unique College Park assets. We can leverage
126 short stays and layovers that are directly targeted to College Park, not just to the region at hand.

127 We can also showcase our historic and legacy neighborhoods as well as our entertainment
128 district. We can also establish ecotourism in College Park with our upcoming Flint River and our
129 PHOAA sustainability. Next slide, please.

130 Some examples of cities allocating DMO funds to multiple DMO organizations. Based on the
131 research that I've done, this is not unique. We have Jekyll Island; Savannah; Columbus; Macon;
132 Alpharetta; Augusta; Athens; Gainesville all divvying up their DMOs to a regional as well -- or a
133 sports council as well as to a city-focused DMO.

134 For instance, we have Visit Macon, which is a destination marketing organization that tailors its
135 commerce and its interest directly to the city of Macon; but at the same time, it has a regional
136 collaboration with Middle Georgia Regional Commission which also does tourism for the entire
137 middle Georgia region.

138 We have Alpharetta Convention and Visitors Bureau which tailors it to the city of Alpharetta, but
139 Alpharetta ACBB also gives money to the Fulton County DMO. We can model the -- ours after
140 those cities and -- to make sure that we align ourselves with a city brand in addition to having
141 ours be city-targeted as well as having regional collaboration. It's the best of both worlds.

142 The goal of Destination College Park -- the next slide please -- would be economic growth; job
143 creation. We could better have fiscal responsibility and fiscal accountability by directly tracking
144 our tax revenue.

145 We can develop cultural exchanges. We can better supervise our infrastructure development. We
146 can do a promotion of local culture and heritage projects. We can also track the global
147 recognition that College Park receives, and we can talk about community development and
148 environmental conservation directly in the City of College Park, not just the region.

149 And so let's talk about how we will do it and how it will be funded. These are some suggested
150 strategic priorities. Priority one would be to develop and implement opportunities to increase
151 engagement with College Park and the GICC and the hotels in the Gateway Arena.

152 Currently, that exists, but a lot of times we would want to partner to make sure that our hotels and
153 motels on Virginia Avenue; our hotels and motels on Main Street are also reaping the benefit of
154 the tourism that comes back and forth from the Gateway Arena.

155 We would also want to develop and expand efforts to market the city and assets to travelers and
156 visitors that come directly to College Park, not just the region. We would want to provide
157 services through events, programs, and services in the city; not just the region that drive visitors
158 and travelers directly to College Park.

159 We would want to implement opportunities to advocate and increase our greenspaces, our trails,
160 our parks, and our gardens -- community gardens, and we want to advocate for increase in the
161 city walkability and cycle-friendly amenities.

162 Next slide, please. The key performance indicators for these strategic priorities could be -- for
163 one, directly attributable increase in the economic impact of the City of College Park through
164 geotarget marketing.

165 There are -- there's technology today that probably we used it quite a bit in many of the different
166 arenas that I come from where you can actually track a person when they land at the airport. We
167 would know how long they stayed in College Park; where they went in College Park; how they
168 roam from College Park; did they leave College Park; did they go somewhere else; did they
169 return to College Park; did they stay in College Park?

170 We need to know these things. That way we can better plan for how our tourists visit College
171 Park, and we can come up with ideas for how to keep people in College Park a little longer. At
172 current, we don't do this, and it impacts us economically.

173 We can also increase measurable spending in accommodations, dining, attractions, shopping, and
 174 other city services. Where -- where are people going when they come to College Park? We can
 175 anecdotally tell you, but today we have the means and the technology to actually track and tell
 176 you where they're going.

177 Let's invest in that through our own DMO, so that we can better equip our city to strengthen our
 178 businesses and strengthen our parks and strengthen our schools and strengthen our shopping and
 179 strengthen all the other resources and assets that we have.

180 So we would actually be able to do more marketing and attracting people to come to and stay in
 181 the City of College Park. Another key indicator: increase participation by stake -- key
 182 stakeholders in events, programs, services, and offers by the College Park Destination Marketing
 183 Organization.

184 How do we participate? I -- I was looking at the data that I see that is sent to me from the current
 185 DMO, and I don't see where the events that I know that are happening in College Park are being
 186 captured in the visitor and tourism data or for the region, and that is problematic for me because
 187 how do we know the strength of our brand?

188 How do we know what we are doing as a city if we are not tracking the impact of the tourists and
 189 visitors that actually come to College Park? What is the return on the investment or the money
 190 that we are actually putting into the current DMO?

191 Another key indicator -- but the technology exists to do that today, and we should be investing in
 192 that technology, and we should be doing that so that we would have the transparency and so --
 193 that we need to make sure that we are accountable for the public dollars that are being entrusted
 194 to us.

195 Another key indicator is the increased frequency in number of people using the spaces indicating
 196 their appeal and desirability as a destination. We think we know what people want, but there is
 197 actually technology that exists today that can tell us people really enjoy these particular amenities
 198 because they're using them.

199 We can tell whether they're College Park residents using them, or we can tell if visitors and
 200 tourists are using them. We can tell when someone lands on a plane, whether they came from
 201 Delta or American or Southwest. We can tell when they came to College Park.

202 We can tell if they came to a -- to Barrett Park. We can tell how long they stayed in Barrett Park.
 203 Did they take MARTA to get here? We have a way to do all of that but those conversations, I
 204 don't know if they are being had in our current DMO about the City of College Park.

205 And I think that those conversations are very important to have and that those conversations
 206 should shape how we market our city. The fifth priority is increase solutions developed and
 207 offered to parks -- south College Park citizens, visitors, and tourists that increased the walkability
 208 and cycle-friendly accessibility.

209 One of the saddest things I -- I experienced was my first meeting at the DMO. I had lots of
210 questions. I'm an eager beaver. If you've ever worked with me, you know, I love data and
211 statistics. I -- I love catalytics. I love numbers. I'm a common numbers person. I love math. I --
212 I'm just that person.

213 And so I had my little list of questions. I'm asking questions, and I'm asking what I thought was
214 common sense types of questions at my first meeting, and I was told the DMO has nothing to do
215 with the people of College Park.

216 I am not making that up. Thank goodness Mercedes Miller corrected that understanding for
217 many of the people who have served on the board for many years. And I thank -- I think
218 Mercedes is here -- and I thank Mercedes for doing that.

219 And Mercedes offered training as a result of that conversation. Thanks goodness for her. But for
220 many years the DMO was oper -- operated with the understanding that the people of College Park
221 had no say in the DMO.

222 That was disheartening. So how do we make the DMO relevant to the people of College Park?
223 Next slide, please. One way you can do that is partnerships. We can create Main Street --
224 partnerships with the Main Street Association.

225 They have their thumb on the post of the businesses for College Park. We can create strategic
226 partnerships with the existing larger businesses that operate here offering professional services
227 and the like. We have lots of key employers.

228 I was shocked to find that Southwest Airlines employs more people in the City of College Park
229 than Delta Airlines. I had no clue. And you can check the Department of Labor. I was shocked.
230 We should have a partnership with Southwest as well as Delta, and that comes from a Delta
231 Airlines retiree: me.

232 We should have strategic partnerships with MARTA as well as hub logistics which there are
233 plenty in the airport. Next slide, please. Destination College Park initiatives should be a focus.
234 Arts and culture, they enhance our city's identity of pride. The one thing that I love about
235 College Park is that we have pride in this city.

236 This is a wonderful city to be, to live in, and to be proud of; and I'm proud to be a resident here.
237 And that goes a long way on the local stage. Let's share that with the world. Ecotourism,
238 showcase our greenspaces. We are about to make a huge investment in our greenspaces in the --
239 with the Flint River as well as -- I have been doing work to help revitalize the Brady trails
240 starting at the Herschel Road entrance.

241 I can't wait to share that with the world. Let -- let's put that on center stage. We have beautiful
242 parks, pickleball, and the like. A visitor's center. When people get off of MARTA, where do they
243 go? A visitor's center can help them find their way.

244 Festivals and entertainment as well as vibrant arts scene. And, again, we have great walking
 245 trails that already exist, and we have greenspaces that we can make an investment in through the
 246 DMO currently. How do we do that?

247 Next slide, please. So College Park, let's get ready. I think this is exciting. How will we fund it?
 248 Next slide. FIFA is coming. FIFA is coming. FIFA is coming. FIFA is coming. I have been
 249 talking about FIFA. FIFA is a once-in-a-generation opportunity.

250 There are going to be over 600,000 fans that will be coming into our city. According to the
 251 Atlanta CBB, 75 percent of those people will be out of state and out of the country. So we will
 252 have lots of visitors coming into Metro Atlanta.

253 And to give you some perspective on what 600,000 fans looks like, that's taking an entire
 254 Falcon's football season and putting it in one month. That's a lot of people. A lot of those folks
 255 are accustomed to riding the train.

256 They're accustomed to staying and getting on the -- staying in a hotel and getting on a train going
 257 forward. Let's see if we can get a part of the business that is bringing all those people to town.

258 Next slide, please. The FIFA World Cup is coming in 2026. So not only are we going to have
 259 600,000 people in 2025, we're going to have over a million people coming in 2026. And as I
 260 said, it has the potential to be as big as the Olympics were in 1996. Okay. Next slide. Thank
 261 you.

262 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. We'll start with questions. Mayor Pro Tem.

263 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Karen, I -- I -- I know how passionate you are about that and
 264 that is reason why I knew that you would be a good fit on the DMO.

265 I really want to thank you for the information that you shared with us. This is my first time really
 266 learning as much as I'm learning about what a destination marketing organization can do.

267 I am aware -- I don't -- like I said, I have not had any meetings with anyone on the DMO. Our
 268 current Atlanta District -- ATL District -- just trying to go back in here because I want to get some
 269 questions coming from here -- to even get any information.

270 I did attend one DMO meeting and a training in my first year on Council. I definitely agree that
 271 we need to put more marketing into our city. We are a gold mine that is being hidden by a bunch
 272 of coals.

273 And I have not been happy with the level of advertising myself. I do citywide -- wide events all
 274 the time. I have never been approached about how my citywide events could be marketed larger
 275 than what we are doing here.

276 It's through our communications team and my own money that I invest into advertising -- which
277 people don't realize that I don't use a lot of city money. I use my own. So I want to thank you for
278 taking this time. I want to thank you for making us a priority.

279 I -- I think I'm aware, like I said -- I really don't have any -- any -- any stats to look at in terms of
280 -- but I do believe that we -- the city -- we have from the TCT funds, I believe, that over \$2
281 million a year goes into our current DMO thing. It -- it -- okay. So, Ed, is it 2.4 million or is it
282 2 --

283 MR. EDMUND WALL: Two point four.

284 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: \$2.4 million. And it is alarming to know that Hapeville is
285 contributing 400,000; that Union City is contributing 160,000, so what is done in terms of
286 transparency and accountability? What is being done with our -- the \$2 million that College Park
287 -- I don't see \$2 million worth of marketing.

288 That's neither here nor there, but I would like to see more coming out of that million -- \$2
289 million. And I do understand that that TCT fund -- because I was told before this meeting that
290 there was a concern that if we had multiple DMOs, that it would take from the city's coffers,
291 whereas, no. It would not. It wouldn't touch city monies.

292 This is strictly restricted funds that can only be used for a D -- a destination marketing
293 organization. City of College Park would not even be able to collect these taxes without a DMO,
294 and so those taxes that are collected that come back to the DMO would never have come to the
295 City of College Park from my understanding.

296 And Ed, you can -- can you -- can you -- since you're here, Ed, can you clarify? I want to make
297 sure that what I'm saying is right because I -- I'll be challenged on it after this.

298 MR. EDMUND WALL: You're right. We could not levy the 8 percent hotel-motel tax without
299 having a DMO.

300 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay. And so those are funds that if we didn't have a DMO --
301 so it's not taking anything from the city to allocate some of those funds to one DMO and then to
302 have one specifically that caters to the City of College Park.

303 I think that the ATL District is doing a great job in what they do, but I do believe that we need
304 some more tender loving care here in this city. We deserve -- we deserve it.

305 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: And this presentation is not a complaint about what the ATL District
306 does. They do a fantastic job of driving conventions to the GICC. They do a fantastic job with
307 the WNBA and -- and the D league at the arena, and I have no complaints about that as a board
308 member. They do a fantastic job. My concern is College Park.

309 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Yeah. And I will say this, Karen, that this is the first
310 presentation that I've heard since I've been on Council that even mentions FIFA.

311 FIFA's coming, and I was sitting with some of my council people friends back -- from the city of
312 Atlanta back in 2023, and I wasn't even -- I just got elected, but I wasn't sworn in.

313 And Atlanta had been planning for this \$400 million coming in. These people have to fly into
314 College Park if they're flying. What is our plan? What is our plan?

315 And who is going to be the one to market that? And then I did not realize that we actually have
316 FIFA events happening, like, in the next few months. So what is the plan? That's all I have.

317 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn.

318 COUNCILMAN CARN: All right. Thank you for the presentation. I think it's always good
319 when residents want to get involved for positive things with the city.

320 That's always a plus. That's pretty much how all of us got involved in public policy as well.
321 Looks like you did a lot of work on this presentation. You did bring up some good points. Like
322 you said, I know that we have, you know, received some positive outcomes obviously from the --
323 the benefit from the DMO.

324 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: Absolutely.

325 COUNCILMAN CARN: But, you know, if we are going to take a look at any reconfiguration in
326 the future, it is something that we're going to need to do collaboratively and take a look at if we
327 considering that but good presentation. Thank you for the work you put into it. Good information
328 so, yeah.

329 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: Thank you, sir. And that's why I was not -- it -it has to be a
330 collaboration, and that's why you don't see the -- me saying this is what we should do because it
331 has to be a collaborative conversation.

332 The -- the Mayor; the Council would have to weigh in and set the priorities for the city, and then
333 the DMO would have to respond to those priorities.

334 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Arnold.

335 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Thank you, Karen. Very insightful presentation.

336 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: Thank you.

337 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Very good information. Thank you. And it looks like you put a
338 lot of work into it too.

339 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: Thank you.

340 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Gay.

- 341 COUNCILMAN GAY: No. I appreciate the presentation. No questions.
- 342 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I do have a question. In regard to Destination College Park --
- 343 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: Yes.
- 344 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: So that's already your organization; correct?
- 345 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: It is a nonprofit. No one owns a nonprofit. So the nonprofit, I created
346 it; but it is a public nonprofit. So no one person can own a nonprofit, but I created it for this
347 purpose. And so we as -- in a conversation, can decide how we would like it to look.
- 348 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: So who are the officers in Destination College Park at this point?
- 349 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: Currently, there are only three. There is my son, who is a FIFA master
350 expert who has come before you before, and I look to him, and he is there. I also have put myself
351 on there, and I also have put my husband, who is a temporary hold as the CFO but he is in stance.
- 352 I have a conversation now with Bailey, Banks, and Biddle to be the public accountancy of record
353 because I would want to have a certified public accountant as the CFO. So there would be full
354 transparency as to how the dollars would be spent.
- 355 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: How long has this conversation been going on? I mean -- what
356 are -- because it -- it -- you formed Destination College Park back in October; correct?
- 357 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: I did.
- 358 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: What was the emphasis for that?
- 359 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: My displeasure at the board.
- 360 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Have -- is -- does the board know that you're having these
361 conversations or is this -- have you started with the board and then came here?
- 362 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: Absolutely. I've had those conversations with the board. I've been a
363 very vocal board member. If you look at the board -- our board minutes are recorded.
- 364 And if you look at the board, I'm asking very candid questions. And all of the questions that I --
365 you see the answers to here have been asked in open forum at our public board meetings.
- 366 Absolutely. I've also met with the president, Mercedes Miller, and the former President, Cookie
367 Smokes, to ask very candid questions.
- 368 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: So I -- I appreciate the information. I think what I'm -- what I'm
369 struggling with is how this will get more heads in beds because that's how we generate the

370 revenue to make our DMO work. So how is a standalone College Park DMO going to get more
371 heads in beds?

372 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: I have a question for you, Mayor.

373 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yes, ma'am.

374 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: Should that be the question? Is that the only purpose of a DMO is head
375 in beds?

376 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: The purpose of the DMO -- yes. It is to get heads in beds, so that
377 we have the -- the funding to ensure that we can pay for the -- the debt service on our convention
378 center and -- and make sure that we have that funding available for -- for other purposes.

379 So I think that should be the primary concern. So that -- that would be my number one question
380 is how -- how does -- how does doing it alone get us heads in beds that exceed what -- what we're
381 dealing with now with the DMO.

382 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: If -- would you like to have the -- we can have the conversation here.
383 I, too, have worked at an arena -- ARCO Arena. And ARCO Arena -- we, too, built another
384 arena, and I was a part of those conversations as well. That is one approach to doing what you
385 are talking about.

386 But there are other sophisticated approaches that you can take as well, and so we can also do
387 naming rights for the building to help retire debt. We can also do branding rights within the
388 building.

389 There are lots of different approaches to raise revenue that would generate revenue. Heads in
390 beds is only one of many approaches that we could take. I can see how you would say that is a
391 priority, but there are other more lucrative approaches that many, many arenas and many
392 convention centers take to generate revenue.

393 And so I would give -- I could make a professional recommendation would be to recommend that
394 we explore this and other opportunities to raise revenue to -- to get a little -- the debt -- not just
395 heads in beds.

396 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. So would you see yourself as -- as the person who would
397 be leading this organization?

398 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: It depends.

399 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: On what?

400 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: It depends on if I'm a good fit and if the board sees me that way.

401 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Did you have any sense of what that board would be comprised
402 of or what that would look like at this point?

403 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: Not at this point, no.

404 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: I think those are all the questions that I have.

405 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: Thank you.

406 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Appreciate your time.

407 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: I appreciate your questions.

408 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. Appreciate it. Thank you so much.

409 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: Thank you so much for taking this time to hear my presentation. I
410 hope you give it consideration, and I look forward to more conversations in the future. Thank
411 you.

412 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Thank you.

413 2. Presentation: Tourist Products Development Funding for the Fulton County Botanical
414 Gardens Project.

415 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Next agenda item, presentation tourist products
416 development funding for the Fulton County Botanical Gardens Project, phases one and two,
417 botanical garden development funding 5.4 million explanation of TPD funding by Jeffrey Pifery
418 and Ed Wall. Presented by Councilman Roderick Gay.

419 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening, Mr. Wall.

420 MR. EDMUND WALL: Good evening, Mayor. How are you doing?

421 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Doing well. How are you?

422 MR. EDMUND WALL: Fine. Could I have -- Terry, would you come up with me too. And
423 Terry and I are going to present together.

424 So you all -- there's the slide and you don't have to put it up unless Mayor and Council wants you
425 to -- but Terry and I are here to tell you that there's about \$10 million available fund balance of
426 the hotel-motel tax. It's 10,396,000 at December 31st, and Terry did a trial balance before we
427 came down here. March the third is today and the fund balance as of today is what, Terry?

428 MR. TERRY JACKSON: It is 12.7 million.

429 MR. EDMUND WALL: And so we expected it to go higher. The fund balance at June 30, '24
430 was 12.7 million, and so it had fallen to this \$10,396,000 figure. But your expenses in the hotel-
431 motel tax fund are not linear. You would have more expenses in the first six months than you
432 would the second six months.

433 And so you can see that the fund balance is building back up from the January and February
434 hotel-motel tax checks. And so just a real brief background, you all levy an 8 percent hotel-motel
435 tax. By law -- in the Georgia hotel-motel tax law, you have your own paragraph because you had
436 a hotel-motel tax at least since 1985 that I know of, and it used to be at 4 percent then it was 5
437 percent then 6 percent.

438 Georgia Law allows you to go to 8 percent, and you all had your own paragraph in the hotel-
439 motel tax law. That 8 percent; 5 percent is for any lawful corporate purpose.

440 We internally think of that as a general fund, and that's 62.5 percent of what you collect. 1.5
441 percent goes to the DMO. That's 18.75 percent, and then the other 1.5 percent of the 8 percent
442 tax is another 18.75 percent, and that goes to TPD.

443 Karen Slaton-Dixon and I, before Mr. Jackson came aboard, did a thorough background of the
444 hotel-motel tax from 2019 going forward, and we are all -- the three of us representing you that
445 you have today \$12 million in the hotel-motel tax fund balance. That's separate and apart from
446 your general fund.

447 It is TPD eligible and one of the purposes for which TPD can be spent for it lists specifically a
448 botanical garden. And so should you all, Mayor and Council, want to use up to 5 million for --
449 for botanical garden, the money is there and it is -- it is -- it is eligible. Mayor.

450 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir. We'll start with Mayor Pro Tem.

451 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: I'm very excited to hear this information. This is just, I guess,
452 one of the wonderful things that we're able to do without having to dip into the general fund and
453 our regular taxpayer dollars. I want to commend you guys. I know it was a lot of work and --
454 and -- in -- in -- in -- in -- in getting this information to us.

455 I am totally stoked about having a botanical garden in our city. I think that's another amenity that
456 we'll be able to offer to not just our residents and our community, but to the world. Again, we
457 were just having a -- a -- a conversation about DMO and -- and -- and having -- you know, the
458 more things that you have for people to do in College Park will bring more people in.

459 So I'm excited about this. I've got another project too. It's called the PHOAA Project, the Price
460 Barbershop that I would love to also add on, but I'm going to deal with the -- the -- we're going to
461 deal with the botanical garden today first.

462 But I could just see us really -- this is great that we'll be able to fund some projects and have
463 some amazing things going on for the -- the residents and -- and that's all.

464 I just want to thank you guys and I thank you, Councilman Gay, for leading the way on this as
 465 well. Thank you because we wouldn't have discovered any of this without you bringing this to
 466 us. So thank you.

467 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn.

468 COUNCILMAN CARN: All right. Good job clarifying all of this so that we know where the
 469 funds are and things are in the correct pots of money, I suppose. So good work on that, and I'm
 470 excited as well. We're looking forward to doing some new things in the city.

471 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Arnold.

472 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Thank you, Mr. Wall. Thank you, Mr. Jackson, for this
 473 information. It's very beneficial; very helpful, and I agree with what my colleagues have said
 474 earlier about having this information and knowing what we can do with the funds. So thank you
 475 for the hard work.

476 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Gay.

477 COUNCILMAN GAY: Yes. I as well want to say thank you to you both for your hard work and
 478 your professionalism maintaining your general count, and also to our City Manager and City
 479 Attorney who gave us the permission to move forward and find these dollars. So thank all of you
 480 all because it's a collaborative effort, so I really appreciate you all.

481 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And, you know, Councilmember Gay, I said to you -- I said to you
 482 -- what I said to you in private was what I was going to say to you in public. As long as we got
 483 the money to do it, and we can operate it, and we're not coming out of taxpayer pocket, and we've
 484 got money from PHOAA and make that project happen too; awesome. I told you I'd say the
 485 same thing in public as I did in private. So any other questions? All right.

486 MR. EDMUND WALL: Thank you, Mayor. Thank y'all, Council.

487 3. Consideration on and action of a request for a special event permit for ATL Airport District to
 488 host the Spin the District event to be held on May 4, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

489 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Agenda item 3 is consideration on and action of a request
 490 for a special event permit for ATL Airport District to host the Spin the District event to be held on
 491 May 4th, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. This item is being requested by City Clerk Kelly
 492 Bogner. The event is to be held in Wards 1 and 3.

493 MS. MERCEDES MILLER: Hello, everyone. It's time to spin the district again. It will be held
 494 on May 4th. Last year we had about 3000 people. We had -- we had 17 different countries
 495 represented and 31 different states. They also stayed in the hotels in the area.

496 So we have filled out all the information. We are working with the housing authority. We take
 497 them breakfast every year, and we try to get them transportation if they need to go to the grocery

498 store or if they need to get out. So all we need is your blessing, and we can start advertising and
499 moving forward.

500 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Questions for Ms. Miller? Mayor Pro Tem.

501 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: I think this is a great event. My concern also is always --
502 which even before I was on Council -- was my seniors in the housing authority.

503 This still be -- is a little problematic. I -- I love the fact that this race goes through Ward 1 but I
504 really, kind of, wish that we could maybe change the -- the -- the route at some point because this
505 does cause a lot of stress for our seniors.

506 So I am going to really be asking for the utmost level of communication with our seniors and our
507 housing authority so that they are comfortable with this -- with this on the 4th. Yeah. I think it's
508 a great event. I just wish that we could maybe, you know -- it's okay to switch up a route every
509 now and then, and that's all I have.

510 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn.

511 COUNCILMAN CARN: All right. It's a good event. We want to just make sure we're taking
512 care of -- of access for the residents, like you said, getting in and out during that day,
513 transportation. And eventually maybe we can reroute this thing in -- within Six West there but --
514 all right. Sounds good.

515 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Arnold.

516 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: No questions. I think it's a great event. I'm looking forward to
517 the additional plans to address the -- the needs of the -- the senior citizens there. Thank you.

518 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Gay.

519 COUNCILMAN GAY: Ms. Miller, thank you again for bringing the event to College Park. I
520 look forward to being there.

521 MS. MERCEDES MILLER: Thank you.

522 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Ms. Miller, since you are here -- you know, we had a presentation
523 earlier. Do we have the information about what the ROI is for the City of College Park in terms
524 of their investment in the DMO?

525 MS. MERCEDES MILLER: I have the total amount that's invested in the DMO. I thought
526 Ms. Jeremie gave a great presentation. The numbers were a little skewed. The total that we get --
527 I don't give individual cities' amounts -- but the total that we've gotten sent from '22 to '24 -- in
528 '24 we got 4.2 million total from all three cities, in '23 we got 4.2 million, and in '22 we got 6.9
529 million. So that is how much we have collected from all three cities. So that, kind of, gives you
530 an idea of where the funding is.

531 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Let me ask one more question.

532 MS. MERCEDES MILLER: Okay.

533 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: What is -- what does College Park's share look like? What is our
534 -- what happens to the money that College Park puts into the DMO? How do we see that come
535 back to us?

536 MS. MERCEDES MILLER: Actually, probably about 80 percent of that money is spent in
537 College Park because the driving force for tourist product development is the convention center
538 and the arena. Those are the things that bring people in, so we can put heads in beds.

539 We also give the GICC \$150,000 for their -- for their marketing. We pay for all of their sales
540 trips that the -- that the salespeople at the GICC do as well as we take some of the hotels with us.

541 Any of the advertisements that have done -- been done in College Park -- we are part of Keep
542 College Park Beautiful. We are part of everything that College Park does. It is a phone call
543 away.

544 We try not to say no, but we also use that money to buy business. And when I mean -- when I say
545 buy business, I mean there are some groups that will come in. Those groups may fill up the
546 GICC, but their incentive is -- every time they put a head in a bed, we give them incentives for
547 them to market their events to other people.

548 Buying business is a regular thing in the CBB world. So that's a big part of how we spend our
549 money for several groups that come to the center, and we are glad to do it because it's worth it
550 because the only way that we can put more money into your general fund, into tourist product
551 development, and into the DMO is by putting a head in the bed. That -- that is the -- the ground
552 base -- basis for why we do what we do.

553 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: What -- the -- the buying business concept, can you break that
554 down? Like, if I come to you -- come to you with a convention, what does that look like?

555 MS. MERCEDES MILLER: So if you come to me with the convention and it's going to fill up
556 two or three hotels in the Gateway Center, then we may perhaps pay for your space or give you
557 money to pay for your space at the convention center because space at the convention center is
558 not free.

559 And I've had the opportunity to sit on both sides of the table, and I was not apt to giving away
560 space. So the DMO sometimes would pay for that space so that we could get that 1200 rooms in
561 the area or we could get 15 rooms or it -- fill up this area.

562 The whole point of having the hotels on the -- cities on the outside is if we fill up College Park, it
563 pushes pressure to the other cities and because we're pushing the pressure there, that's a reason
564 for them to be involved in the DMO.

565 Just this year alone with Delta Airlines, we have about 46,000 rooms that have been booked in
566 the gateway campus, just sleeping rooms for Delta Airlines. So we do partner with a lot of
567 people -- Chick-fil-A. So those are people that we take money and we use money for their
568 marketing.

569 When you go into a hotel and the hotel is decorated; when they have flags; when they have
570 banners, we -- we fund those things. When you check into a hotel and on your key card it has
571 your logo, those are things that we fund.

572 When the clients are here, and we give them baskets to say thank you, or we give them an added
573 amenity; those are funds that we fund because we know that the center don't have funds for those.

574 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Understood. I appreciate all that clarity. Mayor Pro Tem.

575 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Yes. Since we brought this up -- and I guess something from
576 the other workshop, got a couple of questions. So just clarification. So, basically, Mercedes,
577 you're saying that in 2022 when the DMO received \$6.2 million, that approximately \$5 million
578 was from the City of College Park?

579 MS. MERCEDES MILLER: No, ma'am. That was when -- that was when we still had the city
580 of East Point.

581 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Oh, okay. So of the -- of the 4.9 -- what -- what was the -- the
582 amount? Okay. So four -- so four -- so of the four point -- how much is that again now?

583 MS. MERCEDES MILLER: In what year?

584 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: 2023.

585 MS. MERCEDES MILLER: In 2023, it was 4.2 million.

586 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay. So of the \$4.2 million we are looking at -- it's 3.3 --
587 almost \$3.4 million; so, basically, \$3.4 million from the City of College Park. So you're saying
588 pretty much of the lion share of that money went into making sure that we took care of the GICC
589 150,000 something like that. Is that what you're saying?

590 MS. MERCEDES MILLER: Actually, in 2023, we were giving them 300,000. Some of the
591 money that they had previous to me --

592 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Ms. Miller, can you make sure you're at -- at the microphone.

593 MS. MERCEDES MILLER: Oh, I'm sorry.

594 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you.

595 MS. MERCEDES MILLER: Before me and after COVID, they gave the GICC more money for
596 marketing. They gave us money for marketing the arena as well as the convention center, and it
597 went up to 300,000.

598 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay.

599 MS. MERCEDES MILLER: It was 300,000 in the -- in the convention center, and I think it was
600 150,000 in the arena.

601 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay. So 300,000 -- so that would still leave about \$3
602 million. Do you think that -- and I think what I -- the conversation that I -- that I heard today in
603 workshop was not about replacing the DMO. It was just looking at focusing more on the City of
604 College Park.

605 Is there -- do you think it's possible to be able to -- even though we're allocating those funds to
606 get heads in beds, I think the concern is also to get more marketing and advertising for other
607 things in the city as well because even though DMO -- our DMO is being used -- utilized to put
608 heads in beds, that is not the primary function of DMOs throughout the state.

609 I mean there -- there are other things that DMOs do. So what is the likelihood of being able to
610 allocate more funding that you -- that we're currently putting in towards marketing the City of
611 College Park?

612 MS. MERCEDES MILLER: I think that we can do a better job of tourism -- in -- individual
613 tourism for each city. I do think that's something that we can improve on. I've been in the job for
614 six months, so my feet are finally wet.

615 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay.

616 MS. MERCEDES MILLER: But I do think that that's something that we can improve upon. I
617 think there needs to be more of a presence of what we do and who the city is, and we are working
618 on that. So I do think that there should be some more stuff done individually for the cities as well
619 as -- as -- as a region.

620 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay. So, basically, yeah. And I understand you've only
621 been in the position for six months and so this is really feedback and -- and hopefully we can --
622 I think that whatever we're going to do is going to have to be everybody coming to the table and
623 -- and discussing because at the end of the day, it's just about doing what's best for College Park
624 -- the City of College Park.

625 And I do appreciate your service to the city. You've been a very valuable part of building the
626 reputation of the city and really -- through the GICC and the arena. You've done an amazing job,
627 and it's my hope to see you do the same thing now that you are leading the Atlanta District.

628 MS. MERCEDES MILLER: Thank you.

629 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Appreciate it, Ms. Miller. Thank you so much.

630 MS. MERCEDES MILLER: Thank you.

631 4. Consideration of and action on a request from the Grady Health Foundation to host Rules of
632 the Road Fundraiser bike ride on April 26th, 2025 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

633 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Agenda item 4, consideration of and action on a request
634 from the Grady Health Foundation to host Rules of the Road Fundraiser bike ride on April 26th,
635 2025 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A portion of the bike course is within the City of College Park
636 city limits. This event is to be held in Wards 1, 2, and 3, and this item is requested by City Clerk
637 Kelly Bogner.

638 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is anyone here for this one? Does anyone on the Body have any
639 questions on this particular item?

640 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Let's see. It would've been nice to have someone here to
641 speak on it, but I think it's a -- a very -- a good event.

642 We are, kind of, latching on to something that is regional. It's not just being held in the City of
643 College Park, so it will bring more people into our city. I guess in terms of -- for -- Chief Rogers,
644 the -- the -- the route -- is that route been, kind of, cleared through you?

645 CHIEF ROGERS: Yes, ma'am.

646 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay. You are -- you're -- you're fine with it?

647 CHIEF ROGERS: I'm fine with it. We'll have the appropriate personnel to ensure that
648 everything goes well.

649 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay. Because this is something a little bit different from us
650 than -- than the -- when I look at the -- the actual route, it's a little bit different. It would be
651 blocking off some streets in my district, Lyle; a few other streets. I -- I read this earlier. Yeah.

652 So just -- just the concern of that -- that -- with the streets being blocked off also that our
653 residents know in advance. Even though we are voting on it now, we need a lot of signage. We
654 need a lot of information out, and people need to even on the day of the race be able to get out of
655 their homes.

656 CHIEF ROGERS: We'll -- we'll have alternate routes for those streets that are impacted.

657 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay.

658 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Chief Rogers is saying --

659 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Oh, they can't -- we can't hear you. They need you to come
660 down.

661 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: -- she's going to have alternate routes for the streets.

662 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay.

663 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: For -- for -- for those streets that are impacted.

664 CHIEF ROGERS: Good evening, Mayor and Council.

665 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Good evening, Chief.

666 CHIEF ROGERS: For those streets that will be affected, we'll have alternate routes as best as we
667 possibly can. And if a resident needs to get out, as long as it's not impeding the race, we'll try to
668 accommodate as best as we can.

669 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay. Because I've got Lyle; Atlanta Street; Walker Avenue.
670 I don't know. I think that might be -- I don't know if that's all on my side and College Street;
671 Harvard Avenue. So just those streets. There are some residential involved in those areas and
672 just want to make sure -- my biggest thing is that the residents are made aware --

673 CHIEF ROGERS: Yes. We -- we -- we'll try to -- like I said, we'll have alternate routes if not --
674 an alternate route can't be made, as long as it's not impeding the race at the time, we'll let cars go
675 as they need.

676 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay. And that -- that's it. I think it's great for us to be -- to
677 be open for business and to have the involvement. I just want to make sure that our residents are
678 -- are taken care of.

679 CHIEF ROGERS: Yes, ma'am.

680 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn.

681 COUNCILMAN CARN: All right. Chief, is this the first time we're -- we're doing this with
682 Grady Health? I don't know if I remember this one.

683 CHIEF ROGERS: I don't recall this one as well but -- I mean we looked at the route. It's nothing
684 that we can't handle.

685 COUNCILMAN CARN: All right. City Manager.

686 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes, sir.

687 COUNCILMAN CARN: Good evening. First thing.

688 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: How you doing, sir?

689 COUNCILMAN CARN: We want to be sure to look at and prepare beforehand for some of the
690 race route housekeeping in terms of public works and sanitation in particular if you know what I
691 mean. They have a lot of visitors, and I want to make sure we're right. All right. That's what I
692 got.

693 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Arnold.

694 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: My request is that whatever signage is put out that it definitely
695 is branded so that we'll know -- I think the last time we had something, I called you and I was,
696 like, who signs are these?

697 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yeah.

698 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Right. Because it didn't have any branding on it. So if we
699 could just make sure that for all of the events that they have branded signage --

700 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay.

701 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: -- so that no one is confused on who's hosting -- holding the
702 events and having the roads -- the streets closed in the traffic -- each lane and other areas.

703 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay.

704 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Okay. Thank you.

705 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Gay.

706 COUNCILMAN GAY: No questions.

707 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Chief, about how long will the streets be blocked? I'm sorry,
708 Chief. I -- I apologize.

709 CHIEF ROGERS: They will be blocked for the duration of the race. But we'll -- like I said, we'll
710 alternate as the resident -- if we don't have an alternate street -- depends on where their house is --
711 then we'll let them out as the runners go by to accommodate. So -- what -- we'll try not to have
712 people waiting too long.

713 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: It shouldn't be too bad, and they're cyclists, so they can go faster.

714 CHIEF ROGERS: Yes. Yeah. They're going to go faster. So it -- I -- I don't anticipate there
715 being a lot. We'll have enough officers in place to ensure that, as always, everything goes safe.

716 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. Thank you so much. Appreciate it. All right. So that
717 concludes our business on the workshop, so we'll see everybody back here at 7:30.

718 Workshop session ended at 7:04 p.m.

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CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 3, 2025

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Bianca Motley Broom; Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie, Councilman Joe Carn, Councilwoman Tracie Arnold, and Councilman Roderick Gay; City Manager Dr. Emmanuel Adediran; City Attorney Winston Denmark; City Clerk Kelly Bogner

Absent: None

Regular session meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

1. Opening Ceremonies

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening. Welcome to the regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of College Park. I'm Mayor Bianca Motley Broom. We have a full quorum present with Councilmembers McKenzie, Carn, Arnold, and Gay.

And so at 7:33 p.m., subject to my continuing objections to 20 -- Ordinance 2024-01 and the omnibus motion that this -- that the Council passed that first week of January in 2024, I'll call the meeting to order. First item on business -- on our -- first item for business is the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

B. Invocation – Chaplin Walker

C. Civility Pledge – Police Chief Rogers

D. Announcements – Police Chief Rogers

2. Additions, Deletions, Amendments, or Changes to the Agenda

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Chief. Are there any additions, deletions, amendments, or changes to the agenda? Hearing none, is there a motion to approve the agenda?

3. Approval of Agenda

COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion

MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Carn. Is there a second?

- 37 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.
- 38 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Arnold. Any discussion? Hearing
39 none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?
- 40 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.
- 41 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Aye.
- 42 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.
- 43 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.
- 44 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That is unanimous.
- 45 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Approval of the agenda, item 3.
- 46 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That just happened. We just did that.
- 47 4. Presentation of Minutes of City Council
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49 A. Workshop Session Minutes dated February 3, 2025
50 B. Regular Session Minutes dated February 3, 2025
51 C. Workshop Session Minutes dated February 17, 2025
52 D. Regular Session Minutes dated February 17, 2025
- 53 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Apologies. Item number 4, presentation of minutes of City
54 Council. A, workshop session minutes dated February 3rd, 2025.
- 55 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?
- 56 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.
- 57 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Carn. Is there a second?
- 58 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.
- 59 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Arnold. Any discussion?
- 60 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Yes.
- 61 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Mayor Pro Tem.
- 62 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Just one and I mean, my -- my -- my correction is just a
63 spelling. Line 180 -- we on the regular session? Are we looking at the regular --

- 64 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Workshop.
- 65 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay then. Okay. Not for the -- for the February 3rd;
66 correct?
- 67 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: We're in the workshop.
- 68 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay. All right.
- 69 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. None further -- no other discussion, we'll move to a
70 vote? All those in favor?
- 71 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.
- 72 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Aye.
- 73 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.
- 74 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.
- 75 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That is unanimous.
- 76 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Item 4B, regular session minutes dated February 3rd, 2025.
- 77 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion? Is there a motion?
- 78 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Motion.
- 79 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember McKenzie. Is there a second?
- 80 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.
- 81 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Arnold. Any discussion?
- 82 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Yeah. Yeah. My computer has gone down on me, so I'm at
83 a little bit of a disadvantage. What I have written down here is February 3rd regular session line
84 180. Grace Lunsford's name is not -- it should be spelled L-u-n-s-f-o-r-d. And again, I'm locked
85 up, so I can't see what their name was. It's--
- 86 COUNCILMAN CARN: It said Lanburg.
- 87 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Lanburg. Okay.
- 88 COUNCILMAN CARN: It's Lunsford.
- 89 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay. Yeah. I just got locked out my computer.

90 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any other -- anything else? Hearing none, we'll move to a vote.
91 All those in favor?

92 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

93 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Aye.

94 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

95 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

96 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That is unanimous.

97 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Agenda item 4C, workshop meeting minutes dated
98 February 17th, 2025.

99 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

100 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: So moved.

101 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Arnold. Is there second? Is there a
102 second?

103 COUNCILMAN GAY: Second.

104 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Gay. Any discussion? Hearing
105 none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

106 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Aye.

107 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

108 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

109 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn, your vote?

110 COUNCILMAN CARN: This is --

111 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: This is the workshop meeting minutes from February 17th.

112 COUNCILMAN CARN: This is number C; correct?

113 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Yes, sir.

114 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

- 115 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. That is unanimous.
- 116 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Item 4D, regular session meeting minutes dated February
117 17th, 2025.
- 118 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?
- 119 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: So moved.
- 120 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Arnold. Is there a second?
- 121 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Second.
- 122 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember McKenzie. Any discussion?
- 123 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Yeah, Line 1150, spelling of Keith Theieme's name should
124 be -- it's just not Keith Theieme should be T-h-e-i-e-m-e, but the name is not even down there as
125 being -- and I don't have the document in front of me at this moment. I'm waiting on someone to
126 bring it to me.
- 127 COUNCILMAN CARN: 1150?
- 128 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: 1150.
- 129 COUNCILMAN CARN: Yeah. There's something else on that line --
- 130 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: You have something else?
- 131 COUNCILMAN CARN: -- in my document.
- 132 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: I'll have to check with (indiscernible). Okay. Then just
133 strike that. It's -- wherever he -- it's during the public comments. It may be from something else.
- 134 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay.
- 135 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay.
- 136 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Any additional -- or any changes? All right. Hearing none,
137 move to a vote. All those in favor?
- 138 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.
- 139 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.
- 140 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

141 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Mayor Pro Tem, did you vote?

142 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Abstain.

143 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. All right. So with Councilmembers Carn, Arnold, and
144 Gay voting in favor; Mayor Pro Tem McKenzie abstains, the motion passes. All right. We're
145 going to meet some new employees and meet the all-star of the month and then do one for
146 proclamation.

147 5. Proclamations, Resolutions, Plaques, and Announcements

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149 A. Introduction of New Employees

150 B. Employee All-Star of the Month Recognition

151 C. Consideration of and action on a request for a Proclamation for Dwight Howard. The
152 proclamation is requested on behalf of Mayor Pro Tem, Jamelle McKenzie.

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154 6. Remarks of Citizens

155 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Agenda item 6, remarks of citizens.

156 First speaker, Charles Green.

157 MR. CHARLES GREEN: Good morning -- good evening --

158 MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS: Good evening.

159 MR. CHARLES GREEN: -- Madam Mayor; Councilmembers. Hope everyone is well. I just
160 wanted to rise and speak an endorsement to this idea of a local DMO that was eluded to in the
161 former session by Karen Jeremie.

162 The concept of a regional DMO was a brilliant one, and it's worked out pretty well. I think we'd
163 all agree. But as the partners have shifted over time, it looks like it has put us in a position of
164 disadvantage where we're forking over a lot of the capital, and we're not getting a lot of the
165 benefit.

166 Our influence is less than the other partners in the region, and a lot of dollars get spent without
167 our -- really -- you know, equitable input. If we have about 33 percent of the board yet putting
168 up 80 percent of the money, sounds like we could do better.

169 In my opinion, looking at the website of the DMO -- which I don't really have any criticism for --
170 it just -- you don't recognize it as a regional DMO.

171 In that respect, my quick count was about one out of every four images or links on that site
172 through the various pages refer to something in the region of Union City, Hapeville, or College
173 Park.

174 But the other three-quarters of those images are distant attractions like Truist Park; the Swan
 175 Coach House; the Atlanta Motor Speedway, and those are all fine. But that means direct
 176 references to College Park are about 9 percent of those images and those links if you're generous,
 177 so I think it's food to think about.

178 Before the Council moves forward in future deliberations about this, it would be a good idea to
 179 visit the website and see for yourself whether or not we're really represented there for our
 180 investment and whether a second investment -- not to leave the DMO, but a second investment in
 181 One Centric, specifically in College Park might be a very fruitful investment worth considering.

182 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir.

183 MR. CHARLES GREEN: Thank you.

184 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Demetris Taylor.

185 MR. DEMETRIS TAYLOR: Greetings, everyone. I haven't been here in a while, so I'm going
 186 to take my time. Plus, it's my birthday, so I feel special. Hi, everyone -- all of our elected
 187 officials and everyone here.

188 I'm Demetris Taylor from Ward 2, and I'm usually not here on Mondays because I usually work,
 189 but hopefully my schedule changes sometime in the near future. Y'all will see me more
 190 regularly.

191 I do want to have a couple of comments because y'all know I can talk, and I usually have this
 192 written down and timed for three minutes, but I may get dinged a little bit.

193 But I want to echo the sentiments of an independent or localized DMO. We have a lot of
 194 resources here in College Park that we're not tapping into, and I know I'm one who's -- who's
 195 disappointed in the representation when I think College Park. When I think the Atlanta district,
 196 yes, it's cute. It's lovely. It's district, and all the time, as Charles just said, it is district.

197 So we see a lot of district. We don't necessarily see anything that is specific to College Park.
 198 College Park has a television station. Why are we not using that with the DMO, so they can say
 199 we have a channel with TV23 to say go to College Park?

200 We have a lot of restaurants here in College Park that many of our citizens do not utilize. If you
 201 go and ask anyone what do you do to satisfy yourself to go out? They will tell you I go eat in
 202 Hapeville, not College Park. Okay.

203 So we have a disadvantage there. Something is missing with us championing College Park.
 204 Okay. I know. I -- I do my podcast, the College Park Car Chronicles, and I even talk about it.
 205 Where is our nightlife? Where is all of our amenities that everybody talks about? We don't have
 206 that talk. We don't have that -- we don't have that.

207 And I really believe that if we have something locally and strategic that says College Park, I
208 think that -- that will help us to brand ourselves. We spent all this money on branding. We have
209 BIDA -- when I was on BIDA, we had Clearly College Park. That was supposed to have been a
210 brand, but do we have anything that says Clearly College Park outside of T-shirts that barely get
211 worn?

212 And speaking of that, what are our colors? I know this may sound silly. What are the official
213 colors of College Park? We got little pins. I see the pins that's red and white and gold or
214 whatever. That's cute.

215 I know, Mayor Pro Tem, you use green and blue. Councilwoman Arnold, you're using red,
216 white, and blue for -- for Ward 3. The parks and recs, they use it. They got different fonts and
217 everything. What -- what are our colors? We supposed to be unified or whatever to say we are a
218 city.

219 How are we being represented? I just want to know that. All right. And then my last thing --
220 and I'm going to sit down because I usually write this out, and y'all read this in the comments.
221 Has anyone questioned the Hightower project yet? Michael Hightower has -- we -- we broke
222 ground on that supposedly, and there is no development on that land.

223 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir.

224 MR. DEMETRIS TAYLOR: Thank you.

225 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Thomas and Pam Actaboski.

226 MR. THOMAS ACTABOSKI: Yeah. I'm here. I talk to the City Manager.

227 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Mr. Thomas, if --

228 MR. THOMAS ACTABOSKI: I just want to let him know I'm going to call him tomorrow and
229 try to set something up Thursday or Friday.

230 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay.

231 MR. THOMAS ACTABOSKI: Because it's going rain tomorrow.

232 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay.

233 MR. THOMAS ACTABOSKI: All right. Thank you for your time. Y'all have a blessed
234 evening.

235 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: You too.

236 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: See you.

237 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Sherry Godfrey.

238 MS. SHERRY GODFREY: Good evening, Mayor and Council. Sherry Godfrey. I would like
239 to piggyback on what Demetris said with the unified colors and branding. I think that's a great
240 idea. Sometimes it's Clearly College Park. Sometimes it's the global icon. Sometimes it's green
241 and blue. So I actually think that would be great. I'm not in favor of us separating from the ATL
242 district DMO. I think that there is strength in regional branding.

243 There's reduced marketing power and budget constraints for us to take over our own DMO.
244 There are operational challenges and expertise gaps. Although credit to Ms. Jeremie and her
245 previous résumé experience, but you really need to be an expert in that industry to move that
246 forward.

247 I think it also creates competitive resources and industry support to have the ATL DMO as well
248 as the College Park DMO works against us. It doesn't allow us to leverage our regional tourism
249 strength. There's increased funding and resource allocation to start our own.

250 And some things that we can do to strengthen our marketing with the current DMO that exists is
251 cooperate with them. Partner with them for immersive visitor experiences; technology driven
252 tourism enhancements like interactive kiosks or mobile apps.

253 Anyway, it's just a -- a list of reasons why we could utilize what we currently have and not
254 reinvent the wheel starting something else. And I just wanted to comment briefly, the situation
255 with the liquor stores.

256 I noticed there's some ordinance item on the agenda tonight. Apparently there are some liquor
257 stores in our town that are getting these monthly provisional licenses. Makes no sense to me. I
258 mean, everyone who knows the Godfreys knows that we enjoy cocktails, but I realize everybody
259 does not.

260 So regardless of how you feel about the business of liquor stores, no business can count on the
261 stability of their income and their investment in our community when they can't rely on annual
262 licenses. Any business has annual license.

263 So I don't -- I don't understand why we're having liquor stores get these licenses each month.
264 Does not make sense, and it doesn't encourage any other business to want to come to College
265 Park, whether you're selling liquor; flowers; dress pants; whatever you're selling.

266 If I'm a business owner and College Park is having me call up staff to get some 30-day license,
267 I'm not going to come here. Thanks.

268 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you.

269 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Karen Jeremie.

270 MS. KAREN JEREMIE: Hi again. Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me
271 during the workshop, and a couple of things came to mind and have come out.

272 Again, I wanted to reiterate the fact that the DMO dollars are what they are. There would not be
273 an additional cost that would be encumbered because the city only allocates a certain amount
274 based on the hotel-motel tax.

275 So there would not be any additional expense that would be incurred by the city based on the
276 DMO because the hotel-motel tax is what it is, no more, no less. Also, I think that a cooperative
277 strategy between a city-focused DMO and a collaborative regional DMO has been demonstrated
278 successfully across the state of at least 14 to 15 different DMOs.

279 And so I think that that strategy could successfully work here in College Park. We can leverage
280 our assets for site city specific DMO marketing strategies and also work with the district to have
281 them leverage those as well.

282 It would not be a duplication of effort because the tourist audience would be very, very different.
283 I love the idea that Ms. Godfrey just talked about with technology kiosk; and I, again, think that
284 technology should be incorporated in all aspects of tourism and have encouraged the district as a
285 board member to do those types of things.

286 The -- the district is looking at technology and the city can do the same. Those are not in
287 competition. It's not either/and, it's really both. Thank you very much.

288 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you.

289 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Lisa Wheaton.

290 MS. LISA WHEATON: I am Lisa Wheaton, and I'm part of the administrative staff in the
291 gymnastics program, and I'm here to advocate for Michelle Johnson.

292 Tanya Laplanche is here with me and Ashley Harris also. I've known Michelle for 40 years. We
293 got that much history. She started in the gymnastics program as a gymnast. I knew her as a
294 gymnast. I knew her when she grew up in the community.

295 She went to college and then she came back. She came back to the city of College Park. And
296 there's been a lot of changes. A lot of great things that have happened during that time, and
297 there's a lot I could say, but I'm going to be brief.

298 You know -- and us becoming the first all-black gymnastics team in the state of Georgia is an
299 accomplishment. Michelle was there for that. Michelle supports that, and she celebrates it. I,
300 myself, was the first black judge in the state of Georgia.

301 She celebrates that with me. That was a part of something as we work together to make that
302 program the best that it is has happened. And one of the -- the -- the things to be really proud of

303 -- I'm sure Michelle is and I am too -- is that more than 80 percent of our staff are gymnasts that
304 grew up in our program.

305 They come back. They want to be a part of what has been done in that program under Michelle's
306 leadership. So that is something that -- that has been a big accomplishment, and I know she
307 celebrates and feels good about it.

308 And in closing, Michelle is a leader. She's present, and she's supportive, and she's willing to do
309 what's best for her staff and all the participants that we come across our path. Thank you.

310 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you.

311 MS. TANYA LAPLANCHE: I'm Tanya Laplanche. I just wanted to mention that Michelle
312 Johnson is a person of unwavering integrity, warmth, and kindness.

313 I first met her 25 years ago when I brought my own children to start gymnastics classes, and over
314 time our relationship obviously has grown. So as a parent, a friend, and also as a colleague; I've
315 had the privilege of witnessing her dedication, professionalism, and genuine care for others.

316 She is the kind of person who leads by example, always dependable, always thoughtful, and
317 always uplifting those around her. Whether in work or friendship, Michelle brings a spirit of
318 collaboration, fairness, and positivity that makes her truly special.

319 MS. ASHLEY HARRIS: Ashley Harris. Okay. Get on my toes a little bit. Oh, I can pull it
320 down. Really quickly. I'm also head coach currently. I'm going on my fifth consecutive year as
321 the Tumbleweeds head coach, and that is also -- I've been a gymnast at College Park since I was
322 seven years old.

323 And I was actually founded by not only my former head coach, Coach Lisa -- Coach Lisa
324 Wheaten but Michelle Johnson, who was also the -- the gymnastics coordinator at the time. So
325 they saw this little girl that needed a program. They put me in that -- in that program, and they
326 have supported me throughout the time that I've been a part.

327 And with that being said, I am now going on five years of being the head coach of the College
328 Park Tumbleweeds program. We have had our first accomplishment of many. We had our first
329 10 which you'll be seeing soon. A proclamation may be coming soon because I already mailed it.
330 Needless to say with that being said, we've been supported. She's been a part of our journey. I
331 have always felt supported.

332 We relate with dance. I also did dance and gymnastics, and I think we have always correlated
333 with that and work ethic; leadership; drive; hard worker; motivating; embracing others;
334 motivating the kids. We do it for the kids. We do it for the kids.

335 We all started as kids. My teammates -- a lot of the colleagues that I have as coaches and stuff,
336 they grew up in the program with me. And if not with me, I got to also coach them. And now
337 they came back. And that's because of the leadership that was brought to me that I saw that I

338 wanted to continue to instill within the youth program, and I think that I have done that by the
339 others that were able to instill in me and what they have saw within a little child to just help me
340 grow into being this beautiful; loving; caring; strong black woman.

341 And I feel like it doesn't matter what you look like. It's what you instill into others, and that was
342 instilled with me at a young age, and I'm able to do that for the youth right now. So at the end of
343 the day, the journey never stops.

344 The work doesn't ever stop, and I still see her endlessly working, and I think that it all comes
345 from leadership, and you lead by example. And I think that that's exactly what I've been going
346 and striving for when I am working with the children is leading of what is taught onto me.

347 How I was encouraged and appreciated and taught to love myself and encourage others. I think
348 that's also being presented each and every day. So I'm thankful for what Michelle Johnson has
349 done for the College Park Tumbleweeds community and our organization. We're building the
350 girls up every -- each and every day, so thank you, Michelle.

351 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Freida Arnold.

352 MS. FREIDA ARNOLD: I'm giving my minutes to Athea Morris.

353 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Athea Morris.

354 MS. ATHEA MORRIS: Good evening, Madam Mayor and Council. I pray that your day was
355 good and that your evening will be even better and that we will get through this agenda and get
356 out of here at a decent time.

357 My name is Athea Morris, and I live at 3573 Atlanta Street, apartment C as in cat, and I am here
358 to speak on behalf of Michelle Johnson.

359 Michelle has gone through a lot lately with Brother Muhammad and as I watch him get up here
360 week after week and just batter her, he said in the February 17th meeting that he was not the
361 aggressor, and he was not a bully. But clearly -- and this is my opinion -- clearly when he gets
362 up here, he is very abrasive and very abusive, and my question is: when is enough enough?

363 When do we stop letting him stand here and berate her and talk about her -- her character and her
364 qualifications? This has even escalated so much that it is involving law enforcement. And when
365 it involved law enforcement, I would have thought that he would not still come into the mayor
366 and council chambers speaking the same thing.

367 Trash belongs in a trash can. It does not belong in a mayor and council chamber. The reason
368 why there is no washer and dryer in this chamber is because we're not supposed to air dirty
369 laundry here. It is not for that. This is for the business of College Park.

370 We are College Park-ians. We're citizens. We are here to see that our city gets the best
 371 representation that it can get, and over -- over the last few months, of course, College Park has
 372 not exactly been praiseworthy in terms of -- of being viewed on YouTube.

373 You know, people sit back with a -- with a -- with a thing of popcorn now because it's like this is
 374 an ongoing saga. I know you guys. I know everybody except for Councilwoman Arnold. I don't
 375 know her, and I know that individually you guys are decent people. I do know that.

376 And I hope that collectively we can come to -- you guys can come together, close ranks, and
 377 protect Ms. Johnson. She is a servant and a -- she has given 20 plus years of her life to the city. I
 378 don't think that she deserves this type of treatment. I don't -- I -- I don't believe that she deserves
 379 it. And for her to have to endure this week after week after week -- did you guys see that Brother
 380 Muhammad had his entire family here?

381 He had kids coming to the podium talking about a woman that he -- this child doesn't even know.
 382 That was sad to me. Maybe he was trying to make a point. I don't know. I don't have anything
 383 against Brother Muhammad.

384 I just feel like since this has some litigation, he should not come here and be able to stand here
 385 and berate her. Everything always ends back up with Michelle Johnson. This is not about her
 386 qualifications. This is not about academics. This is not about a degree. This is not about her
 387 professionalism. This is plain old reverse discrimination. He doesn't like her simply because of
 388 the color of her skin. Period. He wanted something.

389 He requested something that the answer was no to, and instead of taking that no and walking off
 390 gracefully, maybe coming back and approaching it a different way; he decided that he would just
 391 be aggressive, just bombard her, just bombard the city, bombard you guys, just everywhere he
 392 goes, it's Michelle Johnson. It's Michelle Johnson. It's not.

393 If you -- if you -- if somebody tells you no, then you should take that. And if it is not something
 394 that you want to take, then you can approach it from a different way. But here -- but us -- we all
 395 know what discrimination looks like. Whether it's economic discrimination. Whether it's racial
 396 discrimination. Whether it is sexual orientation discrimination. Discrimination is discrimination.

397 And it hurts, and I'm sure that it hurts. I have known Michelle for -- like I said -- 20 years. I
 398 have seen her with the babies starting out in the Tumbleweeds. She love on those kids. Those --
 399 those little girls come out. She's loving. She knows them by name, and they grow up, and you
 400 see them go all the way through the gymnastic program, and they return because she poured love
 401 into them.

402 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, ma'am.

403 MS. ATHEA MORRIS: Thank you.

404 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Chris Newell.

405 MR. CHRIS NEWELL: Good evening, Honorable Mayor and Council. Thank y'all for letting
 406 me speak today. I'm here to advocate for Michelle Johnson. I've been knowing her well over 20
 407 years. When I came to the city in College Park, I met her son before I met her. Her son was a
 408 little boy.

409 She used to allow her son to hang with me. A guy that she didn't really know, but she met me in
 410 the building once I was working there. The first time I saw Michelle was real quick. She ran by
 411 about doing a hundred miles an hour trying to go help somebody or do something positive for
 412 somebody. Over the years, I built a serious relationship with her son.

413 Her and her husband have allowed me to be a part of their son's life. No one that is -- doesn't like
 414 people because of what their color skin are will allow their child to grow up with them. Her son
 415 has grew up with me since he was a little boy. He's over 20 now, and we have a tight
 416 relationship like this. Her and her husband allows me to be with their son. I have watched
 417 Michelle groom black girls; white girls; Asian girls; Chinese girls from here up.

418 Like Ms. Athea said, they leave the program. They come back with their kid. When that kid
 419 grows up, their kid come back to the program. She has built a strong community in our
 420 department. We have a family here in the recreation department. We support each other, and she
 421 supports us.

422 I don't believe in bullies. I don't believe in demeaning somebody just to get your agenda across,
 423 and Michelle is what College Park needs. She's for us. She's for us. She's for you. She means
 424 right. She don't want wrong, and she's for people. Thank you.

425 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you.

426 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Paulette Payne.

427 MS. PAULETTE PAYNE: Good evening, Mayor and Council.

428 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening.

429 MS. PAULETTE PAYNE: My name is Paulette Payne, and I'm a proud member of the Cult --
 430 Recreation and Cultural Arts Department.

431 Like my fellow team members, I would like to say a few words about our valiant leader,
 432 Michelle Johnson. When I joined the recreation department in 2017, Michelle -- who at the time
 433 was the program coordinator of a highly successful Tumbleweeds gymnastics program -- was
 434 one of the first people to introduce themselves to me.

435 And true Michelle Johnson fashion, she immediately offered to take me to lunch. That was my
 436 first impression of Michelle Johnson; and over the years, she has continued to be just as gracious,
 437 just as generous, and just as inviting. This is who she is at her core.

438 And because of my proximity to her, I get to witness this each and every day. Whether she's
 439 talking with colleagues offering best practices, taking time for residents who stop by to visit her
 440 or come to the center to work out, or meeting with her staff, or talking with people; believe it or
 441 not, experiencing hopelessness who make their way to the center seeking resources to change
 442 their circumstances.

443 Michelle Johnson is community. She leads with heart, and she serves with integrity. Always
 444 striving to do what's in the best interest of the city, her staff, and the citizens she serves. Her love
 445 and passion for what she does each and every day is palpable as she works to secure resources to
 446 expand programming, meets with vendors to enhance facilities and play spaces, or shares the
 447 good news about the great work that's happening in the city's Recreation and Cultural Arts
 448 department.

449 Under Michelle's leadership, my department is thriving. On a personal note -- and I hope she
 450 doesn't mind me sharing this -- but Michelle's husband makes a mean chili. I know because I've
 451 had it. She shared some with me, and it was dinner for at least two days. My mother, who was
 452 living at the time, fell in love with this chili. She told me it reminded her of her childhood.

453 Shortly before my mom's passing in 2023, Michelle's chili came up in conversation, and my
 454 mom remembered it with fondness. You see, that's who Michelle Johnson is: care, warmth, and
 455 generosity. It is impactful. I'm reminded now more than ever that family is not only biological.
 456 It's those who choose you and who -- who you choose. Thank you.

457 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Madam Mayor, that's the end of the list for in-person
 458 public comment. I do have email public comments.

459 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Does anyone else within the audience wish to speak?

460 MS. TAWANDA JONES: Good evening, Mayor and Council.

461 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Good evening.

462 MS. TAWANDA JONES: I don't necessarily need the microphone. I've been working with
 463 recreation since 2002.

464 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Could you introduce yourself.

465 MS. TAWANDA JONES: Oh, I'm so sorry. I just thought everyone knew me. I'm Tawanda
 466 Jones. I go by Tia. I work at the Conley Recreation Center at the front desk.

467 I'm the night shift supervisor. I have been with Recreation -- then Recreation, now Recreation
 468 and Cultural Arts since 2002. I started as day camp counselor moving to day camp director, and
 469 then I became the night shift supervisor in 2007.

470 2000 -- yeah, 2007. I met Michelle in 2002. Spunky; full of life, you know, just lovable, and I
 471 met -- like Chris said, and Chris and I came in at the same time -- I met Tyler.

472 She has always been the same, always supportive. Birthdays come, she doesn't just -- she doesn't
 473 just say happy birthday. She gives you a phone call. She gives you a text just to see how you're
 474 doing. She stops by the front -- front office. Are you okay? You look like you are little down.
 475 That's who Michelle is.

476 So, you know, the picture that is painted of her, it is not true, and I can vouch for that. And the
 477 Recreation and Cultural Arts team -- because we're not just a staff, we are a team; and the team is
 478 only as good as their leader, and she and Lance are phenomenal at that, and I thank God for them,
 479 and we will continue to support her. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

480 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Does anyone else who did not sign up wish to speak? Seeing
 481 none, we'll go to email.

482 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: First public comment is from Michael Lindsey. Good
 483 evening, Mayor and Council. My name is Michael Lindsey. My address is 22040 Rugby
 484 Terrace. I want to speak about destination marketing organization or DMO and how it hasn't
 485 worked for us. My understanding of what the DMO's function is is to market our city as well as
 486 others to organizations, companies, and visitors; tourists alike to the airport district.

487 We give between 1.5 million and 2.5 million as of 2024 with little to show for it. A piece in a
 488 commercial on social media, YouTube, and coupon books they give out at the hotels and some
 489 businesses. College Park should be a destination, and it is looked at as a pass through.

490 This is because we don't have money out of the current airport DMO and create our own DMO
 491 here in the city of College Park the same east -- pardon -- the same East Point has done.

492 We are the only city in the district to have an arena and a convention center. Why are we not
 493 taking advantage of our own money to market what is in our city? What bothers me the most is
 494 that there is no transparency with the current DMO. People have come to council meetings and
 495 complained about \$90,000 of allocated money being spent on a gazebo in front of City Hall or
 496 \$10,000 being spent on a Black History program.

497 However, I haven't heard those same people complain about \$2 million being sent to the DMO
 498 with no transparency -- transparency of what happens with it. Where is the same outrage? The
 499 DMO receives approximately 400,000 from Hapeville and approximately 160,000 from Union
 500 City, and they have gotten better promotion from the DMO than the city of College Park has.

501 Why do we still need them to promote us? We can use that money to create jobs here for current
 502 residents just for marketing in our city. Additionally, since the GICC is -- is well over 15 years
 503 old and the arena is now five years old, they both should be in the second and third stages of
 504 marketing. Rather than looking at the DMO for marketing needs, a more sophisticated approach
 505 should be explored.

506 Though on a larger scale State Farm Arena, Mercedes Benz Stadium, and the Georgia World
 507 Congress Center offer a masterclass on how it can be done. Relying on a 20-year-old model is
 508 not very progressive and limits our ability to reap the financial reward of these assets.

509 Please give some consideration to this. It could change the city's media as well as the way the
510 city physically looks. Thank you for your time and service.

511 Next public comment is from Alexis McMillan. Michelle is a great boss and leader with a great
512 heart, always thinking of others and so selfless -- selfless.

513 This public comment is from Eyvaine Walker. I hope this letter finds you all well. My name is
514 Eyvaine Walker, and I'm writing to you on behalf of my daughter, Lieutenant Shakeya L.
515 Walker, who was a dedicated member of the College Park Police Department.

516 She lost her battle with cancer on her birthday, January 16th, 2024. During her years with the
517 department, Lieutenant Shakeya L. Walker made significant contributions through her
518 dedication, service, and unwavering commitment to the community. Her efforts have left a
519 lasting impact on those who served and protected. In recognition of her contributions, I kindly
520 propose that a street, road, or park be named in her honor.

521 This gesture would be a meaningful tribute to her legacy and the positive impact she had on our
522 community. Thank you for considering this request, and I'm more than happy to provide any
523 further information or support needed. See attached proposal request for your reference.

524 Next public comment is from Layla Constable. Good evening. I'm honored to write this letter in
525 recognition of Michelle Johnson. A truly remarkable mentor has played a significant role in
526 shaping my professional journey.

527 From the moment I had the privilege of working with Michelle, she has continuously inspired
528 and guided me. Pushing me to expand my knowledge, challenges -- challenge my perspectives,
529 and grow in ways I never imagined. Michelle's ability to think outside the box and encourage
530 others to do the same has had profound impact on my career.

531 She has taught me to take initiative, embrace challenges, and pursue my goals with confidence
532 and determination. Her unwavering support and belief in my potential has given me the
533 motivation to strive for excellence and never settle for less than my best.

534 Beyond her professional expertise, Michelle possesses a kind and loving heart. I take immense
535 pride in having the opportunity to learn from Michelle Johnson. She's not only a mentor but also
536 a role model who exemplifies dedication, compassion, and excellence in everything she does.
537 I'm truly thankful for her guidance. I know that her impact on my career and personal growth
538 will last a lifetime.

539 Next comment is from Elizabeth Lester. I would like to comment on two items this evening.
540 First, the City needs to do better with making sure that the agenda and packet are available before
541 the day of the meeting. Residents who have full-time jobs have barely any time to contact their
542 councilmembers for questions or feedback on various items on the agenda given the delayed
543 posting this week.

544 Second, I am very concerned about the proposed ordinance amendment particularly in the view
545 of the delayed posting of the agenda. The proposal seems to give elected officials too much
546 power and influence on who can operate a business in the city.

547 If there is no expectation for business owners to be able to renew their licenses year to year when
548 they continue to operate within the law and they have no violations that would otherwise suggest
549 they shouldn't have a license, this seems to give the Council the ability not to renew a license
550 simply because they don't like the owner or the business.

551 This will actually discourage new businesses from coming to the city as there is no certainty that
552 they will be able to renew their license. Businesses need predictability. This would destroy it.

553 At a minimum, I encourage the Council to table this matter so that it can be more fully discussed
554 during a workshop -- workshop session and so that existing business owners in the city have an
555 opportunity to provide feedback before it is voted on. Thank you, Elizabeth Lester.

556 Next public comment: Moses James. Dear, Mayor and Council. I've sent four emails on a
557 subject that have fallen on deaf ears. Tonight, I am submitting it through public comments, so I
558 can sit at home and watch you listen. This is now our fourth meeting since incorrect financial
559 information was presented to the public and still there has been no clarification, correction, or
560 acknowledgement -- or official acknowledgement.

561 Nearly a month has passed since we learned that we are in a deficit halfway through our fiscal
562 year, yet no effort has been made to explain how this happened, why it happened, or what steps
563 will be taken to ensure accuracy and transparency moving forward.

564 For weeks, I've attempted to get answers through the appropriate channels, yet my concerns have
565 met with silence. February 7th, initial email on this matter; no response; February 11th, follow-
566 up email; no response; February 12th, personal email to my representative, Councilwoman
567 McKenzie. She responded initially; but when asked if she would seek clarification, there was no
568 further response.

569 Six months into the fiscal year, the information presented to the public was not just misleading, it
570 was completely accurate [*sic*]. A 6.6 million surplus reported on Monday suddenly turned into a
571 4.5 million deficit less than 72 hours later. Despite this, not a single minute has been dedicated
572 to addressing this issue.

573 At this point, the commu -- what the community needs is a clear and public display of where we
574 stand financially. We are now eight months into this fiscal budget, and it appears we do not have
575 an accurate understanding of where we are with our money.

576 This is not just an internal concern. This affects every resident, every taxpayer, and every city
577 service. The residents of College Park deserve accountability and transparency. Continued
578 silence on this matter only deepens concerns.

579 I challenge each of you to speak on this during your comments at the end of the meeting to show
 580 the community that our financial stability matters. Will you publicly acknowledge this issue and
 581 commit to providing an accurate financial update? We will be waiting for your response with
 582 bated breath. Moses James IV.

583 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: And that is all for public comment.

584 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Madam Clerk.

585 7. Public Hearing

586 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Next agenda item, public hearing. We have no public
 587 hearing. Item 8 is consent agenda.

588 8. Consent Agenda

589 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion to approve the consent agenda?

590 COUNCILMAN GAY: Motion.

591 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Gay. Is there a second?

592 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second.

593 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Carn. Any discussion? Hearing
 594 none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

595 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

596 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Aye.

597 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

598 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

599 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That is unanimous.

600 9. Regular business

601 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Regular business. Item 9A, consideration on and action of
 602 a request for a special event permit for Atlanta Airport District to host the Spin the District event
 603 to be held on May 4th, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. This item is being requested by City
 604 Clerk, Kelly Bogner. This event is to be held in Wards 1 and 3.

605 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

- 606 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Moved.
- 607 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember McKenzie. Is there a second?
- 608 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.
- 609 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Arnold. Any discussion? Hearing
610 none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?
- 611 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.
- 612 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Aye.
- 613 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.
- 614 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.
- 615 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That's unanimous.
- 616 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Agenda item 9B, consideration of and action on a request
617 from the Grady Health Foundation to host Rules of the Roads Fundraiser bike ride on April 26th,
618 2025 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A portion of the bike course is within the city of College Park
619 city limits. This event is to be held in Wards 1, 2, and 3. This item is requested by City Clerk,
620 Kelly Bogner.
- 621 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?
- 622 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Motion.
- 623 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember McKenzie. Is there a second?
- 624 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Second.
- 625 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Arnold. Any discussion? Hearing
626 none, we'll move to vote. All those in favor?
- 627 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.
- 628 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Aye.
- 629 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.
- 630 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.
- 631 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That is unanimous.

632 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Agenda item 9C, consideration of and action on a request
633 regarding amending licenses and permitting ordinances.

634 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Is there a motion?

635 COUNCILMAN CARN: Motion.

636 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Carn. Is there a second?

637 COUNCILMAN GAY: Second.

638 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Gay. Any discussion? Hearing
639 none, we'll move to a vote. All those in favor?

640 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.

641 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Aye.

642 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Aye.

643 COUNCILMAN GAY: Aye.

644 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: That is unanimous.

645 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Item 10, City Attorney's report.

646 10. City Attorney's Report

647 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: Mayor and Council. What -- what I would like to note is that
648 on the last agenda item we just passed as it relates to city licenses, this is essentially a
649 codification of what state law already provides.

650 I heard some people come up and they misrepresented what we're doing. We're essentially
651 saying is that nobody is automatically grandfathered. A lot of times we update our -- our code.
652 The ordinance changes. Through the wisdom of the Council, we -- we -- we create some new
653 requirements, and people don't want to comply with new requirements saying I'm grandfathered
654 because I had a license last year.

655 What we're saying essentially is what state law says, and there's enough case law that can fill this
656 room where our appellate courts have said that the fact that you got a license last year does not
657 automatically entitle you to a new license. You have to apply again; pay a new fee.

658 If there are new requirements, you have to comply with the new requirements. Now, we did this
659 to put the public on notice of that so that we don't always hear the incorrect argument that I'm
660 grandfathered when we want to make clear that, no, you're not grandfathered.

661 You have to comply. Now, it starts with unless otherwise explicitly provided or stated in this
 662 code, there's certain instances where people are grandfathered. For instance, if you have a house
 663 and we changed the side yard setback from 20 feet to 10 feet, we don't expect you to move your
 664 house. You're grandfathered.

665 So there are certain circumstances where you are that are set forth in our code, but if we don't
 666 give you a specific provision that says you have a vested right or that you're somehow
 667 grandfathered, we want to make clear to the public that you're not.

668 Each year is a new year. You have to apply again. You have to comply with the new
 669 requirements, pay the money, and you will -- you may or may not get a license based on the
 670 application of the applicable criteria. Thank you.

671 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, sir.

672 MADAM CITY CLERK BOGNER: Next agenda item, City Manager's report.

673 11. City Manager's Report

674 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Just a brief commendation for the police department and
 675 public works. Lately, we've been encountering, you know, homelessness and camps being, you
 676 know, put in the different parts of the city.

677 (Councilman Carn left the room and returned at 8:40 p.m.)

678 We clean one place up and next thing they, you know, move to another section. So police
 679 department, you know, thank y'all and also public works been going around cleaning -- I mean,
 680 two; three; dump truck loads of stuff.

681 And one thing that happened today, the individual that was, you know, sought out today had a
 682 warrant, you know. Yeah. Had a warrant on him. So, you know, I'd -- I -- I would like to
 683 commend the Chief and public works for a job well done. I'm not the only one finding them
 684 now. Now, I thank you for -- you know.

685 CHIEF ROGERS: Thank you.

686 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Dr. Adediran, question: where -- where did public works clean?
 687 What -- what -- what -- where were they cleaning?

688 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: We were over the --

689 CHIEF ROGERS: The one that we located today was near Phillips Park right off of Roosevelt in
 690 the wood line.

691 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Because I -- I -- it's my understanding, I -- that -- that there was
 692 some cleaning that was going on. It was -- it was all on city property though?

- 693 CHIEF ROGERS: Yes.
- 694 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Public works was cleaning up?
- 695 CHIEF ROGERS: Yes.
- 696 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: I mean, if the homelessness, you know -- I mean, we have --
697 we can't leave all the trash there. We have to -- we have to clean it up.
- 698 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: But it was all on public property and not private?
- 699 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: To my knowledge, it's -- it's -- it's city property.
- 700 CHIEF ROGERS: It's city property.
- 701 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: The city property.
- 702 CHIEF ROGERS: Every -- every location that we've been to the last two weeks have been city
703 property that we found encampments.
- 704 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Flint -- Flint River.
- 705 CHIEF ROGERS: Columbia.
- 706 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Six West, you know, Columbia.
- 707 CHIEF ROGERS: We had one right off of Roosevelt on the bridge and then when we moved
708 back to -- to make sure that they didn't circle back and meet with sanitation and clean up all the
709 debris and things that they had. We located another one right beyond the bridge, so every one
710 that we've been involved with have been in the city property.
- 711 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you. And let me follow up on the public comment
712 because I think it's -- it's my turn now. So when will we get a finance update?
- 713 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: When would you get what, ma'am?
- 714 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: When -- the finance update?
- 715 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: I'll work with Terry and probably the next council meeting,
716 you know, that will be provided. And the -- the discrepancies were sent to, you know, all
717 councilmembers.
- 718 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Right.
- 719 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: So, I mean, it was sent to y'all; and third quarter, the
720 presentation will be made, you know, when third quarter come.

721 But the discrepancy was the electrical billing. That was in -- in the report, and that was sent to
722 Mayor and Council, so you have the -- the discrepancies.

723 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay.

724 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: And it wasn't something, you know -- I mean, that was
725 published. Well, everybody -- was sent to your Mayor and Council. This was what we found
726 out. So, I mean, the third quarter -- when -- at the end of the third quarter; you know, I will work
727 with Terry, and we make a presentation at the end of third quarter.

728 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. So the third quarter -- let's see --

729 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Ends in March.

730 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. So we would see it in April?

731 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes. Yes.

732 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: And has the audit been completed?

733 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: It's still being worked on, ma'am. And that's what we've been
734 focusing on, and the gentleman is -- he will, you know, update Mayor and Council where we at.

735 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Do we -- and -- and the last I heard that we had an expected fit --
736 completion date at the end of February, so do we have an expectation of when --

737 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: I don't know who told y'all February. I know I didn't say
738 February. What my last statement is they're still been -- they're working on it. Terry, can you
739 enlighten.

740 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Maybe the auditors told us that.

741 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yeah. This -- yeah. The audit -- the auditors, yes.

742 MR.TERRY JACKSON: Hello, Mayor and Council. The audit is still in progress. We are
743 working with the new auditor. We're still providing them with some PBC list items that they
744 have requested to see. So we anticipate that hopefully by the end of March, this month, we'll
745 complete the audit.

746 12. Report of Mayor and Council

747 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Great. Thank you so much. All right. So had another
748 opportunity -- Congresswoman McBath came down to this part of her district a couple of weeks
749 ago, and I went up to her office two weeks ago, I believe, to hear a little bit more about what's
750 happening on the federal landscape because obviously that is a -- an ever-changing situation.

751 And we want to make sure that we are working in tandem with our federal partners, and her
752 entire staff was so gracious. She's going to really pour into this part of her district because it's a
753 new part of her district. So she is learning more about us, and her staff is getting more
754 entrenched in what is happening in this area, so looking forward to continuing that relationship.

755 Also had an opportunity to discuss our grant through the Atlanta Regional Commission that we
756 received in the previous administration that is frozen right now. And we -- we sort of huddled up
757 with Senator Ossoff's office to talk a little bit more about how we approach freeing up those
758 funds because we want to make sure that the Flint River Trail pathway that will come off of the
759 Belt Line and go all the way into Clayton County is a reality for the entire region because we
760 work better when we work together.

761 And so we had ARC; East Point; Hapeville; obviously us in College Park, we had -- we had
762 everybody on the call. We had (indiscernible) on the call to talk about how we strategize and
763 how we position ourselves to make sure that our story gets told.

764 One of the things at the South Metro Development Outlook, when we had an opportunity to do a
765 panel about this particular project, the Flint River project, was that Landry Merkison, who is the
766 Deputy COO of Clayton County, talked about Southern Regional Medical Center and how nine
767 to ten times a year because of flooding and the Flint river the hospital is inaccessible.

768 We talk all the time in our region about how healthcare makes the difference. How access to
769 healthcare makes the difference. And this project, this 60 plus million dollars, can make a
770 difference in access for people and improve health outcomes because if you can't get to the
771 hospital, you can't get treatment.

772 So we are working tirelessly to try to free up those federal funds, and we've gotten commitments
773 from our federal partners to try to keep on working on that. We had similar discussions with the
774 National League of Cities, and I know that some of my colleagues will be joining me for the
775 Congressional City Conference later on starting this weekend and looking forward to that
776 conference because we will have the opportunity to engage with several agency heads to help us
777 navigate the new normal.

778 And even though that is -- sometimes it's changing by the day. Sometimes it's changing by the
779 hour. We've got to make sure that we continue to deliver for our community. I want to thank my
780 colleagues. I think we had a very successful retreat, and we were able to -- to talk about some
781 issues. I think -- I appreciate your understanding because I was -- I was working late on Friday,
782 and those things happen.

783 And I appreciate your graciousness in allowing me to leave on Saturday evening to accept an
784 award and engage with our amazing female mayors who do so many great things here. And --
785 but one of the things that we should be discussing in our next meeting is a different approach to
786 workshop.

787 We talked about the idea of having that in a less restrictive setting to really hammer down on
788 some of the issues, and there was some receptiveness about that conversation, and I'm hopeful
789 that we can find some common ground on that.

790 And I want to thank Amber Bachelor, who was our facilitator, and Mr. Crane who came in
791 towards the end of Sunday and helped us hone in on some issues as -- as we were hammering
792 things out as a group.

793 Speaking of healthcare -- I was talking about it earlier -- Grady EMS was the guest at the South
794 Fulton Municipal Association last week in Chattahoochee Hills. I want to thank Mayor Reed and
795 his entire team for hosting this, but we -- they -- they are the ones who are providing our -- our
796 EMS coverage, and they have offered to allow us to go on ride-alongs, and I've already reached
797 out to get an idea and see how that -- that really works.

798 One of the things that was fascinating to me was that Grady actually -- to operate Grady, five and
799 a half million dollars a day. It's amazing. It's just a staggering, staggering number.

800 We had some special guests in College Park last week. We had Mayor Carlos Greer from Locust
801 Grove, Mayor Vince Williams from Union City, Mayor Carlos Duffy from Jackson, and Mayor
802 Michael Owens from Mapleton who joined together at the McKenzie Office Suites.

803 Last year, I was there with six other black female mayors; and this year, it was the black male
804 edition. And they were amazing, just absolutely amazing. They shared their insights. They
805 shared their humanity. They shared everything that makes them so incredibly special and
806 wonderful leaders.

807 And I want to thank all of them for their time. I want to thank Ricky McKenzie for hosting the
808 event again, and I want to send major congratulations -- Mayor Williams and I got on the phone
809 to congratulate Layla Gray. You heard a little bit about her accomplishment earlier in the
810 evening when we were talking about the Tumbleweeds.

811 But Layla is the first gymnast in the history of the Tumbleweeds -- in the nearly five-decade
812 history of the Tumbleweeds to score a perfect 10. She did it on the uneven bars, and I believe
813 that she is going to have more flowers coming her way.

814 I mentioned it to the folks who do SOFU Magazine, so I think she might get a bit of a feature
815 there, and I do believe that she will -- might have a proclamation coming from this Body in the
816 near future.

817 So I did want to talk a little bit about some of the individual priorities that we talked about at our
818 retreat because I brought this home before, but we really need to focus on making sure that we
819 are maximizing our opportunities with our municipal option sales tax money. We all know the
820 amazing work that our employees do day in and day out.

821 And one of the things that we could do, we could replace our aging and obsolete valves. When
822 we have water main breaks, there is valuable time that gets -- that passes where there is water

823 shooting out of places because we can't turn off the valves in time. Sometimes, they aren't
824 moving, and they have to go to another -- another intersection to cut things off. But my goal is
825 that we're not just doing emergency projects like you saw in our consent agenda. That we have a
826 plan. That we execute on that plan, and you see that in -- in -- you see that working for this city.

827 Now, replacing valves in our water infrastructure is not the flashiest thing, but it's -- it's some of
828 the work that will get us down the line and make sure that the quality of life in College Park is
829 top notch for years to come.

830 And so -- and I also think for our employees that we will better position them when they don't
831 have to work as hard even to turn off a valve. But as we enter into budget season and talking
832 about our employees, they do amazing work day in and day out.

833 So I will start now -- that inflation year over year is 3 percent. I think the least that we can do is
834 give our employees a 5 percent raise. We -- we're in a space where we have contractors pushing
835 close to \$10,000 a month, and we have part-timers making \$25 an hour.

836 We can do better by our employees, and we should make sure that we are doing so because we --
837 none of us put out the fires. None of us fix the water mains. We have to make sure that the
838 people who are doing the work day in and day out are fairly and adequately compensated
839 especially in the environment that we're in and have -- have the means to support their families.

840 So the employees who stuck with us need to know that we've got their back. We are eight
841 months through the fiscal year, and while we can't quite put a finger on where we are financially,
842 we're always able to make things work. We need to make things work on behalf of our staff.

843 And speaking of our staff, again, I want to express my sincere condolences to the family of
844 firefighter Renard Neal. We lost him a couple weeks ago, and I want to extend my condolences
845 not only to his family by blood but his College Park family, his firefighter family.

846 There's a service on Sunday morning at the GICC, and I hope that everyone will turn out to show
847 his family exactly what he means to this community. Our firefighters are our heroes. Our police
848 officers are our heroes. The service that they do on behalf of this city is unparalleled.

849 And when they are in need -- and I will tell you that our firefighters are in need right now. This
850 is -- this is the closest it's hit to home, and we have an opportunity to wrap our arms around them.
851 Show them how much we care. And I hope that you will be there on Sunday morning to show
852 your support. That's all I have.

853 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: I was waiting to be acknowledged. I just wanted to say
854 something before you play the tape. I thought I was going to be acknowledged.

855 First of all, I want to just acknowledge the presence of Jordana's -- Jordana Arias. I know I
856 messed up your last name, but from -- I just called her Jordana. She's from Fulton County. She
857 works in government relations.

858 We want to thank you for joining us at this meeting and just really looking forward to some of
859 the things that -- the ways that we're looking at Fulton County continuing to be involved in the
860 city of College Park.

861 Thank you for coming to our meeting, and thank you for the -- the partnership. I also want to
862 acknowledge one more young lady before we play the video because it's not in there, and it's
863 Women's International History Month.

864 And Dr. Marjorie Dent, an amazing young lady. I met her when I first got here to the city of
865 College Park, and she became one of our first chaplains. And I was in graduate school working
866 on my Master's in Divinity at the time, and doctor -- well, she wasn't Dr. Dent. She was
867 Master's of Divinity Dent.

868 And we got to know each other very, very well, and that young lady went back to school and got
869 her doctorate degree on me; and not only did she do that, she's working on another one. And on
870 March 9th, she will be 85 years old.

871 So I would just like for everybody to give a round of applause; and if you're at home today, I just
872 want to say thank you, Dr. Chaplin Marjorie Dent. She's holding it down for all of us. She had
873 to go home. You know, you -- you never know how long we going to be here.

874 I guess if she knew we were going to get out possibly by 9:30, she would have stayed. But
875 happy birthday, Dr. Dent; and I won't be here on your birthday, but we'll celebrate when I get
876 back. Now, I'm ready for you to roll.

877 (Video plays)

878 This is Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie with my March 3rd report.

879 Happy Ramadan. The Muslim holiday of Ramadan began on February 28th and will last until
880 March 29th. During this month-long observance, there is a period of introspection, communal
881 prayer, and reading of the Quran.

882 March is also International Women's History Month, and for 2025, the theme is moving forward
883 together; spotlighting women; educating and inspiring generations. And I thought, what better
884 time than now to highlight some of our Ward 1 women who are doing amazing things.

885 Starting with Chef Robin Lewis, who was featured on Good Day Atlanta just last week; sharing a
886 taste of her mouth-watering, delectable cuisine. Chef Robin is the owner of the R District, a
887 personal chef and culinary concierge firm based in Atlanta. The R District is known for using
888 only high-quality organic, fresh ingredients.

889 And my second shout out is to Ms. Holly Rodriguez, who is the owner of Suga's Urban Farm,
890 and she is the creator and the driving force behind our new senior technology lab and gardens.

891 The lab, which will be equipped with 10 new laptops, is designed to help our seniors navigate
892 modern technology and software; providing them with essential skills for everyday life.

893 And our seniors will also have the opportunity to take in-depth courses on emerging technologies
894 from mastering new phones to utilizing virtual meetings, and helping them stay connected while
895 also having the opportunity to grow and harvest their own fresh produce.

896 And now to see what I've been up to from February 18th through the 28th. On February 20th,
897 Jeff, Reggie, and I headed to New Jersey to celebrate my father, Dr. James Spencer's 91st
898 birthday which was actually on the 21st. It was a blessing to spend time with my dad, even
899 though it was only for a day because on the 21st, I had to head back to Atlanta to attend our city
900 retreat.

901 We had a great facilitator at the retreat, and we covered quite a bit of ground and information that
902 I'm looking forward to all of us in the Governing Body implementing.

903 On February 24th, we held our soft opening for our new senior technology lab at the Brady
904 Center, and it was great to see so many of our seniors and our special guests; Dwight Howard
905 and his lovely wife, Amy Luciani.

906 Last week, I met with a team of local historians, journalists, and filmmakers to begin our newest
907 project that will feature the history of College Park. We are both enthusiastic and excited; much
908 more to come.

909 It was an honor to represent the city of College Park at Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones' Black
910 History reception on the 27th which was hosted by Senators Halpern and Anavitarte. Engaging
911 with leaders from various sectors not only allows us to exchange ideas and best practices, but it
912 also helps us to create a stronger, more resilient College Park; one where every resident feels
913 valued and empowered.

914 Last Friday, I met with members of PHOAA, Ms. Sarah Dylla, and Georgia State University
915 graduate students and city staff to discuss historical events and markers that will be placed
916 throughout Six West. And you are invited to join us on Thursday, March 13th, at 5:30 as we cut
917 the ribbon to display our historical markers.

918 On March 5th, Alpha South is bringing 100 years of excellence to College Park for their
919 Centennial Conference at the GICC; and as a part of the celebration, don't miss the HBCU Fair
920 and the Rickey Smiley live show.

921 On Friday, March 7th, we're holding our second community Thrive Give Back with Food for the
922 City and several other organizations at the Keith James Auditorium. We will be sharing food,
923 clothing, beds, shoes, and lots of love.

924 Also, join us for our first family movie night with the Granville Group at the Keith James
925 Auditorium on March 15th.

926 And last, save the date. On March 29th, we're going to hold our Ward 1 community meeting at
927 10; and then at two o'clock, we'll hold the grand opening of our senior tech lab and gardens.

928 Lots of fantastic things are happening. This is your Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie, and we
929 are building College Park better. Let's end tonight's report with a brief recap from our senior tech
930 lab. Have an amazing week.

931 (Video ends)

932 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn.

933 COUNCILMAN CARN: All right. Great update. A couple of things, I've got -- let's see here.
934 City Manager.

935 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes, sir.

936 COUNCILMAN CARN: On Sullivan Road; the radar speed sign, it still has -- has that light out.
937 One of the digits has been out for about nine months now, so if we could get on that and get that
938 repaired, again, as soon as possible. I've asked maybe three or four times --

939 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay.

940 COUNCILMAN CARN: -- so we want to make sure we fix that radar speed sign along Sullivan
941 Road there going towards the -- the airport -- the old convention center. I wanted to find out
942 about the -- the street sweeper. I understand that we've got one that's -- that's operational.

943 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes, sir.

944 COUNCILMAN CARN: There are several streets that I want to see covered. I don't know how
945 often we run that thing.

946 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Every day. You know, mainly Main Street and -- you know,
947 we focusing on the main thoroughfares right now.

948 COUNCILMAN CARN: Well, Herschel Road is definitely in need. There are a couple other
949 streets that we want to try to hit and take care of, so I -- I -- I'll follow up with you on some of
950 the areas we need to catch that probably did -- haven't been caught in a while. So we want to
951 make sure that we cover some of those streets.

952 In the -- in the gutter, there's a lot of -- a lot of the gravel and stuff even from when we put down
953 some of these streets. We want to make sure we cover that and take care of that as best as we
954 can.

955 Piggybacking off of the Mayor's comments, the MOST -- MOST projects -- it's very important
956 that we exhaust all those MOST -- MOST funds. I do have a project that -- water and sewer that
957 needs to be covered as well.

958 A couple of them that I wanted to follow up with you on, City Manager. A couple of them we
959 talked around, but we want to get down to it to make sure we exhaust those funds. We don't want
960 leave any on the table obviously. That goes without saying.

961 (Councilman Gay left the room at 9:07 p.m.)

962 I was going to speak on the -- our city retreat. I think it was a very, very successful retreat.
963 Probably one of the most successful that I -- I've attended over the years. Again, Mayor, thank
964 you for participating, and you were right. We work better when we work together, as you said.

965 And I think this year is a turning point where we're going to be working together more than ever
966 to uplift this city as a team, and that's something that we all doubled our commitment to over that
967 Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

968 (Councilman Gay returned at 9:07 p.m.)

969 It went very, very well; and I just want to thank City Manager for helping making that happen.
970 City Clerk, Ms. Kelly, thank you for your attendance. I think it went -- went very well. City
971 Manager, in particular, we want to thank you.

972 You know, a lot of times, you see a lot of different things and sides of different folks in different
973 settings which is a good thing. You get to know the -- you know, how well-rounded some of our
974 folks are and our staff are. And this team is -- City Manager, in particular, you have got a
975 tremendous set of daily tasks set before you that, you know, every waking hour -- just about
976 every waking day.

977 And I don't think people really realize the -- the -- the enormity of what you hold on your
978 shoulders in a given day. I don't think there is anyone in this city as busy as Dr. Emmanuel is.

979 I don't even think there's competition or comparison to the city workload that Dr. E. is
980 responsible for, so I just want to give you encouragement. I want to let you know how much we
981 all support you. I want to let you know how much we all count on you and need you.

982 Last year -- from last year of March '24 to this year of March '24 [*sic*] is a textbook example of
983 how quickly someone can come in, right the ship, and turn things around. We're almost back up
984 to full-staff department heads.

985 Our budget is looking stronger. We've lowered property taxes while increased city services for
986 residents. I think we're moving forward and we're making progress. That takes a good -- good
987 head coach as well as a good coordinator; City Attorney as well.

988 And all of these department heads working hard and rolling up their sleeves and getting the work
989 done. One thing I do want to do is when this audit is completed -- Mr. Jackson, welcome aboard.
990 Glad to have you aboard.

991 So at the end of March if the audit is completed, we do want to -- you know, let's explain the
 992 budget report concerns from February 3rd -- which -- which does predate you -- because there
 993 were some discrepancies, and we want to make sure that we make it clear to residents that you
 994 know, there's no monkey business going on with their tax dollars.

995 So we just want to straighten out those nicks and make sure that that's clear in terms of
 996 transparency. So a couple other things. I was honored to join the board of We Be Health. This
 997 is a new board in Metro Atlanta that serves our most vulnerable seniors. It's a great, great
 998 organization.

999 I've joined several of our mayors through the region who I served with as county commissioner
 1000 and served with -- when they were city councilmembers before they became mayors as well;
 1001 Mayor Williams and Mayor Ingraham. And we look forward to working with their many
 1002 programs.

1003 The PACE program, in particular, is a program for all-inclusive care for the elderly. This a
 1004 medical advocacy group with federal funding, and they still have their federal funding intact. I'll
 1005 say it again. They provide medical care, prescriptions delivered to your home with no copays,
 1006 home care, clinical care, and personal assistance in your own home, social engagement activities
 1007 and games in their centers, care coordination, dental, vision, and hearing, exercise, physical and
 1008 occupational therapy.

1009 This -- these services are for some of our most vulnerable citizens; again, for medically complex
 1010 situations, average age of 80 or over with a lot of limited social capital. So this is a specialty
 1011 organization that's going to do some special services for some of our residents most in need.

1012 So we're going to work at directing some of those services to those who need it the most, so we're
 1013 going to be rolling out that as the spring comes into effect.

1014 I want to touch on the retreat as my last thing in terms of some of the things we did come to a
 1015 consensus on. And I want the residents to know that we made tremendous progress at the retreat.
 1016 So what -- there were some changes to some policies that there was a consensus on that we're
 1017 going to be looking at rolling out here very, very soon.

1018 And I wanted to speak on them for the record. One was with the City Clerk as well as
 1019 communications: following up on action items from public comments. That is something very
 1020 important. We initiated it, I think, a year and a half ago or so, but we have to reconstitute that
 1021 and -- and redevelop that where it's efficient.

1022 We have meetings on Monday. I think there is no reason, no reason; City Manager, are those
 1023 answers to those questions that are answerable can be answered on Friday. For instance, today is
 1024 Monday. We had our council meeting. By Friday, we want those questions addressed on our
 1025 city website as well as in the link to the newsletter.

1026 Number two was instituting mobile workshops round table style in various places. Mobile
1027 workshops for our workshops. Getting away from City Hall to have discussions in other parts of
1028 our city.

1029 Each of our wards have dynamic venues and places where we want to engage the public to
1030 broaden our scope of -- of awareness; to broaden our scope of facilities; to broaden our scope of
1031 diversity in this community.

1032 So I think that's very important. We said we were going to look at starting that possibly on
1033 March 17th or maybe, City Manager; we will organize that to maybe start it on the first meeting
1034 in April. I know we got a lot of stuff that we -- that -- that's on our laundry list that everybody's
1035 trying to get done and get finished, so I want to make sure we commit to that.

1036 The third thing was regarding public comments, public comments. And, folks, I have always
1037 said and always been the foremost advocate that the public comments segment of our meeting is
1038 undoubtedly the most important part of our meeting because that's where we hear from the folks
1039 that pay the freight, and that's the tax-paying public.

1040 But with public comments, there has to be some decorum, and we want to make sure we keep
1041 things good and fair within the public square, so to speak. And we used to do things this way
1042 with public comments.

1043 When someone comes up and has a public comment, we want to make sure that they're directing
1044 those public comments to this Body here and not to the audience or not to personal situations
1045 within the audience.

1046 So public comments are directed to the elected officials that you have elected to represent this
1047 city. We want to direct the public comments towards us, and we want to make sure that we keep
1048 the direction up here and not at odds with someone in the audience.

1049 And we've always done that over the years. Jack used to make it point when someone did have
1050 an argument with someone out there, he'd say keep these public comments up here with us where
1051 they belong. You're the citizen, and you elected us to represent you and address those problems;
1052 so we want to keep the public comments directed up here only.

1053 Last thing I will say is I don't think it's a good idea to encourage or -- or allow public comments
1054 on pending litigation issues, pending litigation issues. I think that's very important. Now, you
1055 know, the First Amendment applies to people that some like and it applies to people that some
1056 don't like.

1057 So that's just part of the public disclosure in any open body and -- and in any type of government
1058 forum. Now, with that being said, we do not want public comments regarding a situation that is
1059 in litigation.

1060 And City Attorney spoke on this and I agree that it's probably not a good idea to accommodate
1061 public comments involving city employees that are in courts because this could inadvertently pull

1062 us into and expose us to litigation and becoming an unexpected participant in someone's
1063 litigation.

1064 So we don't want the possibility of that possibly happening, and we certainly don't need more --
1065 more litigation to get pulled into. I don't think any city does. So -- so if there are public
1066 comments where there are issues that are currently in court and in litigation, I don't think this is
1067 the proper venue to -- to -- to vent that type of action here because we don't want to get involved
1068 and enthralled into that action and get pulled into something that -- that we don't have a --
1069 necessarily have a dog in the fight with, so I'll leave it there.

1070 Folks, I think we're doing good here. We're making good progress. We're going to work through
1071 this spring, and we're going to be unrolling and unveiling some exciting, exciting opportunities
1072 for this city; exciting opportunities for our staff; exciting opportunities for our community while
1073 at the same time being responsible with your tax money.

1074 You can say what you want up here. There may have been some disagreements and so on and so
1075 forth, but we are managing this money very well. And we're not playing with your tax-paying
1076 dollar because we keep bills low. Your utility bills are the lowest in the region.

1077 You pay 30 percent less than your neighbors; not just for electricity, y'all. College Park pays 30
1078 percent less for its water. If you don't believe, ask a resident in the city of Atlanta. Ask a
1079 resident about their water bills in the city of South Fulton.

1080 We manage our monies well. We manage our utilities well, and we want to keep managing
1081 things as well as we can. So we're going to continue to make that progress for this city as well as
1082 improve public policy; improve public standards, so we're making progress on all fronts.

1083 Are we perfect? Absolutely not. But we're going to keep moving together as a team, and I do
1084 believe that teamwork gets it done. And when you see progressive meetings like this, that's part
1085 of what you see in terms of teamwork getting it done, and I think we're going to have a great year
1086 and a positive year. Working together gets it done. I cannot emphasize that enough. So that's all
1087 I got.

1088 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Arnold.

1089 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: Thank you. So I am just going to add on to all the comments
1090 that -- that -- that were made before me in reference to our strategic retreat. First, I want to thank
1091 all of my colleagues for their support in us getting that retreat on the calendar.

1092 If it was not for all of us coming together to come up with the dates that work, we wouldn't have
1093 had that retreat. So I want to thank you all for your leadership and support in us getting that
1094 scheduled.

1095 Then I want to thank Dr. Emmanuel and the staff for then taking our directive and working with
1096 the vendors, identifying the location, and getting everything set up. Also, with Winston's office
1097 -- I want to thank his office for finding the incredible facilitator in Ms. Bachelor.

1098 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Yes.

1099 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: She was able to get us to -- to open up and talk about our
1100 vision for the city. We came up with a comprehensive list of guiding principles, and we are
1101 going to include those principles with our civility pledge and reaffirm ourselves as a city of
1102 civility.

1103 COUNCILMAN CARN: Amen.

1104 COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD: And that is something to be proud of. And so we all did the
1105 work, and I am -- I'm very proud of my colleagues for, you know, coming together and working
1106 together for us to outline a vision for this city.

1107 I want to, also, thank Mr. Bill Crane for helping us to focus on our priorities. And so we have
1108 identified five projects for this year that we are going to focus on, that we are going to promote,
1109 and we are going to push legislation forward to support those projects along with our vision in
1110 the future.

1111 The Mayor mentioned hers earlier as far as the MOST plan is concerned, and I think we all had
1112 our individual list; and I think at some point and time, we should take a picture of those items and
1113 share them with the community at large so that our -- our constituents can get to see some of the
1114 things our brainstorming session, if you will -- of the items that we -- the thoughts that we have
1115 for the city.

1116 So I thank you all again for that support and the work. So I was doing my world traveling as
1117 usual, but I had the opportunity to participate in a community meeting for the Old National
1118 Merchants Association on Thursday where Councilwoman Keosha Bell of South -- the city of
1119 South Fulton shared her vision for Old National Highway.

1120 And for those who don't know, you know, Old National Highway starts in College Park and it
1121 ends in South Fulton; and so we have to partner with our colleagues in South Fulton to make sure
1122 that the services on that -- on that highway are comprehensive and connected.

1123 And so I was there on Thursday to support her and her vision. And so I don't have too many
1124 other updates to give other than wanting to make sure that everyone understands that we will be
1125 having that civility pledge expanded a little bit for our meetings because we want to include our
1126 guiding principles.

1127 Those are important to us, and they are important for us to -- it's important for us to make sure
1128 that the community is also aware of those guiding principles on how we're going to move
1129 forward.

1130 And again as I've been mentioning in all of my meetings here lately since the beginning of the
1131 year, the Ward 3 community survey is still open. It will continue to be open until April 4th.

1132 In the meantime, I will have my -- my quarterly Ward 3 town hall which will be virtual; and
1133 before that time, I will be meeting with my appointees to collect their thoughts and their
1134 experiences so that we can share that information in the town hall. And so if you want to
1135 participate in the community survey, you can find it at cpward3.com. Thank you so much.

1136 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Gay.

1137 COUNCILMAN GAY: Okay. Thank you. I just got a few things, but some of it's going to be
1138 like the rest of my colleagues add to some requests. We're doing a streetscapes pro -- project. I
1139 don't want to name the street, but we've been working on it for about three weeks, and it's
1140 amazing.

1141 And there's a house next to the end of the streetscape projects and the woman came out the house
1142 today and she said come here, and I said, yes, ma'am. She says are you going to have them put
1143 some straw right there by my yard? And I said, sure, why not. I said what's going on?

1144 She says they're tire tracks right there. So I walked over to her driveway and the tire tracks were
1145 about like this and she drove off and I said, well, you know, we got the limb over there.

1146 She goes, well, it's not my limb in the first place, but I just want you to just know how thankless
1147 of a job this is. A lot of people think that we getting a lot out of this. It is a very thankless job to
1148 some people. But -- and why I -- why I feel that is because imagine doing something like that in
1149 someone's community and the only -- the only value that one person saw was a little tire track in
1150 her yard.

1151 The next thing I want to see if we can start aggressively looking for a grants administrator
1152 because there is money being spent, but we got to replace this money. We got to keep bringing
1153 money in here. We spend; spend; spend.

1154 We got to find more money; and, I mean, there are people out here that write grants. We contract
1155 them, and we do a national search but -- but we need to continue to look for grants, local; state;
1156 federal. Dr. City Manager, you taking notes?

1157 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yeah.

1158 COUNCILMAN GAY: All right.

1159 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: We have one coming aboard --

1160 COUNCILMAN GAY: All right. I just want to make sure because most of my comments is --
1161 was -- are instructions. HR, I think there need to be first aid kits in these city workers' trucks.

1162 I know we got all new vehicles. We still missing logos on trucks. That's not safe. These guys
1163 driving to other jurisdictions or something happens, there's no way to identify these trucks. I
1164 don't see numbers on these fleets to be able to track.

- 1165 So I -- I think we need to make sure that our fleet have identifying numbers and that there are
1166 first aid kits in these trucks. If someone were to get injured, there's no -- I am aware of urgent
1167 care nowhere close by.
- 1168 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: In Hapeville, there's Concentra.
- 1169 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Virginia Avenue.
- 1170 COUNCILMAN GAY: Virginia Avenue?
- 1171 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Piedmont.
- 1172 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: It's one on Virginia Avenue. Piedmont.
- 1173 COUNCILMAN GAY: Okay. Well, we need to make sure that -- that we know that. We'll
1174 have to go to Concentra. All right. Next is -- I am so proud to announce that Phillips Park is
1175 getting a playground, and it -- it is the hard work of everybody. But the reason why I'm bringing
1176 this up is because the equipment has come a month early. That's a good problem; right?
- 1177 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: That's good.
- 1178 COUNCILMAN GAY: However, the park needs to be closed. So, City Manager, you got to
1179 figure out how to -- how to close the park safely -- not the whole park, but the area for the
1180 playground because it's four -- four Connex Containers. And, you know, we need to really roll
1181 that out, so I'm excited about that. And -- what -- it will be a month that is will be down? You
1182 think a month?
- 1183 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yeah, about a month.
- 1184 COUNCILMAN GAY: About a month.
- 1185 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Right, Michelle? We met on it today, you know, probably.
- 1186 COUNCILMAN GAY: Yeah. An amazing job with -- with City Attorney's office; City
1187 Manager's office; recreation; power, just amazing teamwork.
- 1188 Also proud to report that State Representative Kim Schofield sponsored the senior tax exemption
1189 with no income. Appreciate her leadership. Appreciate her making a decision to -- to do what
1190 the will of the people that said.
- 1191 Thank you for the Mayor who signed the resolution, so it -- it takes leadership on every level. So
1192 I'm sure the residents will appreciate it at some point. But there again, we got to replace this
1193 money. So the more we spend, the more we got to replace.

1194 Marshall Mitchell, who used to work for y'all's law firm, used to find us money. He found
1195 occupational taxes at the airport. Was it occupational tax? And he found tax on the gas pumps.
1196 I think you need to tax these tractor-trailers for tearing up our streets.

1197 Then finally, Mr. Hugh, we need to go back to driving the ward at night. Maybe work with the
1198 Chief of Police, but it's too many lights out, and I can't do it. It's lights out. We need -- we need
1199 to go back to where you had a guy come in at five or whatever, mark them that -- got to get these
1200 light bulbs running.

1201 Saving the best for last, which would be the botanical garden vote. I mean, listen, that is one of
1202 the most amazing things that have happened, you know, in my life. I've had some pretty nice
1203 things, but that's a good one to be able to see something happen that we all collectively worked
1204 since 1998.

1205 That don't happen often. So I hope the project outlive all of us. Somebody wonder when they
1206 over there walking, who -- who did this? Because it's a thankless job. But as the Bible said let
1207 your little light shine. So that's all I have, Mayor.

1208 COUNCILMAN CARN: One other -- one other item.

1209 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Councilmember Carn.

1210 COUNCILMAN CARN: City Manager, he talked about employee safety with the first aid kits.

1211 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Yes, sir.

1212 COUNCILMAN CARN: One thing I do want to see more with employees are -- are gloves,
1213 gloves.

1214 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay.

1215 COUNCILMAN CARN: Our public works department, you know, there's some hard workers,
1216 and I often worry -- make -- I want to make sure they have -- you know, I don't see gloves on
1217 their hands a lot of times when they're doing a lot of work. Over the years, I've talked about that.

1218 Hugh Richardson, you know I've talked about gloves with the power guys, and I see them pulling
1219 on them cables and whatnot, and they don't have their gloves on. And I always worry about that
1220 because the minute someone slices their hand open, you know, then you got a worker down that
1221 -- that -- that -- that they can't get out there and help us and whatnot. But I always -- I want to
1222 make sure we have that kind of extra coverage --

1223 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Okay.

1224 COUNCILMAN CARN: -- just in the vehicles where they're accessible right there. Gloves in
1225 every glove box, two; three; four pairs. And we want to make sure we're covering -- covering
1226 that. So definitely provide them (indiscernible) definitely. I think that's important.

- 1227 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Okay. Since Joe said something, I got one more thing too.
1228 I just want to also acknowledge my new legislative assistant, Ms. Olivia Dorsey, who sat through
1229 this meeting. Just raise your hand.
- 1230 She didn't get a chance to introduce herself. An amazing young woman and one of College
1231 Park's own so welcome; welcome; welcome, Olivia.
- 1232 MS. OLIVIA DORSEY: Thank you.
- 1233 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: All right. And don't think we have any additional business, so
1234 we are adjourned at 9:32 p.m. Take care.
- 1235 CITY MANAGER ADEDIRAN: Mayor, executive.
- 1236 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: For what?
- 1237 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: Litigation.
- 1238 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: So I'd like to make a motion --
- 1239 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Wait. Hold on. Hold on. So we have litigation to discuss?
- 1240 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: Yes, Mayor.
- 1241 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Did we get any information about it?
- 1242 CITY ATTORNEY DENMARK: I want to discuss with you in executive session.
- 1243 COUNCILMAN CARN: I think we'll get it back there.
- 1244 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Okay. All right. So -- all right. I didn't get any information
1245 ahead of time. All right. So -- all right. Is there a motion to -- Mr. Curry, are we still on? Okay.
1246 Is there a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of discussion of litigation?
- 1247 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: So moved.
- 1248 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember McKenzie. Is there a second?
- 1249 COUNCILMAN CARN: Second.
- 1250 MAYOR MOTLEY BROOM: Thank you, Councilmember Carn. Any discussion? All those in
1251 favor?
- 1252 COUNCILMAN CARN: Aye.
- 1253 MAYOR PRO TEM MCKENZIE: Aye.



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COUNCIL AGENDA MEMO (CAM)
REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

DOC ID: 11819

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Dr. Emmanuel Adediran, City Manager

DATE: March 4, 2025

TITLE: Consideration of and action on a request for a Proclamation for Margaret Wilson. This item is sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie.

Prepared by: Melanie Stephens
Department Director: Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie

Review:

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DOC ID: 11828

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Dr. Emmanuel Adediran, City Manager

DATE: March 6, 2025

TITLE: Consideration of and action on a request for a Proclamation for Dr. Subrenia Willis. This item is sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie.

Prepared by: Melanie Stephens
Department Director: Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie

Review:

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REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

DOC ID: 11791

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Dr. Emmanuel Adediran, City Manager

DATE: February 24, 2025

TITLE: Consideration of and action on a request for a Proclamation for Aliyah Tousana. The proclamation is requested on behalf of Councilwoman Tracie Arnold, Ward 3.

Prepared by: Melanie Stephens
Department Director: Councilwoman Tracie Arnold

Review:

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DOC ID: 11829

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Dr. Emmanuel Adediran, City Manager

DATE: March 6, 2025

TITLE: Consideration of and action on a request for a Proclamation for Gloria Abdullah. This item is sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie.

Prepared by: Melanie Stephens
Department Director: Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie

Review:

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REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

DOC ID: 11812

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Dr. Emmanuel Adediran, City Manager

DATE: February 28, 2025

TITLE: Consideration of and action for approval of Proclamation for Layla Gray, College Park Tumbleweed Gymnast, scoring a perfect 10.

Attachments

2025 Layla Gray Proclamation Perfect 10 (DOCX)

Prepared by: Michelle Johnson
Department Director: Michelle Johnson, Director of Recreation & Cultural Arts

Review:

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City of College Park
Proclamation
College Park Tumbleweeds Gymnastics

WHEREAS: The City of College Park recognizes the dedication, discipline, and perseverance required to excel in the sport of gymnastics; and

WHEREAS: the College Park Tumbleweed Gymnastics Team has been an esteemed part of our community since 1978, fostering young athletes and instilling values of hard work, sportsmanship, and excellence; and

WHEREAS: On Saturday, February 22, 2025, at the Be Kind and Shine Gymnastics Meet held at Acworth Community Center, Layla Gray, a 12-year-old Level Xcel Silver gymnast, achieved a historic milestone by earning a perfect 10 on the Uneven Bars; and

WHEREAS: This remarkable accomplishment makes Layla Gray the first gymnast in the 49-year history of the Tumbleweed Gymnastics Program to achieve a perfect score in any event; and

WHEREAS: Layla Gray’s achievement is a testament to her talent, hard work, and dedication, as well as the outstanding coaching and support provided by the Tumbleweed Gymnastics Team; and

WHEREAS: The City of College Park commends Layla Gray for her outstanding performance and recognizes her as an inspiration to young athletes throughout our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of College Park that.

College Park Tumbleweed Gymnasts

Layla Gray is recognized and commended for her historic perfect 10 performance.

PROCLAIMED THIS 7th DAY OF April 2025

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK

Bianca Motley Broom, Mayor

Janelle McKenzie, Councilwoman

Joe Carn, Councilman

Tracie Arnold, Councilwoman

Roderick D. Gay, Councilman

ATTEST:

Kelly Bogner, City Clerk



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REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

DOC ID: 11826

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Dr. Emmanuel Adediran, City Manager

DATE: March 7, 2025

TITLE: Consideration of and action on a request for a Proclamation for Georgia Cities Week April 21-26, 2025.

Prepared by: Queenie Brown
Department Director: Kelly Bogner, City Clerk

Review:

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Queenie Brown Pending

City Attorney's Office Pending

City Clerk Completed 03/11/2025 5:43 PM

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REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

DOC ID: 11827

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Dr. Emmanuel Adediran, City Manager

DATE: March 12, 2025

TITLE: Consideration of and action on a request to approve the City Wide Literacy program by purchasing technology equipment for Improved Literacy Skills – Interactive apps encourage reading and writing. Increased Access – Ensures students have learning tools outside the classroom. Closing the Achievement Gap – Provides equal opportunities for all students. Fostering Digital Literacy – Equips students with essential technology skills. Encouraging Family Involvement – Strengthens learning at home. This is a budgeted item and is sponsored by Councilman Joe Carn.

RECOMMENDATION: To approve SWA Connect LLC. quote for 500 students at \$50.00 each for a total is \$25,000 dollars (3) quotes are attached.

BUDGETED ITEM:

Yes, via Councilman Joe Carn's Community Enhancement Budget.

STRATEGIC CONNECTION:

Goal 2 Quality of Life

Attachments

Amerimex 1000 tablet quote (PDF)

EZ Reach Mobile city of college park 500 tablets quote (PDF)

SWA Connect city of college park 500 tablets quote (PDF)

Prepared by: Michael Hicks
Department Director: Michael Hicks C.I.O.

Review:

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AmeriMex Solutions Inc.

200 Mansell CT E 350
 Roswell, GA 30076
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Quote

Date	Quote No.
2/20/2025	2670

Name / Address
SWA Connect, LLC 9 Dunwoody Park Ste. 106 Atlanta, GA 30338

Project

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
Tablets Operating System Android 13, Camera Front 5 MP Back 13 MP, RAM 4 GB, ROM 32 GB, Connectivity WIFI 4G LTE Bluetooth 1x AC Adapter 1x Cable	1,000	83.00	83,000.00
Thank you for your business.		Total	\$83,000.00

EZ REACH MOBILE

Estimate

3425 Parkbrooke ST
Duluth GA 30096

Date	Estimate #
2/19/2025	5001

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Project

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
Operating System Android 13, Camera Front 5 MP Back 8 MP, RAM 3 GB, ROM 32 GB, Connectivity WIFI 4G LTE 1x AC Adapter 1x Tablet Case 1x Cable	500	92.00	46,000.00
		Total	\$46,000.00

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2/20/2025

Name / Address
SWA Connect, LLC 9 Dunwoody Park Ste 106 Atlanta GA 30334

Project

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
Operating System Android 13, Camera Front 5 MP Back 13 MP, RAM 4 GB, ROM 32 GB, Connectivity WIFI 4G LTE Bluetooth, Accessories 1x Earbuds 1x Protective Screen Film 1x AC Adapter 1x Tablet Case 1x Cable 1x SIM Pin	500	50.00	25,000.00
		Total	\$25,000.00



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**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
COUNCIL AGENDA MEMO (CAM)
REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

DOC ID: 11845

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Dr. Emmanuel Adediran, City Manager

DATE: March 10, 2025

TITLE: Consideration of and action to approve the purchase of 2 golf carts in the amount of \$20,309.00. This is a budgeted item and is sponsored by Councilman Joe Carn.

Attachments

Gadsden Golf Carts - Invoice #16789 - \$20,309.00 (PDF)

Prepared by: Melanie Stephens
Department Director: Councilman Joe Carn

Review:

Emmanuel Adediran	Completed	03/11/2025 5:24 PM
City Clerk	Completed	03/12/2025 10:02 AM
City Manager's Office	Completed	03/11/2025 5:24 PM
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Status: Posted

Invoice Date:

Print Date: 3/10/2025

Invo 9.B.a



Gadsden Golf Carts, Inc,
323 Ewing Ave
Gadsden, AL 35901
(256) 547-5225

BILLING ADDRESS
CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
3667 MAIN ST
COLLEGE PARK, GA 30337
United States
(404) 669-3755
JOE.CARN@COLLEGEPAKGA.COM

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Table with columns: Sales Rep, Terms, Tax Code, Customer PO, Sales Type, Ship Date. Row 1: 698 - JIMMY HAYNES, Default, NT, Regular or Over the Counter, 3/7/2025

Main item table with columns: Req, Fill, OEM Code, Item No., Item Description, Bin Location, Your Price, Amount. Includes items for Yamaha UMAX 2 EFI and pickup/delivery fees.

Tax Authority Code table with row: NT, 0.0000

Total Invoice summary table showing items, fees, labor, kits, units, misc, subtotal, ship by mail, sales tax, total invoice (20,309.00), total paid, and balance due.

Tracking No. [Empty box]

Invoice Payments table with columns: Type, Amount, Date

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS

All returns are subject to a 15% restock fee.

Customer Signature _____

GOLF CART SALES TERMS:

- *~*Golf cart return policy: 48 hours from time of purchase or delivery.
*~*Restocking fee of 15% will be charged on all golf cart returns.
*~*Deposits on Golf Carts are NON REFUNDABLE.
*After 48 hours the golf cart will be registered under the in house standard warranty.
**Pick Up and Delivery are NOT covered under any warranty.

Customer Signature: _____

Date: _____



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DOC ID: 11820

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Dr. Emmanuel Adediran, City Manager

DATE: March 7, 2025

TITLE: Discussion: Juneteenth parade and activities. Will the parade be held at Godby or Main and what activities will accompany this and where? This item is sponsored on behalf of Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie.

Prepared by: Melanie Stephens
Department Director: Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie

Review:

Emmanuel Adediran	Completed	03/11/2025 5:21 PM
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DOC ID: 11814

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Dr. Emmanuel Adediran, City Manager

DATE: March 4, 2025

TITLE: Consideration of and action on a request to approve to increase of pavilion rental fee in the parks. This is located in Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 3, Ward 4.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the increase of pavilion rental fee in the parks to \$35 per hour with a maximum of \$350 per day for the 2025 season.

BACKGROUND:

The pavilion rentals are currently \$25 per pavilion. The pavilions are available for rental during high season April-October when the Park Attendants are in place. It has been recommended to increase the rental fee for the pavilions to \$35 per hour with a maximum cost of \$350 per pavilion. Due to concerns for parking and safety in the parks a capacity for each pavilion has been determined by the College Park Fire Marshal.

BUDGETED ITEM:

Not applicable to this request for fee increase for the park pavilion rentals.

STRATEGIC CONNECTION:

Goal II: Quality of Life: Provide opportunities for people to come together, interact.

with one another, and build relationships through inclusive programs, services, events, and great public gathering places. 1. Advance ways to increase community collaboration and implement initiatives to become "One" College Park.

Attachments

2019-07 Use of Parks Ordinance (PDF)

Prepared by: Michelle Johnson
Department Director: [Insert Department Head Here]

Review:

City Manager's Office Completed 03/11/2025 5:09 PM

Michelle Johnson Completed 03/10/2025 12:34 PM

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STATE OF GEORGIA**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK****ORDINANCE NO. 2019-07**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA, CHAPTER 13 RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS TO REGULATE THE USE OF CITY PARKS; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION: TO PROVIDE SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of College Park, Georgia (the “City”) is the Mayor and Council thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City Department of Recreation & Cultural Arts is in the process of placing signs around City parks to clarify rules and regulations, including park name and hours of operation; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with said sign postings, the City Council desires to update the Parks Use ordinance to provide for the proper park hours, the name of the parks and the name of the Department of Recreation & Cultural Arts that manages the parks; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance will clarify the necessary information for residents and visitors of the City utilizing the parks.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, and by the authority thereof:

Section 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of College Park, Georgia is hereby amended by revising Chapter 13 (“Parks and Recreation”), Section 13-6 (“Use of Parks”) to read as follows:

Sec. 13-6. Use of Parks.

- (a) *It shall be unlawful for any person to be in any public or public recreation grounds of the city between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless such person is engaged in activities specifically authorized in writing by the Department of Recreation and Cultural Arts or the mayor and council.*
- (b) *It shall be unlawful for any person who is not an employee, officer or agent of the City or a resident of the City to be in any public park or public recreation grounds of the City except under the following circumstances:*
- 1) *Such person is engaged in activities specifically authorized in writing by the Department of Recreation & Cultural Arts or the Mayor and Council.*
 - 2) *Such person is accompanied by at least one (1) employee or resident of the City, provided that no two (2) or more such persons may be accompanied by the same employee or resident.*
 - 3) *Where the general public is invited to an event through an advertisement placed by the City with a newspaper, magazine, radio station, or television station, or through signs erected by the City that do not state that the event is limited to City residents and/or employees; or*
 - 4) *Such person is attending an Organized Event previously approved in writing by the Department of Recreation & Cultural Arts, in which case the requirement of subsection (2) above shall not apply.*
- (c) *It shall be unlawful to host or attend any Organized Event in any public park or public recreation grounds of the City without the prior written approval of the Department of Recreation and Cultural Arts. Requests for organized events may only be made by City residents. The Department of Recreation & Cultural Arts may refuse any request for such approval based on prior actions of the person or entity making the request, or for any other lawful reason. The Mayor and Council may by resolution from time to time set fees for Organized Events. For the purposes of this subsection, the term 'Organized Event' shall mean any activity sponsored by any person or any formal or informal entity, other than the Department of Recreation & Cultural Arts, where at least ten (10) persons are present, for a common purpose or event, at a public park or recreation grounds of the City.*
- (d) *For the purposes of this section, 'public park or recreation grounds of the City' shall mean:*
- (1) *Barrett Park: Rugby Ave. & West Walker;*
 - (2) *Bill Badgett Stadium;*

- (3) *Bill Evans Field: College Street;*
- (4) *Brannon Memorial Park: Charlestown Drive;*
- (5) *Richard D. Zupp Park: Temple & Hawthorne Ave;*
- (6) *Charles E. Phillips Park: Riverdale Road;*
- (7) *Subrenia M. Willis Park: Camp Creek Parkway.*

Section 2. That the preamble of this Ordinance shall be considered to be and is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein.

Section 3. (a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are or were, upon their enactment, believed by the Mayor and Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

(b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

(c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgement or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Mayor and Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extend allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional

or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Ordinance and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of the Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

Section 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be codified in a manner consistent with the laws of the State of Georgia and the City of College Park.

Section 6. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the date of adoption unless otherwise specified herein.

ORDAINED this **20th** day of **May 2019**.

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA

Jack P. Longino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shavala Moore, Interim City Clerk

APPROVED BY:

City Attorney



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DOC ID: 11843

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Dr. Emmanuel Adediran, City Manager

DATE: March 12, 2025

TITLE: Consideration of and action on a request to add a stop sign on Janice Drive facing North due to excessive speeding in or near school zone. Sponsored by Councilman Roderick Gay.

Attachments

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Prepared by: Melanie Stephens
Department Director: Councilman Roderick Gay

Review:

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DOC ID: 11856

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Dr. Emmanuel Adediran, City Manager

DATE: March 14, 2025

TITLE: Consideration of and action on a request to approve the purchase for Strategic Equipment LLC in the amount of \$166,622.68. This is a request from Interim Convention Center Director, Yanous Barner. This invoice is for the replacement of the commercial dishwasher. This transaction has been classified as an emergency purchase.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Strategic Equipment LLC Purchase Order#2025-00002298

BACKGROUND:

Replacement of the Commercial Dishwasher at Convention Center

BUDGETED ITEM:

Non-budgeted item

STRATEGIC CONNECTION:

Insert Text Here

Attachments

Dishwasher Replacement Emergency Packet.3.14.25 (PDF)

GICC Dishwasher Replacement PO.3.14.25 (PDF)

Prepared by: Terry Jackson
Department Director: Terry Jackson, Finance Director

Review:

City Manager's Office	Pending	
Terry Jackson	Pending	
City Attorney's Office	Pending	
City Clerk	Completed	03/12/2025 5:22 PM
City Manager's Office	Pending	
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DATE: March 3, 2025

TO: Terry Jackson, Finance Director, Karen Slaten-Dixon, Finance Dept. Rhonda Naadueba Accounting Supervisor,

CC: Emmanuel Adediran, City Manager

FROM: Yanous Barner, Interim Executive Director

SUBJECT: GICC Dishwasher Emergency Replacement Request

The Hobart dishwasher in the main kitchen of the GICC is over twenty years old and at the end of its life cycle. Hobart no longer services the machine or makes parts for this model. Finding replacement parts has become time consuming and very expensive. The dishwasher no longer holds temperature for proper sanitation of dishes, which violates health codes. We are spending between \$15k-\$20k annually on contract maintenance for temporary fixes just to keep it running. This is an emergency situation. To be more efficient, save money, and bring us up to health department code, we need to replace this dishwasher immediately. We are recommending TriMark.

Attached please find estimates from three qualified vendors:

Don | BUILD - \$158,600.87

TriMark - \$166,622.68

USA Equipment Direct - \$172,132.88

We therefore ask Mayor and Council to approve the purchase of the item based on the immediate replacement necessary for compliance and the delivery of food service.

This is a budgeted item: Other Equipment Replacement - 555-4970-54-7640

Vendor ACH Enrollment Form
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
(All fields must be completed)

Legal Name of Vendor: TriMark USA, LLC <small>(print/type)</small>		EHI Vendor No. Location:
Vendor Contact Name: Lisa Wall <small>(print/type)</small>		Winston-Salem, NC
Address 2801 South Valley Parkway Suite 200 Lewisville, TX 75067	Contact Phone 336-768-7520	Payment Notification Email <small>(up to 70 characters)</small> sescremittances@trimarkusa.com
Bank Name [REDACTED]		
Bank Account Type (check box): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHECKING <input type="checkbox"/> SAVINGS		
Account Routing Number (9 digits): [REDACTED]		
Account Number (include leading zeros): [REDACTED]		
<p>Please provide either 1) an official bank form, signed by a banking official, which confirms bank account number and routing number or 2) a check marked "void", with the preprinted name and current address.</p>		
<p>You are providing this form to the City of College Park which receive(s) good and/or service from you. Your payment may be transmitted to you based on the information you have provided. If the transmission fails because you have given us incorrect or outdated information, we can only provide a replacement payment after we have received a refund from your financial institution. It is important that you provide accurate account and bank routing numbers and you notify us immediately if your bank or account information changes. We have the right to retract and/or correct payment errors as necessary or appropriate in our discretion. We agree to promptly notify you of any such retraction or correction. In the case of an overpayment error, you agree to promptly repay the City such amount upon our request. Any such repayment will be made via check, wire transfer or another mutually agreeable fashion. We also reserve any other rights we may have under applicable law to obtain such repayment from you in any other manner, including but not limited to deducting any repayment(s) due by you to us from any payment(s) due by us to you. Any liability any of us may have to you is several and not joint and several. If you are a natural person; you agree that the above account is, and as long as the authority you have granted us in this form remains in effect will be, maintained primarily for business purposes and not for personal, family or household purposes.</p>		
<p>You acknowledge that ACH electronic payments to the designated financial institution account must comply with and are subject to U.S. law, including without limitation the requirements of and any economic sanctions maintained by the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). You affirm neither you nor the designated financial institution is a Specially Designated National under U.S. Economic sanctions laws or regulations. We will not be responsible for any funds that are blocked by the U.S. or by U.S. financial institutional as a result of sanctions imposed against you or the designated financial institute.</p>		
<p>You 1) affirm the above acknowledges and agreements and confirm that all of the information on this form is correct 2) agree to be bound by NACHA Operating Rules and Guidelines as in effect from time to time and 3) authorized us to initiate ACH credit deposit entries to the above designated bank account identified. A signed copy of this form transmitted to us by fax, PDF, electronically or in any other fashion shall in all aspects constitute an original. All authority granted by you to us in this form shall remain in effect until we receive written notification from you of termination of the same in such time and manner as afford us reasonable opportunity to act accordingly.</p>		
Date: 3/6/2025		
Signature: <i>Johnny Portuondo</i>		
Person signing on behalf of vendor: Johnny Portuondo <small>(print/type)</small>		
Title of person signing on behalf of vendor: Credit and Collection Manager <small>(print/type)</small>		

Email this form and additional information to: Purchasing@collegeparkga.com



Quote

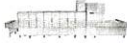
02/13/2025

Project:
Georgia International Convention Center
College Park, GA 30337

From:
TriMark USA, LLC, fka Strategic Equipment, LLC
Tim Converse
4575 River Green Parkway
Suite 100
Duluth, GA 30096

Thank you for allowing TriMark the opportunity to provide pricing. Please be aware in this very unstable market; manufacturers are experiencing delays, pricing increases and additional freight surcharges and storage fees. *As such, quotes will remain in effect for 30 days.* TriMark reserves the right to make any corrections or adjustments due to cost increases, market fluctuations, supply chain disruptions, tariffs, third party supplier changes in cost, general contractor delays, or any other factors outside of TriMark's control at any time prior to delivery. We apologize for the inconvenience.

For all custom fabricated equipment, exhaust hoods, walk-in coolers/freezers, and all items requiring owner selections of colors or laminate finishes, these prices are current estimates. We will re-quote those items based on the manufacturers' prices in effect at the time when field measurements can be taken and/or color/laminate selections are made by the owner. This policy also applies to all items of standard manufacture that cannot be shipped immediately upon fabrication to an owner's or general contractor's facility.

Item	Qty	Description	Sell	Sell Total
1	1 ea	DISHWASHER, FLIGHT TYPE Hobart Model No. FT1000SE+BASE Low energy series base model without power rinse flight type dish machine, 58 gallons of final rinse consumption per hour, with dual rinse, hinged & insulated doors, sliding wash arms without caps, 16" round flange & microprocessor controls with delime notification, Factory Startup - Free for installations within 100 miles (accessible by public roadway) of a Hobart Service Office during normal business hours with appropriate notice; Installation beyond 100 miles or those not accessible by public roadway will be quoted by Service. ENERGY STAR® 	\$80,143.53	\$80,143.53
	1 ea	Oversized units with crated shipping dimensions greater or equal to 72" in length and/or 90" in height. If delivery is to a facility without a standard height dock, additional shipping charges will apply depending on the service requested. consult Factory.		
	1 ea	All FT1000 models are to be quoted by Hobart's internal quotation group		
	1 ea	Standard warranty - 1-Year parts, labor & travel time during normal working hours within the USA		
	32 ea	Service Labor Hours for Base: Required machine assembly by Hobart Service - for assembly within 100 miles (accessible by public roadway) of a Hobart Service Office during normal business hours with appropriate notice; Installation beyond 100 miles or those not accessible by public roadway will be quoted by Service. Includes assembly of this item only, final electrical or plumbing connections by others. For prevailing wage, or projects in correctional /other secure areas, please contact the local service office in advance or project may be subject to additional fees billed at time of assembly.	\$225.00	\$7,200.00
	1 ea	FT1000SE-ASRONO Without Automatic Soil Removal (ASR)		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-LPF025 Load Platform 2.5' (Total LOAD length is 2.5' load platform +3' prewash = 5'7")	\$11,196.87	\$11,196.87
	1 ea	FT1000SE-DRSYES With Dual Rinse		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-CTRSTD Standard Non-Split 5' Center Joined (Wash/Dual Rinse)		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-UNL056 5' 6" Unload Section Non Split	\$18,000.15	\$18,000.15
	1 ea	FT1000SETLG17.228 TLG - Total Length of load, center & unload section is: 17.228 feet (overall length)		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-DRY0NO Without Blower Dryer		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-HGTSTD Standard Height		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-EGR0NO Without Energy Recovery System		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-HTEELE Electric Heat	\$2,951.64	\$2,951.64
	1 ea	FT1000SE-ELE0CD 480v/60/3-ph (HV)		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-CBRYES With Circuit Breaker		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-CON002 (2) Service Connections (refer to specifications sheet for rated amps)		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-CBREHN EHN - With Circuit Breaker, Electric, High Voltage, for machines Without Blower Dryer	\$8,660.67	\$8,660.67
	1 ea	FT1000SE-DRY01E 15 kW Electric Dryer	\$8,787.17	\$8,787.17

Item	Qty	Description	Sell	Sell Total
	1 ea	FT1000SE-PIPSTD Standard Piping		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-DIROLR Left to right operation		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-ADLONO Without Complete Delime with delime notification, auto dispensing & booster guard		
	1 ea	NOTE: Hobart suggests adding a water softener. Hobart recommends a total of 2 water softeners (one for the incoming hot water line, one for the incoming cold water line)		
	1 ea	FT1000E-DRNL0D Drain in Load		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-DORHNG Hinge doors, all sections		
	1 ea	FT1000E-SEC0NO Without added security		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-CNVSTD Standard Conveyor (VERIFY WARE USED)		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-ROD0NO Without Cross Rods		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-SEF0NO Without SEF Options		
		NOTE: REPLACEMENT FOR HOBART FT900S6(SN-271185295)		
		NOTE: TRIM PANELS BY OTHERS.		
			ITEM TOTAL:	\$136,940.03
2	1 ea	DISHMACHINE INSTALL	\$29,682.65	\$29,682.65
		Hobart Installation Model No. INSTALL		
		See Attached Statement of Work		
			ITEM TOTAL:	\$29,682.65
			Subtotal	\$166,622.68
			Total	\$166,622.68

NOTE: PLEASE COMPARE THIS QUOTATION TO YOUR REQUIRED EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS.

NOTE: IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE END USER TO VERIFY ALL MEASUREMENTS, DIRECTION OF OPERATION, VOLTAGES AND UTILITY SPECIFICATIONS PRIOR TO ORDERING.

NOTE: EQUIPMENT NOT SHOWN ON THIS QUOTATION WILL NOT BE INCLUDED.

NOTE: PLEASE VERIFY CORRECT QUANTITIES PER SPECS AND DRAWINGS.

This Quote shall be subject to TriMark's Terms of Sale <https://www.trimarkusa.com/SiteMedia/SiteResources/Terms/TriMark-Terms-and-Conditions-of-Sale.pdf>, which are incorporated herein by reference and shall govern. The parties specifically agree that no signature shall be required in order for this Quote or its applicable terms and conditions to be deemed legally binding and enforceable on Customer where the intent to be so bound can be inferred (including by acceptance or retention of products or services), notwithstanding contrary requirements under any law.

Any tax or similar fees shown in this Quote are an estimate only.

Florida Refrigeration License # CAC1821900

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Austin, Texas, 1-800-803-9202. www.tdlr.texas.gov

I understand, agree to and accept the above terms and conditions.

Acceptance: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Project Grand Total: \$166,622.68



Quote

02/25/2025

To:

Georgia International Convention Center
Brittanie Larkins
2000 Convention Center Concourse
College Park, GA 30337
678.553.1410 (Contact)

Project:

Georgia International Center
2000 Convention Center Concourse
Atlanta, GA 30337-4200

From:

Edward Don & Company
Willie Stroud
6255 Brook Hollow Parkway
Norcross, GA 30071

Job Reference Number: 14877

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1	1 ea	DISHWASHER, FLIGHT TYPE Hobart Model No. FT1000SE+BASE Low energy series base model without power rinse flight type dish machine, 58 gallons of final rinse consumption per hour, with dual rinse, hinged & insulated doors, sliding wash arms without caps, 16" round flange & microprocessor controls with delime notification, Factory Startup - Free for Installations within 100 miles (accessible by public roadway) of a Hobart Service Office during normal business hours with appropriate notice; Installation beyond 100 miles or those not accessible by public roadway will be quoted by Service. ENERGY STAR®	\$119,828.00	\$119,828.00
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	1 ea	FT1000SE-HTEELE Electric Heat		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-ELE0CD 480v/60/3-ph (HV)		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-CBRYES With Circuit Breaker		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-CON002 (2) Service Connections (refer to specifications sheet for rated amps)		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-CBREHN EHN - With Circuit Breaker, Electric, High Voltage, for machines Without Blower Dryer		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-BST015 15 kW Electric Booster		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-PIPSTD Standard Piping		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-DIR0LR Left to right operation		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-ADL0NO Without Complete Delime with delime notification, auto dispensing & booster guard		
	1 ea	NOTE: Hobart suggests adding a water softener. Hobart recommends a total of 2 water softeners (one for the incoming hot water line, one for the incoming cold water line)		
	1 ea	FT1000E-DRNL0D Drain in Load		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-DORHNG Hinge doors, all sections		
	1 ea	FT1000E-SECONO Without added security		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-CNVSTD Standard Conveyor (VERIFY WARE USED)		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-ROD0NO Without Cross Rods		
	1 ea	FT1000SE-SEF0NO Without SEF Options		
		NOTE: REPLACEMENT FOR HOBART FT90056(SN-271185295)		
		NOTE: TRIM PANELS BY OTHERS.		
		ITEM TOTAL:	\$119,828.00	

2	1 ea	DISHWASHER INSTALLATION Hobart Sales & Service (Chamblee) Model No. INSTALL Statement of Work: Scope of Work Hobart Responsibilities include: Remove and dispose of existing flight type machine. Receive, deliver, and set new equipment in place. Installation of new Hobart flight type machine. Existing ductwork will be removed and capped off, new ductwork to be made and installed per new machine footprint. All plumbing and electrical final connections within 5' of each utility connection on the machine. Start-ups and operational checks for all new equipment. Customer Responsibilities Include: Facility will need to ensure vent fans pull proper CFM for the new flight type. Review all spec sheets and make any building electrical, mechanical, and plumbing upgrades needed for all new equipment, prior installation. Bring all utility supply lines within 5 feet of each new utility connection on the new machine. Any fabrication work not listed under Hobart responsibilities.	\$25,811.00	\$25,811.00
		ITEM TOTAL:	\$25,811.00	
		Merchandise	\$145,639.00	
		Tax 8.9%	\$12,961.87	
		Total	\$158,600.87	


IMPORTANT NOTICE: Never trust wiring instructions or ACH or other banking information sent via email. Cyber criminals are hacking email accounts and sending emails with fake wiring instructions and bank information. These emails are convincing and sophisticated. Always independently confirm wiring instructions and ACH or other banking information in person or via a telephone call to a trusted and verified phone number. Never wire or transfer money without double-checking that the wiring instructions and ACH or other banking information are correct.

Acceptance: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Project Grand Total: \$158,600.87

Ship To:	From:
Georgia International Convention Center Matt Finley 2000 Convention Center Concourse College Park, GA 30337 United States mfinley@gicc.com	MEIKO USA, Inc. Tanner Bush 1349 Heil Quaker Blvd. LaVergne, TN 37086-3518 United States (615)399-6600 Tbush@meiko.us

Item	Qty	Description	Sell	Sell Total
1	1 ea	FLIGHT TYPE RACKLESS CONVEYOR DISHWASHER  MEIKO Model No. B-M74 P8 M-iQ Flight Type Rackless Conveyor Dishwasher, high temperature sanitizing with built-in booster, multiple tank configuration (2-tank with prewash), water consumption 56.2-56.8 gallons/hour, 9,995-10,828 dishes/hour, 29-1/2" wide conveyor belt, prewash, wash, power rinse, pumped final rinse, blower dryer, contact-plus zone between wash & power rinse tanks to minimize soil carryover, steam coil or electric tank & booster heat, fully automatic operation, double-wall insulated stainless steel construction, connection for external vent fan control, level conveyor belt throughout full length of machine, M-Filter active tank water filtration with active tank level management, 3-stage variable output built-in booster heater, Waste Air Heat Recovery System, single point vent at cool end of machine, intuitive cleaning features, glass touch-screen controls with selectable languages, configurable based on requirements includes installation supervision, commissioning & training by MEIKO field engineer, NSF, cETLus, ENERGY STAR® B-M74 V6 N02 P8 (MTS-1) 460V Electric Heat Left to Right 1200mm Load 600mm Prewash 800mm Wash 200mm Contact Plus Zone 800mm Power/Final Rinse 1300mm Blower Dryer 1200mm Unload Overall Length 6100mm (20' 1/8")	\$158,283.11	\$158,283.11
	1 ea	Freight Note: CPT factory freight allowed standard delivery service within the continental US		
	1 ea	Startup + Performance & Installation inspection which activates 1 year		

Item	Qty	Description	Sell	Sell Total
		standard warranty, contact your local MEIKO authorized service agent or MEIKO service directly at 1-800-868-3840		
1 ea		1 year standard warranty: Parts, labor & travel within the continental US, no overtime charges		
1 ea		One pre-scheduled visit by MEIKO field engineer or authorized service agent (12 months after installation), consisting of inspection, adjustment, replacement of specified wear items & summary of any recommended service, includes monthly, bi-annual & annual service checklist items (net)	\$2,410.00	<Optional>
1 ea		Drain water tempering kit, reduces drain water temperature to below 140°F, factory-installed	\$1,176.74	<Optional>
1 ea		WATER SOFTENING SYSTEM Water Softening System, non-electric salt system. (Includes bypass valve and assembly kit for installation by others) (NET)	\$2,900.00	<Optional>
ITEM TOTAL:				\$158,283.11

Merchandise	\$158,283.11
Tax 8.75%	\$13,849.77
Total	\$172,132.88

1 year Standard Warranty: Parts, labor, and travel within the continental US, no overtime charges.

Quotation valid for 30 days from sent date

Machines shipped CPT Destination Terms. Machines shipped for International use are not covered by warranty.

The above quote is strictly for the items listed. Freight and tax will be computed upon acceptance of this quote. There may be additional charges for curbside, inside or set in place deliveries. These pursuant charges will be included on your billing and are due upon payment of this order. This quote supersedes any verbiage on purchase orders or additional specs from the customer. Customer recognizes their responsibilities to inspect the order upon receipt thereof, and to report any damage of the units within two days of delivery. All pricing is valid for 30 days from the date of this quote. If the manufacturer institutes price increases they will be included on the customer's billing. Signature is required on all accepted quotes and orders prior to processing any purchase.

Acceptance: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Ship To
 CITY of COLLEGE PARK
 GEORGIA INT'L CONVENTION CTR.
 2000 CONVENTION CENTER CONCOURSE
 COLLEGE PARK, GA 30337

Bill To
 CITY of COLLEGE PARK
 3667 MAIN STREET
 PO BOX 87137
 COLLEGE PARK, GA 30337

Purchase Order No. 10.D.b
 2025-00002298

DATE 03/12/2025

VENDOR 15711 - STRATEGIC EQUIPMENT LLC

PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL INVOICES, SHIPPERS, BILL OF LADING AND CORRESPONDENCE

Contact
 STRATEGIC EQUIPMENT LLC
 2801 S. VALLEY PKWY
 SUITE 200
 LEWISVILLE, TX 750677



DELIVER BY
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ORIGINATOR: Maria Worsham

REFERENCE #

QUANTITY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
1.0000	Each	Hobart Model No FT 1000SE+Base - Hobart Model No FT 1000SE+Base 555 4970 54 7640 - Other Equipment - Replace 80,143.53	80,143.5300	\$80,143.53
32.0000	Each	Service Hours Required for Assembly - Service Hours Required for Assembly 555 4970 54 7640 - Other Equipment - Replace 7,200.00	225.0000	\$7,200.00
1.0000	Each	Load Platform 2.5 - Load Platform 2.5 555 4970 54 7640 - Other Equipment - Replace 11,196.87	11,196.8700	\$11,196.87
1.0000	Each	Unload Section Non Split 5' Center Joined - Unload Section Non Split 5' Center Joined 555 4970 54 7640 - Other Equipment - Replace 18,000.15	18,000.1500	\$18,000.15
1.0000	Each	Electric Heat - Electric Heat 555 4970 54 7640 - Other Equipment - Replace 2,951.64	2,951.6400	\$2,951.64
1.0000	Each	EHN With Circuit Breaker Electric High Voltage - EHN With Circuit Breaker Electric High Voltage 555 4970 54 7640 - Other Equipment - Replace 8,660.67	8,660.6700	\$8,660.67
1.0000	Each	Electric Booster - Electric Booster 555 4970 54 7640 - Other Equipment - Replace 8,787.17	8,787.1700	\$8,787.17
1.0000	Each	Dishmachine Install - Dishmachine Install 555 4970 54 7640 - Other Equipment - Replace 29,682.65	29,682.6500	\$29,682.65
			TOTAL DUE	\$166,622.68

Terry V. Jackson
 Director of Finance
 City of College Park

[Signature]
 City Manager
 City of College Park

Special Instructions



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**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
COUNCIL AGENDA MEMO (CAM)
REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

DOC ID: 11855

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Dr. Emmanuel Adediran, City Manager

DATE: March 12, 2025

TITLE: Consideration of and action on a request to approve the change order for Prime Engineering in the amount of \$196,570. This is a request from City Manager, Dr. Emmanuel Adediran. This invoice is for construction and engineering inspection services for the Global Gateway Connector Bridge Project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Prime Engineering Inc Change Order

BACKGROUND:

Global Gateway Connector Bridge

BUDGETED ITEM:

Non-budgeted item. Budget Carryforward funds will be used for this change order.

Attachments

Prime Engineering Change Order (PDF)

Prepared by: Terry Jackson
Department Director: Terry Jackson, Finance Director

Review:

City Manager's Office Pending

Terry Jackson Pending

City Attorney's Office	Pending	
City Clerk	Completed	03/12/2025 5:23 PM
City Manager's Office	Pending	
Mayor & City Council	Pending	03/17/2025 7:30 PM



February 24, 2025

Dr. Emmanuel Adediran
 City Manager
 City of College Park
 3667 Main Street
 College Park, Georgia 30337

Re: Change Order to Proposal for Construction and Engineering Inspection Services for the Global Gateway Connector Bridge Project

Dear Dr. Adediran:

APPROACH

Below we discuss our understanding of and approach to the City of College Park Global Gateway Connector Bridge Project Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) Services.

GENERAL PROJECT UNDERSTANDING/HISTORY

The Prime Engineering team has been providing the City of College Park– with CE services for the Global Gateway Connector Bridge Project. The project is a multi-use trail that begins at the People Mover Station on the GICC property and then continues as a 10-foot-wide trail to the north through the GICC Complex and parking lot and then between the parking lot and existing detention pond on the north side of the site. Once past the detention pond the trail changes to 12-foot wide and ramps down toward Camp Creek Parkway and crosses it with one signature bridge, then crosses Colonial and Plantation Pipelines before ramping backdown to grade at the intersection of Napoleon Street and Yale Avenue. The ramps are MSE walls. The trail then proceeds east along Yale Avenue and eventually to Main Street (downtown College Park). The project has a total project length of 1.06 miles. For specific project details, see plans prepared by Prime Engineering dated March 5, 2020.

This is a change order request to the original accepted proposal dated November 20, 2020, and change order dated May 26, 2022. This change order includes additional review time of contractor submittals and RFI's, additional coordination with GDOT for the inspections and

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concurrence of bridge #1 structural steel arch, additional site visits for GDOT coordination to manufacturer's facility in Houston, Texas, and additional monthly construction progress meetings and site visits due to construction duration extension.

The original scope and additional scope of services to this project is as follows:

CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION PHASE (Included in Previous Proposal, Shown for Informational Purposes Only)

In the Construction Administration Phase, Prime will provide those services necessary for the administration of the construction contract as set forth in the general conditions of the contract for construction. The project durations and man-hour estimates have been estimated based on our estimates of construction timelines. For estimating purposes, we have assumed that there will be a single contract for this project. The contract duration will be 540 calendar days. Construction activities will be 480 calendar days (64 weeks). One engineer/inspector will be assigned to handle the project. The Prime Engineering inspector (PIC, PM or PE) will be on site up to 1 day per week to observe Contractor activities (a total of 64 visits). Additional inspectors for the wall, bridges and landscaping will also be onsite for periodic inspections as defined in the attached spreadsheets. The following descriptions shall apply to those services associated with this task:

- a. Attend Construction Kick-off Meeting (PIC, PM), conduct site walk, and prepare meeting minutes. Structural Engineers (SE) will attend via conference call.
- b. Process submittals, including review of shop drawings, product data, samples, and other submittals required by the contract documents. (Anticipating 40 submittals)
- c. Attend up to two (2) shop fabrication visits to inspect the fabrication of the steel arch for Bridge #1.
- d. Provide construction field observation services consisting of: visiting the site one (1) time every week (3 hr/visit, 1 hr report) in support of the City's designated project manager; becoming sufficiently familiar with the progress and quality of the work to determine, in general, if the work is proceeding in accordance with the contract documents; and preparing related reports and communications. Construction duration is 480 calendar days (16 months). Also includes special trips for engineers to resolve conflicts. (Anticipating 64 weeks of construction resulting in 64 trips 4 PIC, 60 PM.)



Dr. Emmanuel Adediran

February 24, 2025

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- e. Attend Monthly Progress Meetings consisting of attending meeting at site, conducting site visit, and preparing and issuing meeting minutes (Estimated sixteen (16) meetings). Eight meetings to be attended by PIC, 16 Meetings attended by PM which are included in the site visits above)
- f. Prepare, reproduce, and distribute supplemental drawings, specifications, and interpretations in response to requests for clarification by contractor(s) or the owner and as required by construction progress (Assume 72 weeks @ 0.5 hrs/wk PIC, 3 hrs/wk PM, 2 hrs/wk PE.
- g. Conduct final punch list at project completion and then conduct follow up site visit.

ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION PHASE

- a. Processing of additional contractor submittals over original submitted estimate of submittals, including review of shop drawings, product data, samples, and other submittals required by the contract documents. (Total drawings scoped 280, Total drawings reviewed 1,033)
- b. Attended one (1) additional shop fabrication visit to inspect the fabrication of the steel arch for Bridge #1 and coordinate with GDOT inspectors (two people 3 days, plus expenses).
- c. Provide construction field observation services consisting of: visiting the site one (1) time every week (3 hr/visit, 1 hr report) in support of the City's designated project manager; becoming sufficiently familiar with the progress and quality of the work to determine, in general, if the work is proceeding in accordance with the contract documents; and preparing related reports and communications. Construction duration originally 480 calendar days (16 months) but is extending to 960 calendar days (32 months). Also includes special trips for engineers to resolve conflicts. This estimate includes 64 weeks of additional construction resulting in 32 trips 2 PIC, 30 PM and extensive coordination between GDOT, CW Mathews and Bridge Fabricator in Texas.
- d. Attend additional Monthly Progress Meetings consisting of attending meeting at site, conducting site visit, and preparing and issuing meeting minutes (Estimated sixteen (16) additional meetings). Eight meetings to be attended by PIC, 16 Meetings attended by PM which are included in the site visits above)
- e. Prepare, reproduce, and distribute supplemental drawings, specifications, and interpretations in response to requests for clarification by contractor(s) or the owner and as required by construction progress (Assume 64 weeks @ 0.5 hrs/wk PIC, 1.5 hrs/wk PM, 1 hrs/wk PE.



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PROJECT SCHEDULE

Prime Engineering's team has prepared a schedule for executing all the tasks involved with the project work. This schedule is illustrated below. It identifies key benchmarks and anticipated delivery dates.

Global Gateway Project	Mo. 1	Mo. 2	Mo. 3	Mo. 4	Mo. 5	Mo. 6	Mo. 7	Mo. 8	Mo. 9	Mo. 10	Mo. 11	Mo. 12	Mo. 13	Mo. 14	Mo. 15	Mo. 16	Mo. 17	Mo. 18	Mo. 19	Mo. 20	Mo. 21	Mo. 22	Mo. 23	Mo. 24	Mo. 25	Mo. 26	Mo. 27	Mo. 28	Mo. 29	Mo. 30	Mo. 31	Mo. 32	Mo. 33	Mo. 34		
Issue Contractor NTP	X																																			
Back-Of-Mtg. Submittals	X	X																																		
RFP's CO-Pay Apply		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Constr. Inspect.			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Final Punchlist/Close-out																																			X	X

Grey shade represents original contract schedule duration.

ENGINEERING COST:

The fee for engineering services is shown below. A detailed estimate is provided in the attached spreadsheet:

Description	Total
Construction Administration	\$196,570
TOTAL	\$ 196,570

This is a supplemental work authorization under the original Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services dated January 21, 2014, and executed by the City on 2/7/2014.

Signed: Kalyn Keeney

Date: February 24, 2025

Kalyn Keeney, Prime Engineering, Inc.

Accepted: _____
 City of College Park

Date: _____

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Global Gateway Connector CEI Services
Manhour/Cost Est

Task 5 - Services During Construction

	Prin	PE	Engr	
	\$275.00	\$240.00	\$140.00	
a) Kick Off Mtg	0	0	0	
b) Submittal Reviews (40)	0	0	0	
b) Erection Manual Review	0	0	0	
c) Site Visits (32 total - 2PIC, 30PM)	8	108	0	
d) Mo. Progress Mtg (8 by PIC, 16 PM incl in line above)	16	0	0	
e) RFI's (0.5 hrs/wk PIC, 1.5hrs/wk PM, 1hrs/wk PE)	18	108	72	
f) Final Punch List (2 Visits)	0	0	0	
g) 11 Mo Insp	0	0	0	
h) PM	0	0	0	
Subtotal	42	216	72	330
	\$11,550.00	\$51,840.00	\$10,080.00	\$73,470.00
Pentagon	\$8,880.00			\$9,768.00
STV	\$92,664.00			\$101,930.40
Womack	\$0.00			\$0.00
				Total
				\$185,170.00
Reimbursables				
Prime	\$4,000.00			\$4,400.00
Pentagon	\$0.00			\$0.00
STV	\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00
Womack	\$0.00			\$0.00
Plaques	\$4,000.00			\$4,000.00
				Total
				\$11,400.00
				Grand Total
				\$196,570.00

**Local Administered Projects
Contract Modification
(Local Government and Contractor)**

GDOT Project No.: 0015080 GDOT PI No.: 0015080 County: Clayton

Local Government: City of College Park Contractor: CW Matthews Contractors

Modification Type and No. 01

Whereas the below Contractor entered into a contract with the Local Government on 08/11/2022 for the construction of GDOT Project No. CW Matthews.

Whereas, certain items of construction encountered are not covered by the original contract, the Parties hereby agree to the following amendment to the contract:

Modify the Contract as follows:

<u>Item No:</u>	<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

It is agreed that as a result of this amendment the contract time will be extended.

Time is extended as follows: 10/31/25, 365 calendar days

Except as specifically amended herein, all terms and conditions of the original contract remain in full force and effect.

Dated this ___ day of March, 2025 .

BY: _____
Local Government

(Authorized Signature)

Date Executed: _____

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE OF GEORGIA
CONTRACT MODIFICATION SIGNATURE FORM
(Local Administered Projects)

DATE: 02/24/2025

MODIFICATION: 02
(Type and No.)

Project No.: 0015080

GDOT PI No.: 0015080 County: Clayton

Contract ID: C3OSA2202247-0 PCN: 0015080.C3000

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: City of College Park

Details of the change explaining why needed (attach executed contract agreement between the Local Government and Contractor): Manufacturing delays and testing delays for the welds on Bridge #1. There is currently no cost associated with this time extension request.

Do Not Concur / Non-Participating

Concur / Non-Participating

Concur / Participating Date Funding approved:

Amount (Federal Portion)

The current project amount is: _____

The revised project amount is: _____

Total Change Requested: _____

Recommended By: _____ Date: _____
(Area Engineer)

Concurred: _____ Date: _____
(Project Manager)

Approved By: _____ Date: _____
(Office Head - Program Delivery)



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**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
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REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

DOC ID: 11854

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Dr. Emmanuel Adediran, City Manager

DATE: March 12, 2025

TITLE: Consideration of and action on a request to approve the invoice for C.W. Matthews Contracting Company in the amount of \$922,742.72. This is a request from City Manager, Dr. Emmanuel Adediran. This invoice is for services rendered for the Global Gateway Connector Bridge project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve C.W. Matthews Contracting Company Invoice#18

BACKGROUND:

Global Gateway Connector Bridge

BUDGETED ITEM:

Non-budgeted item. Budget Carryforward funds will be used for this invoice.

Attachments

52787 - Gateway Connector Bridge- Pay Application #18 (PDF)

Prepared by: Terry Jackson
Department Director: Terry Jackson, Finance Director

Review:

City Manager's Office Pending

Terry Jackson Pending

City Attorney's Office Pending

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C. W. MATTHEWS CONTRACTING COMPANY

DRAWER 970
MARIETTA, GEORGIA 30061
 TELEPHONE (770) 422-7520
 FAX (770) 422-1068

12/20/2024

Prime Engineering Representing City of College Park
ATTN: Kalyne Keeney, PE
3667 Main Street
College Park, GA 30337
kkeeney@prime-eng.com

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT

Invoice No.: **18**
 Project: **GLOBAL GATEWAY CONNECTOR BRIDGE**
College Park
 PO No. **2023-00000520**
 Period: **12/31/2024**

Original Contract Amount:	\$	13,675,825.00
Approved Credits	\$	(94,981.32)
Approved C.O.'s & S.A.'s:	\$	150,281.41
 Current Contract Amount:	 \$	 13,731,125.09
 Amount Earned This Month:	 \$	 633,850.53
Prior Earnings:	\$	12,189,538.29
 Total Earned To Date:	 \$	 12,823,388.82
Less Retainage:	\$	641,169.44
Less Previous Payments	\$	11,580,061.37
 Total Amount Due:	 \$	 602,158.01
Retainage Reduction to (2.5%)	\$	320,584.72
Total Amount Due This Month:	\$	922,742.72

I hereby certify that this estimate and the amounts are correct, due and unpaid; and that the materials used and work performed are in accordance with the contract.

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

Juan Velasquez, Project Manager



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**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
COUNCIL AGENDA MEMO (CAM)
REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

DOC ID: 11842

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Dr. Emmanuel Adediran, City Manager

DATE: March 7, 2025

TITLE: City Attorney's Report

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

A summary of March 2025 legal matters that Denmark Ashby has reviewed, analyzed and conducted for the City of College Park, Georgia.

BUDGETED ITEM:

N/A.

STRATEGIC CONNECTION:

N/A.

Attachments

3.17.25 City Attorney Report (PDF)

Prepared by: Pat'Rena Smith
Department Director: [Insert Department Head Here]

Review:

City Manager's Office Completed 03/11/2025 5:20 PM

Pat'Rena Smith Pending

City Clerk Pending

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Emilia Walker-Ashby
Danielle Matricardi

Senior Associate
Wallace Washington

Associates
Alicia Thompson
Michael Huening
Elle Whigham
Earle Turner
Jacquita Parks

Law Clerk
Chandaralen Phe



CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

MEETING: College Park, Georgia Regular Session Meeting
MEETING DATE: Monday, March 17, 2025
FROM: Denmark Ashby, LLC
SUBJECT: City Attorney's Report

PREFACE. This City Attorney's Report ("Report") includes legal matters pertaining to March of 2025 that Denmark Ashby, LLC ("Denmark Ashby") has reviewed, analyzed, and conducted for the City of College Park, Georgia ("City"). This Report shall not include real estate or personnel matters. Furthermore, this Report shall not include litigation status updates since Denmark Ashby already submits quarterly litigation reports to the City.

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1. **Matter:** *TPD Funding for Fulton County Botanical Gardens Resolution.*
Submitted: February 24, 2025.
Adopted: March 3, 2025.
Report: The City requested Denmark Ashby draft a resolution outlining the financing terms for the Fulton County Botanical Gardens. The City's Finance Director and a third-party independent financial advisor have methodically concluded the 2024-2025 fiscal year TPD Fund balance is sufficient to support the Design-Build Improvements for the Fulton County Botanical Garden. Denmark Ashby submitted the requested resolution to the City Manager's Office on February 24, 2025.

 2. **Matter:** *Professional Services Agreement for the Women's History Event.*
Submitted: February 28, 2025.
Executed: March 3, 2025.
Report: The City requested Denmark Ashby draft a professional services agreement for Stacie Walker to perform hosting services for the Women's History Event on March 22, 2025. Denmark Ashby submitted the requested resolution to Michelle Johnson on February 28, 2025.

 3. **Matter:** *American Water Resources Management & Funding Agreement.*
Submitted: March 6, 2025.
Executed: Pending.
Report: The City requested Denmark Ashby draft a Management and Funding Agreement between the City, Ignite Recourse Center CP, Inc. and American Water Resources, LLC ("AWR"). This agreement outlines the terms and provisions for the AWR, Water Line, Sewer Line, and In-Home Plumbing Program for seniors within the City. Denmark Ashby submitted the document to the City Manager on March 6, 2025, and it is in review with AWR.