



CITY OF TOCCOA
CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES • JANUARY 22, 2024

Regular Meeting

City Commission/Court Room

5:00 PM

92 North Alexander, Toccoa, GA 30577

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Fry called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Paul Garrison

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Terry Carter	Vice Mayor	Present	
Gail Fry	Mayor	Present	
Evan Hellenga	Commissioner	Present	
Ron Matheson	Commissioner	Present	
Michelle Jamieson	Commissioner	Present	
Fredda O. Wheeler	City Manager	Present	
John Dickerson	Attorney	Present	
Beth Rider	City Clerk	Present	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carter, seconded by Commissioner Hellenga to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Carter, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Evan Hellenga, Commissioner
AYES:	Carter, Fry, Hellenga, Matheson, Jamieson

REPORTS

City Manager Fredda Wheeler recognized and congratulated Jeff Camilla for receiving his certification in Wastewater Class III.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carter, seconded by Commissioner Hellenga to approve Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Terry Carter, Vice Mayor
SECONDER: Evan Hellenga, Commissioner
AYES: Carter, Fry, Hellenga, Matheson, Jamieson

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2024 Work Session
- B. Request for Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2024 Commission Meeting
- C. Request for Approval of Minutes of January 16, 2024 Special Called Meeting

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

- D. Proclamation Recognizing February as Black History Month

Mayor Gail Fry read and presented the Black History Month Proclamation to Shantelle Grant, Inger Neal and Marie Cochran.

Ms. Grant stated February 21st is read and share at the Middle School and High School recognizing Black History Month.

Ms. Cochran shared the first time they received this Proclamation it was given by Mrs. Jeanette Jamieson.

Ms. Cochran recognized the Gholston Family.

- E. Consideration of FY2024 Budget Amendments

Finance Director Becky Bohannon presented budget amendments for Tugalo Greenspace. \$32,504.00 was added to a new line item and \$1,735.00 was removed from Signage. Vice-Mayor Carter made a motion to ratify the amendments, Commissioner Matheson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Terry Carter, Vice Mayor
SECONDER: Ron Matheson, Commissioner
AYES: Carter, Fry, Hellenga, Matheson, Jamieson

- F. Consideration of FY2025 Budget Calendar

The FY 2025 Budget calendar was approved. A motion was made by Commissioner Hellenga, seconded by Commissioner Matheson. Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Evan Hellenga, Commissioner
SECONDER: Ron Matheson, Commissioner
AYES: Carter, Fry, Hellenga, Matheson, Jamieson

- G. Public Hearing: Consideration of Rezoning Request from Mr. Stephen Caudell for Property Located Between Big a Road and Colonial Drive

Attorney John Dickerson opened the public hearing for anyone that would like to speak in favor of or opposition to the zoning changes. Attorney Dickerson called for a report from the Planning Commission. Mr. Jeremy Ward presented the Planning Commission report to the Commissioners requesting rezoning request from Mr. Stephen Caudell for property located between Big A Road and Colonial Drive to build two rows of climate control storage buildings. Planning Commission approved unanimously.

Vice-Mayor Carter made a motion to approve rezoning from B-II Commercial to B-IV Wholesale Business District and waive the second hearing. Commissioner Hellenga seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Carter, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Evan Hellenga, Commissioner
AYES:	Carter, Fry, Hellenga, Matheson, Jamieson

H. Consideration of Georgia Department of Transportation Utility Aid for Phase I Rabun County Project

City Manager Wheeler discussed the Georgia Department of Transportation Project utility aid widening of SR15 from North of Kelly Creek Road to N. Carolina State Line. The cost of the project is \$3,011,139.36 for Phase I, the City would be obligated to pay \$451,670.90 or 15%. If the cost is more than the projected cost, the City would only pay \$451,670.90, if the project is under the City will only pay 15%.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hellenga to approve the Phase I project at 15%, seconded by Vice-Mayor Carter.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Evan Hellenga, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Terry Carter, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Carter, Fry, Hellenga, Matheson, Jamieson

I. Consideration of Georgia Department of Transportation Utility Aid Memorandum of Understanding for Rabun Project

A motion was made by Commissioner Hellenga to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, seconded by Vice-Mayor Carter.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Evan Hellenga, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Terry Carter, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Carter, Fry, Hellenga, Matheson, Jamieson

J. Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreement with Stephens County for Paving Project

City Manager Wheeler recommended the paving of 16 City streets to be paved this year. Ms. Wheeler stated we have a signed Intergovernmental Agreement with Stephens County to do our paving for a total of \$1,410,411.05, the City of Toccoa has banked the last three years of

LMIG funds in the amount of \$ 488,985.00; the remaining \$921,426.00 is available from SPLOST.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hellenga, seconded by Commissioner Matheson to approve IGA with Stephens County. Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Evan Hellenga, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Ron Matheson, Commissioner
AYES:	Carter, Fry, Hellenga, Matheson, Jamieson

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Recognition of Visitors Wishing to Speak on General Items. (Limit 3 Minutes)

No Public Comments

V. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Hellenga to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

Gail Fry

Mayor
Beth Kider

City Clerk