



**CITY OF TOCCOA**  
**CITY COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES • FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

**Regular Meeting**

**City Commission/Court Room**

**5:00 PM**

92 North Alexander, Toccoa, GA 30577

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting of February 12, 2024 was called to order by Mayor Gail Fry at 5:00 pm.

**INVOCATION**

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 Commissioner Hellenga, seconded by Vice-Mayor Terry Carter to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**REPORTS**

Vice-Mayor Carter gave an update on the Greenspace stating the Public Works Department completed the demo on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, there was a pre-construction meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> with Tri-Scapes, CPL Engineering and several City staff members; things are moving forward.

A committee has been formed for the 150th Year Anniversary for the City, they have met once and will continue to bring new ideas.

Kristin Deal stated they have sold 75 bricks and have a wide list of commitments from businesses and individuals.

Commissioner Ron Matheson commended the Main Street Department on a very successful Chocolate Crawl in downtown.

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2024 Planning Meeting
- B. Request for Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2024 Commission Meeting

## II. OLD BUSINESS

### III. NEW BUSINESS

- C. Proclamation: Toccoa Arbor Day

Mayor Gail Fry read the Toccoa Arbor Day Proclamation and presented the Proclamation to the Georgia Forestry Commission.

Mayor Fry stated on Friday, we will be planting a tree in honor of Arbor Day.

Jeremy Ward stated we were awarded the Georgia Re-Leaf Grant from the Georgia Forestry Commission and the Georgia Tree Council to plant trees along the City.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PRESENTATION</b>
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- D. Consideration of Alcohol Beverage Control License for Toccoa Bowling Center Located at 910 Rose Lane

A motion was made by Commissioner Hellenga, seconded by Commissioner Jamieson to approve the Alcohol Beverage Control License for Toccoa Bowling Center. Motion carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Evan Hellenga, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michelle Jamieson, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Carter, Fry, Hellenga, Matheson, Jamieson

- E. Consideration of Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carter, seconded by Commissioner Matheson to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- F. Consideration of Agreement with Avita for the Employee Assistance Program Services

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Hellenga to approve Employee Assistance Program Services Agreement with Avita Community Partners. Motion carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michelle Jamieson, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Evan Hellenga, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Carter, Fry, Hellenga, Matheson, Jamieson

G. Monthly Financial Report

Becky Bohannon gave a presentation of the January Financial report.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PRESENTATION</b>
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**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

No public comments

**V. ADJOURN**

Mayor Fry adjourned the meeting at 5:21 pm

*Gail Fry*  
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 Mayor

*Beth Luder*  
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 City Clerk

