



**City of Guyton**  
**City Council Public Hearing & Meeting**  
**October 10, 2023 — 7:00 PM**

MINUTES OF MEETING

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**Call to Order** — The City of Guyton Council held a public hearing and meeting on October 10, 2023, at the City of Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street in Guyton. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Russ Deen at approximately 7:00 PM. Mayor Russ Deen, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Johnson, Councilmember Joseph Lee, Councilmember Hursula Pelote, and Councilmember Marshall Reiser were present at this meeting.

**Additional Administrative Staff Present** — City Manager Meketa Brown, City Attorney Wes Rahn, and City Clerk Fabian Mann were present.

**Guest Present** — The guest sign-in sheets are filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

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**Public Hearing Regarding Annexation and Rezoning of 895 Gracen Road, Guyton, GA 31312**

Hussey Gay Bell representative, Haydon Rollins, spoke regarding the developer's desire to annex Effingham County Parcel No. 02710039, 895 Gracen Rd., Guyton, GA 31312, into the City of Guyton and rezoned from AR-1 to R-1 for the purpose of developing single family residential housing.

The public hearing ended at approximately 7:11 PM.

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**Invocation** — The invocation was led by **Deen**.

**Pledge of Allegiance** — The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Deen**.

**Consideration to Approve the Agenda** — **Pelote** made a motion to approve the agenda. **Lee** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously**.

**Consideration to Approve the Minutes**

09/12/23 Regular Meeting  
10/03/23 Special Called Meeting

**Johnson** made a motion to approve the minutes. **Reiser** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously**.

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## Reports from Staff or Committees

Police Department	James Breletic
Fire Department	Clint Hodges
Public Works/Water/Sewer	EOM
Planning and Zoning	Lon Harden
Industrial Development	Lon Harden
Historical Commission	Lucy Powell
Leisure Services	Lula Seabrooks
Chamber of Commerce	Hursula Pelote
Downtown Development Authority	Marshall Reiser

**Public Comments (limited to Agenda Items only) — No public comments.**

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## New Business

**Consideration to approve Eagle Scout Project to Replace the Picnic Tables at Highland Park — Johnson** made a motion to approve the project. **Reiser** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to Appoint New Member to the Planning and Zoning Committee — Pelote** made a motion to appoint Ruthie Diaz to the Planning and Zoning Committee. **Reiser** seconded the motion. **Mayor Deen and Councilmembers Pelote and Reiser voted aye. Councilmembers Johnson and Lee voted nay. Motion passed with a vote 3-2.**

**First reading of Ordinance 2023-10 regarding annexation and rezoning of 895 Gracen Road, Guyton, GA 31312**

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## General Government

**Davenport & Company LLC, Public Finance** — Representative, Ricardo Cornejo, presented a presentation regarding the services provided by Davenport & Company.

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## Dates to Remember

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 10:00am – Guyton YMCA Press Conference, 718 Central Blvd., Guyton, GA 31312**

**Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 8:00am – Soul to Sole Breast Cancer Awareness Walk and 5k, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312**

**Early Voting will be held at the Effingham County Board of Elections and Registration office located at 284 GA Highway 119 S, Springfield, GA at the following dates and times:**

Monday, October 16th through Saturday, October 21st from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday, October 23rd through Saturday, October 28th from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday, October 30th through Friday, November 3rd from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 8:00am to 2:00pm – Fall Sale Along the Trail, Guyton Walking Trail, 310 Central Blvd., Guyton, GA 31312**

**Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 8:00am – CASA Ogeechee Annual Superhero Run, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312**

**Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm – Guyton TRICK OR TRAIL! Guyton Walking Trail, 310 Central Blvd., Guyton, GA 31312**

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023 from 7:00am to 7:00pm, General Election at your polling location**

**Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7:00pm, City Council Meeting, Guyton Gymnasium, 505 Magnolia Street, Guyton, GA 31312**

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**Consideration to Move from the Regular Meeting into an Executive Session Referencing Litigation — Pelote** made a motion to move from the Regular Meeting into an Executive Session referencing Litigation. **Reiser** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Consideration to take any action needed arising from Executive Session — Pelote** made a motion to approve a settlement agreement and release with Hofstadter & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$1,602,794.95. **Lee** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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**Public Comments (limited to Agenda Items only) — No public comments.**

**Consideration to Adjourn — Johnson** made a motion to adjourn. **Reiser** seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at approximately **8:36 PM.**

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City of Guyton



Russ Deen, Mayor

Attest:



Fabian M. Mann, Jr., City Clerk

