



Agenda

Decatur City Commission

City Hall
Commission Meeting Room
509 North McDonough Street
Decatur, GA 30030

Regular Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2024
7:30 P.M.

I. Call to Order by Mayor.

Present: Mayor Garrett, Mayor pro tem Powers, and Commissioners Dusenbury, Mayer and Walsh.

II. Approval of the Minutes.

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2024.

On a motion Mayor pro tem Powers; second by Commissioner Walsh; and, all voting “aye,” the minutes were approved.

III. Proclamations.

- A. National Public Works Week.
- B. ALS Awareness Month.

IV. Presentations.

- A. City Schools of Decatur 2024-2025 Budgets.
- B. Decatur Design Awards.
- C. Revised 2023-2024 and Proposed 2024-2025 Budgets.

V. Planning Commission Recommendations.

- A. The Community & Economic Development Department is requesting text amendments to Article 6 of the Unified Development Ordinance to clarify the utility services and meters between main buildings and accessory buildings/ dwellings. **The Planning Commission recommends approval.**

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Powers; second by Commissioner Dusenbury; and, all voting “aye” on a roll call vote, Ordinance O-24-Z-04 amending Article 6 of the Unified Development Ordinance was adopted.

- B. The Community & Economic Development Department is requesting text amendments to Article 6, 7, and 12 of the Unified Development Ordinance to define the use of short-term rentals and provide associated regulation and permitting standards. **The Planning Commission recommends approval with amendments.**

On a motion by Commissioner Dusenbury; second by Mayor pro tem Power; and, all voting “aye” on a roll call vote, Ordinance O-24-Z-05 amending Article 6, 7 and 12 of the Unified Development Ordinance was adopted.

- C. The Community & Economic Development Department is requesting text amendments to Article 6 and 12 of the Unified Development Ordinance to define the use of smoke, vape, and tobacco shops and provide associated regulation and permitting standards. **The Planning Commission recommends approval.**

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Powers; second by Commissioner Dusenbury; and, all voting “aye” on a roll call vote, Ordinance O-24-Z-06 amending Article 6 and 12 of the Unified Development Ordinance was adopted.

VI. Public Comment on Agenda Action Items.

The public is invited to comment on agenda action items other than for “Requests and Petitions” and “Reports and Other Business.” Public comments that relate to “Requests and Petitions” will be heard later in the meeting.

VII. Agenda Action Items.

- A. Text Amendments-Chapter 94, Article III-Hotel Motel Excise Tax

Recommend adoption of Ordinance O-24-02 amending Section 94, Article III of the Code of Ordinances for collection of hotel/motel excise tax on short term rentals.

On a motion by Commissioner Dusenbury; second by Mayor pro tem Powers; and, all voting “aye” on a roll call vote, Ordinance O-24-02 was adopted.

- B. Adoption of Tentative 2024 Millage Rates.

1. Ordinance O-24-03 tentatively establishes the General Fund tax rate.
2. Ordinance O-24-04 tentatively establishes the Bond Fund tax rate.
3. Ordinance O-24-05 tentatively establishes the Downtown Development Authority Fund tax rate.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Powers; second by Commissioner Dusenbury; and, all voting “aye” on a roll call vote, Ordinance O-24-03 tentatively establishing the General Fund tax rate at 10.64 mills was adopted.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Powers; second by Commissioner Dusenbury; and, all voting “aye” on a roll call vote, Ordinance O-24-04 tentatively establishing the Bond Fund tax rate at 1.98 mills was adopted.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Powers; second by Commissioner Dusenbury; and, all voting “aye” on a roll call vote, Ordinance O-24-05 tentatively establishing the Downtown Development Authority tax rate at 0.35 mills was adopted.

- C. Conveyance of Wilson Center to Board of Education.

Recommendation adoption of Resolution R-24-04 authorizing the execution of necessary documents to convey to the Board of Education the Elizabeth Wilson School Support Center.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Powers; second by Commissioner Mayer; and, all voting “aye,” Resolution R-24-04 was adopted.

D. Playground Improvement Recommendations.

Recommend adoption of recommendations from the Child Friendly Cities Initiative (CFCI) team for playground improvements to improve accessibility and inclusivity of city playgrounds.

On a motion by Commissioner Walsh; second by Mayor pro tem Powers; and, all voting “aye,” the recommendations were adopted as presented.

E. Change Order-Atlanta Avenue Railroad Crossing/West Howard Avenue Traffic Calming

Recommend approval of a change order in the amount of \$225,000 and an increase in the contract to \$1,040,000 with Landis Evans & Partners for design services for the Atlanta Avenue Railroad Crossing/West Howard Avenue traffic calming improvements.

On a motion by Commissioner Mayer; second by Mayor pro tem Powers; and, all voting “aye,” the change order and increase in contract amount were approved.

VIII. Requests and Petitions.

IX. Reports and Other Business.

- A. Zoning Board of Appeals Agenda.
- B. Other.

Consistent with requirements of O.C.G.A. §50-14-1.(e)(1)a draft agenda was posted on May 8, 2024. This agenda may be amended. A final agenda will be posted by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 17, 2024.

Consistent with requirements of O.C.G.A. §50-14-1.(e)(1), this summary was posted by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2024.