



# CITY OF DAHLONEGA

## City Council Special Called Meeting Agenda

October 21, 2022, 8:30 AM

Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2022-16 / a resolution setting forth the city of Dahlonega's position with regard to the LOST Certificate of Distribution.

ADJOURNMENT

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16**

**A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE CITY OF DAHLONEGA'S POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE LOST CERTIFICATE OF DISTRIBUTION DATED JULY 19, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the minutes of the County's July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting approve the Joint Agreement for the tax distribution unconditionally; and

**WHEREAS**, the July 19<sup>th</sup> minutes of the County state: "Local Option Sales Tax Agreement. This is for approval of the joint agreement with the City of Dahlonega on the distribution of the Local Option Sales Tax. Motion: A motion was made by Chairman Dockery to approve the Local Option Sales Tax Joint Agreement. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried. "A copy of those minutes is attached with the appropriate portion highlighted in yellow (Exhibit 1); and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Agreement and the Distribution Certificate that were executed by the County Officials were then delivered to the City as an unrestricted open offer without any condition; and

**WHEREAS**, the City considered the Agreement documents at its meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The City minutes of the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting request additional time. They do not in any way decline or reject the County's signed original documents delivered to the City. (Exhibit 2); and

**WHEREAS**, the City minutes include the following statement: "City staff would like to entertain more dialogue." Thus, the City sought more dialogue before signing the Agreement and certificate and took no action on the document set at that time; and

**WHEREAS**, LOST negotiations had originally commenced on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the sixty-day time limit in the LOST statute required the City to vote on mediation and the City did do so on August 1<sup>st</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor's letter to the County on August 2<sup>nd</sup> regarding the City's position states: "The Council wanted more time to examine the details of the county's position, and mediation seemed the sensible course of action to accomplish this." There is no rejection or declination of the offer - only an extension of time for discussion (Exhibit 3); and

**WHEREAS**, the City then chose to accept the County's offer as reflected in the minutes of the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting showing the acceptance of the County's agreement and tax distribution certificate provided previously. (Exhibit 4); and

**WHEREAS**, the email from the Mayor to the County reads as follows: "Hello Chris, since our mediation was postponed for today the City Council had time to reflect on the additional information garnered over the last several weeks. Upon review, the decision was made to keep with the traditional 75/25 split. The documents have been signed and will be forwarded tomorrow. We look forward to continuing to work cooperatively with our colleagues at the County. I will send a more formal notification tomorrow, but wanted you to hear it from me first." (Exhibit 5); and

**WHEREAS**, the County's refusal to acknowledge the fully executed certificate of distribution submitted to the Department of Revenue by the City has caused unwarranted delay which could jeopardize the County and City's ability to collect LOST revenues.

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is hereby resolved as follows:

It is the City's understanding based upon the facts established herein by actual evidence attached as exhibits that the LOST distribution of 25% to the City and 75% to the County was offered by the County, accepted by the City, and thus agreed to by both the County and City in due course and properly filed with the Department of Revenue.

**RESOLVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2022.

**CITY OF DAHLONEGA, GEORGIA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ron Larson, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

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Mary Csukas, City Clerk

# EXHIBIT 1

**LUMPKIN COUNTY**  
**Board of Commissioners**  
*Regular Meeting Minutes*  
**Commissioners Boardroom**



**July 19, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chairman Chris Dockery

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Chris Dockery	Chairman	Present	
Tucker Greene	District 1 Commissioner	Present	
Bobby Mayfield	District 2 Commissioner	Absent	
Rhett Stringer	District 3 Commissioner	Absent	
Jeffrey Moran	District 4 Commissioner	Present	

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Greene gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**

*Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Specific)**

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

*Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve the minutes by acclamation. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.*

1. Board of Commissioners - Work Session - Jun 7, 2022 4:00 PM
2. Board of Commissioners - Special Called Work Session - Jun 14, 2022 1:30 PM
3. Board of Commissioners - Work Session II - Jun 28, 2022 2:00 PM
4. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Jun 28, 2022 2:15 PM
5. Board of Commissioners - Special Called Work Session - Jun 28, 2022 2:30 PM

**RESOLUTIONS**

6. 2022 - 35 - Appoint Member Region One DBHDD Advisory Planning Board - Daniel Bosanko exp 10.19.2025

Appoint Member Region One DBHDD Advisory Planning Board - Daniel Bosanko with a term expiring 10.19.2025

*Motion: A motion was made by Chairman Dockery to appoint Daniel Bosanko with a term expiring 10/19/2025. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.*

7. 2022 - 36 - Resolution Authorizing the Staff & Professionals to Proceed with the Issuance of Revenue Bonds

Resolution Authorizing the Staff & Professionals to Proceed with the Issuance of Revenue Bonds

*Motion: A motion was made by District 1 Commissioner Greene to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.*

## REPORTS

Department reports can be viewed on the Commissioners web page at [www.lumpkincounty.gov](http://www.lumpkincounty.gov)  
Elected Officials

## CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

8. 2022-040 - Legacy Link SFY 2022 Addendum #2 (Senior Center Manager Linda Kirkpatrick)

Legacy Link Addendum #2. This amends the contract that Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners entered into with Legacy Link, Inc. (Contract #2021-028-A-S approved on July 20, 2021) for the Lumpkin County Senior Center to provide nutrition and wellness services, nutrition screening and support services, and Transportation for senior adults in Lumpkin County.

*Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve Legacy Link SFY 2022 Addendum #2. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.*

9. 2022-041 - Legacy Link SFY 2023 Local Share Match & Commitment Letter (Senior Center Manager Linda Kirkpatrick)

Legacy Link SFY 2023 Local Share Match & Commitment Letter. Local Share Match and Commitment Letter for the state fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) Each year the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners is requested to submit an approved Local Share Match Commitment Letter and to pay its local share match. This year the match is \$12,450.00.

*Motion: A motion was made by District 1 Commissioner Greene to approve Legacy Link SFY 2023 Local Share Match & Commitment Letter. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.*

10. 2022-042 - GDOT 5311 FY2023 Transit Grant Award (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

GDOT 5311 FY2023 Transit Grant Award. Consideration of GDOT 5311 contract for Lumpkin County Transit for FFY 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) On November 1, 2021 Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners made application to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for continuation of funding for the 5311 Rural Transit program for FFY2023. This application has been approved and accepted by GDOT and requires a vote by the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners to accept or decline the contract.

*Motion: A motion was made by Chairman Dockery to approve GDOT 5311 FY2023 Transit Grant Award. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.*

11. 2022-043 - Quality Tire Scrap Tire Recycling Service Agreement (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

Quality Tire Scrap Tire Recycling Service Agreement. Consideration of Service Agreement for the disposal of scrap tires generated annually through Lumpkin County Fleet Department. This agreement guarantees the cost of disposal rate at \$170.00 per ton weight for the next 12 months after acceptance of agreement.

*Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve Quality Tire Scrap Tire Recycling Service Agreement. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.*

12. 2022-044 - Discuss Mark Robinson Request for Transfer Station Fee Increase (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

Discuss Mark Robinson Request for Transfer Station Fee Increase. Request to increase the per ton fee for the transfer station from \$50 per ton to \$55 per ton.

*Motion: A motion was made by District 1 Commissioner Greene to approve Discuss Mark Robinson Request for Transfer Station Fee Increase. The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.*

13. 2022-045 - Georgia Power Company Lighting Replacement Proposal (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

Georgia Power Company Lighting Replacement Proposal. Lighting Proposal with Georgia Power for the replacement of 34 street lights on county owned property.

*Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve Georgia Power Company Lighting Replacement Proposal. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.*

14. 2022-046 - SRTA Toll Exemption MOU For Emergency Services (for Law Enforcement) (Finance Director Abby Branan)

SRTA Toll Exemption MOU For Emergency Services (for Law Enforcement). Consideration of the SRTA Toll Exemption for Emergency Services (for Law Enforcement).

*Motion: A motion was made by District 1 Commissioner Greene to approve SRTA Toll Exemption MOU For Emergency Services (for Law Enforcement). The motion was seconded by District 4 Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved and carried.*

15. 2022-047 - Mobile Communications Service Agreement (E-911 Director Carlton Chester)

Mobile Communications Service Agreement. Renewal of Annual Preventive Maintenance and Testing Agreement.

*Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve Mobile Communications Service Agreement. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.*

16. 2022-048 - Consideration of Amendments to the 2022 Health Insurance Plans (Community & Employee Services Director Alicia Davis)

Consideration of Amendments to the 2022 Health Insurance Plans. Request for the Board of Commissioners to Consider Approving Amendments to the 2022 Health Insurance Plans.

*Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve Consideration of Amendments to the 2022 Health Insurance Plans. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.*

17. 2022-049 - Local Option Sales Tax Joint Agreement

Local Option Sales Tax Joint Agreement. This is for approval of the joint agreement with the City of Dahlonega on the distribution of the Local Option Sales Tax.

*Motion: A motion was made by Chairman Dockery to approve Local Option Sales Tax Joint Agreement. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.*

## OTHER ITEMS

### 18. GDOT Grant Funding for LC Wimpy Airport Crack Seal and Relocate Threshold Project (Public Works Director Larry Reiter)

GDOT Grant Funding for LC Wimpy Airport Crack Seal and Relocate Threshold Project. Commitment for 25% funding for this project at the Lumpkin County airport.

*Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve GDOT Grant Funding for LC Wimpy Airport Crack Seal and Relocate Threshold Project. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.*

### 19. Proposal for Technical & Grant Administrative Services for Broadband Infrastructure Project (Development Authority Director Rebecca Mincey)

Proposal for Technical & Grant Administrative Services for Broadband Infrastructure Project. The DALC & Lumpkin County have received notice of funding from the Georgia American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA SFRF) and the U.S. Department of Commerce for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for broadband infrastructure. US Treasury Final Rule requires, subrecipients of these funds have controls, oversight, and monitoring in place. The County nor the DALC can rely upon NTIA or ARPA SFRF staff, auditors, or contractors to serve as this control mechanism. The County and DALC must demonstrate their own policies and procedures in place to assist with project oversight, implementation, tracking and collection of data, and reporting. The Program Manager services outlined in the proposal will work on behalf of the DALC and Lumpkin County Government staff to ensure there is no fraud, waste, or abuse associated with the grant funds.

*Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve Proposal for Technical & Grant Administrative Services for Broadband Infrastructure Project. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.*

### 20. Gymnasium/Outdoor Pool/Pickleball Courts (County Manager Alan Ours)

Gymnasium/Outdoor Pool/Pickleball Courts. A capital project consisting of a gymnasium, outdoor pool and water park amenities and six pickleball courts.

*Motion: A motion was made by District 4 Commissioner Moran to approve Gymnasium/Outdoor Pool/Pickleball Courts. The motion was seconded by District 1 Commissioner Greene. The motion was approved and carried.*

## COUNTY MANAGER

## COUNTY ATTORNEY

## COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Greene thanked staff for their work on the pool project and said he was grateful for all of the community input. Commissioner Moran agreed and said it will satisfy the need of several different groups. Chairman Dockery stated it will serve a larger demographic than just an aquatic center.



**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public Works Director Larry Reiter said there will be a check presentation from GDOT to the County for the widening and improvements at the intersection of Pine Tree Way and Morrison Moore Parkway. The event will take place at 9:00 AM on Monday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Greene to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeff Moran. The motion was approved and carried.*

The meeting ended at 6:18 PM.

August 17, 2022

Date



Melissa Witcher  
County Clerk, Lumpkin County



Chris Dockery, Chairman  
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

# EXHIBIT 2



**CITY OF DAHLONEGA**  
**Council Meeting-Amended Minutes**

August 01, 2022, 6:00 PM

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**PRESENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Ron Larson  
Councilmember Roman Gaddis  
Councilmember Johnny Ariemma  
Councilmember Ryan Reagin  
Councilmember Ross Shirley  
Councilmember Lance Bagley

**ABSENT**

Mayor JoAnne Taylor

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Mayor Pro Tem Larson called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

**PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

Councilmember Gaddis led the prayer, and Councilmember Bagley led the pledge.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Larson called for approval of the agenda.

Motion made by Councilmember Ariemma, Seconded by Councilmember Shirley.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

**PUBLIC COMMENT – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES**

no comments

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES -**

- a. City Council Meeting Minutes, July 5, 2022  
Danna Foster, Assistant City Clerk
- b. Council Work Session Minutes of July 18, 2022  
Danna Foster, Assistant City Clerk
- c. City Council Public Hearing Minutes, July 18, 2022  
Danna Foster, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Larson noted each set of minutes, called for approval on all of them, and asked for a recommendation on the minutes of the meetings.

Motion made by Councilmember Shirley to accept all minutes, Seconded by Councilmember Bagley. Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

APPOINTMENT/RECOGNITION: There were no appointments or recognition.

ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION:

1. Ordinance 2022-08: Ordinance to provide for the annexation of property located at 1089 Calhoun Road

Doug Parks, City Attorney

Mayor Pro Tem Larson introduced the item and asked for any comments from City Attorney Parks. City Attorney Parks indicated the public hearings were held as customarily scheduled and recommended approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Larson called for a motion.

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis, Seconded by Councilmember Shirley.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Reagin

2. Ordinance 2022-11: Ordinance to change a portion of the existing PUD for Crown Mountain Overlook from Multi-Family to Single-Family

Doug Parks, City Attorney

Mayor Pro Tem Larson reminded the Council of the previous Public Hearing and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Councilmember Bagley, Seconded by Councilmember Shirley.

Council discussed the need for appropriate housing.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

ANNOUNCEMENT/CITY REPORTS:

3. Crosswalk Safety Program

Stacy Jarrard, Lumpkin County Sheriff

Sheriff Stacy Jarrard made a video presentation about Crosswalk Safety. His video included orange flags on both sides of the street to help with the visibility of pedestrians crossing the road. He brought an example and explained they would need a more extended handle and a reflective stripe. Council discussed the idea in general and asked Chief Albert to follow up.

4. Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge & Sidewalk (GDOT PI 0016629) Public Outreach

Mark Buchanan, City Engineer

City Engineer Buchanan guided the public through a 15-minute informational slide show presentation and invited comments at the meeting. He noted that comment cards were

available, and the community could contact him personally by email or phone for additional information.

He detailed the sidewalk to start from the Walmart entrance to the Lake Zwerner Boat Ramp and explained the pedestrian bridge would be next to the highway.

A TAP grant funds this project. The City is responsible for 20%, and GDOT is responsible for 80%. The design allows for the stormwater to be piped underneath.

Mayor Pro Tem Larson asked for any additional comments and questions from the public, and there were none.

Council discussed some of the aesthetics of the bridge and nearby bridges and the safety concerns with the current walkway.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

##### 5. Local Option Sales Tax - Joint Agreement Discussion

JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Larson discussed the Local Option Sales Tax, also known as LOST. The current local split is 75% County and 25% City. The state has laid out an eight-point plan to determine what the split should be. The City received a resolution document from the County where the recommendation is the split remains the same. City staff would like to entertain more dialogue. Mayor Pro Tem Larson indicated he would consider a motion from Council for action on this item.

Councilmember Ariemma made a motion to move forward to another mediation with the County at a later date. Seconded by Councilmember Gaddis.

Mayor Pro Tem Larson opened the floor for discussion. Councilmember Shirley reminded Council there was a timeframe in which this had to be resolved.

Mayor Pro Tem Larson detailed the timeline.

Council discussed the changes in the city over the last ten years and ensured the City is doing its best for the citizens in the future and keeping the property taxes down.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### COMMENTS – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

City Clerk Csukas updated the distilled package store license process in which three applications were received. A discussion ensued regarding the lottery system and its function.

City Attorney Parks acknowledged the LOST next step would be a letter of response to the County. He had previously identified a mediator and will provide that information to Council.

Interim City Manager Lewis had no additional comments.

Councilmembers Bagley, Reagin, Gaddis, and Ariemma had no additional comments.

Councilmember Shirley acknowledged the audience and thanked the community for their involvement stating that community participation makes a difference. He indicates their support as Council discusses housing, the businesses downtown, the potential growth, and look at strategies, and some of the past practices, and we need to take a hard look at what we are doing. He wants to ensure smart growth for the City and maintain a viable and vibrant community. The community input is appreciated.

Mayor Pro Tem Larson expressed a wish to the Mayor for her return to good health quickly.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Larson called for a motion to adjourn at 6:46 pm.

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis, Seconded by Councilmember Reagin.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin,  
Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

# EXHIBIT 3



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**Chairman Chris Dockery  
99 Courthouse Hill  
Dahlonega, GA 30533**

**August 2, 2022**

**Dear Chris:**

During the City Council of Dahlonega's meeting on Aug 1, 2022, the agenda included a voting item regarding the County's proposed 75/25 split for the Local Option Sales Tax. A motion to enter mediation on the proposed split was approved unanimously. The Council wanted more time to examine the details of the county's position, and mediation seemed the sensible course of action to accomplish this.

The City has contacted a well-respected, experienced mediator and determined his availability for your consideration. Mr. Ted Meeker of Sumner Meeker LLC can be available on August 17, 18, 19, August 30, 31, or Sept 1,2.

Please advise next steps in this process; thank you.

**Best regards,**

**JoAnne Taylor  
Mayor, City of Dahlonega**



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# EXHIBIT 4



## CITY OF DAHLONEGA

### City Council Special Called Meeting - Amended Minutes

October 03, 2022, 6:00 PM

Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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#### PRESENT

Mayor JoAnne Taylor  
Councilmember Roman Gaddis  
Councilmember Ron Larson  
Councilmember Johnny Ariemma  
Councilmember Ryan Reagin  
Councilmember Ross Shirley  
Councilmember Lance Bagley

#### CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Taylor thanked her colleagues for being flexible.

She called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Councilmember Shirley, Seconded by Councilmember Larson.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma,  
Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

Mayor Taylor commented that the Council would be discussing the LOST tax distribution and what steps they might consider taking in the best interest of our community and relationships. She requested that the Council consider approving the current distribution of 75/25 (75% County/25% City). This distribution has been in place since 1988. It has generated \$10.1 Million in tax revenues for the city over the last ten years. She expressed it was her opinion that further contention over the distribution amounts did relatively little to serve our community and may, in fact, cause more harm than good. She asked for a candid discussion and then took the steps that best served our constituents. She then thanked the Council for their dedication to the public service.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Session- Land Acquisition, JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:02 pm

Motion to go into Executive Session made by Councilmember Gaddis, Seconded by Councilmember Bagley.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

The Executive session was closed at 6:37 pm with no action taken.

Mayor Taylor reopened the Special Called Meeting at 6:37 pm.

2. Local Option Sales Tax, JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

Mayor Taylor announced she had the document, and it could be signed tonight.

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to approve.

Councilmember Shirley made a motion to approve the 75% County / 25% City LOST proposal. It was seconded by Councilmember Gaddis.

Councilmember Ariemma stated that 25% was fair and that it works with the budget. Adding the whole budget is based on it.

Councilmember Larson commented he was concerned with the right way, stating the four rotary rights: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? He added that if we start at the base, there is no question of the City receiving the additional amount. In light of the dialogue, we can think of the option of not accepting the 75/25; therefore, the best we can do is not stir the pot; let's proceed. Councilmember Gaddis expressed his thanks to Councilmember Larson for putting us on this path. This benefits the county more than us, and they are in a situation where they need it, and we need it. We made a run at it. As the area grows, that 25% brings more. Councilmember Shirley added he did not disagree with Councilmember Larson and his concern was that he didn't see that we'd end up where we are.

City Attorney Parks offered that they review their motion as there were two parts, one to sign the agreement and the other to submit to the tax commissioner.

Councilmember Shirley amended his motion to approve the proposal by the County for the 75% County / 25% City split for the LOST distribution and to direct the Mayor to sign the Joint Agreement, approve and the Mayor sign the certificate of distribution, and then send it to the Department of Revenue Commissioner.

Seconded by Councilmember Gaddis.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

Councilmember Bagley asked if this ten-year period could have no changes to it during that time. Mayor Taylor responded that it could be opened for renegotiation.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to adjourn at 6:47 pm

Motion made by Councilmember Larson, Seconded by Councilmember Bagley.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

# EXHIBIT 5

**From:** JoAnne Taylor <[jtaylor@dahlonega.gov](mailto:jtaylor@dahlonega.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 3, 2022 8:15:36 PM  
**To:** Chris Dockery <[Chris.Dockery@LumpkinCounty.GOV](mailto:Chris.Dockery@LumpkinCounty.GOV)>  
**Subject:** LOST

Hello Chris, since our mediation was postponed for today the City Council had time to reflect on the additional information garnered over the last several weeks. Upon review, the decision was made to keep with the traditional 75/25 split. The documents have been signed and will be forwarded tomorrow.

We look forward to continuing to work cooperatively with our colleagues at the County.

I will send a more formal notification tomorrow, but wanted you to hear it from me first.

Thanks,  
JoAnne Taylor

Sent from my iPhone