CITY COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2025 AT 5:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1859 CITY CENTER WAY, JONESBORO, GA 30236

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Mayor Sartor.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll was called by City Manager Miller-Thornton.

Present:

- Mayor Donya L. Sartor
- Councilmember Alfred Dixon
- Councilmember Don Dixon
- Councilmember Billy Lester
- Councilmember Asjah Miller
- Councilmember Billy Powell
- City Manager, ChaQuias Miller-Thornton
- City Attorney, David Dreyer
- Interim City Clerk, Shandrella Jewett

Absent:

- Mayor Pro-Tem Tracey Messick

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS (PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE (3) MINUTES)

None

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Council to consider the appointment of members to the Ethics Committee.

1. Mayoral Appointment - 1 Member
2. Council Appointments - 2 members

Mayor Sartor led the discussion. She shared that the Board would hear complaints against any Department Heads and Elected Officials. Also, she inquired as to the terms of the Board Members. Attorney Dreyer said the terms are for one (1), two (2), and three (3) years. Once members are appointed, they will decide among themselves as to who will do which term.

Mayor Sartor stated it was previously discussed that each Board Member would obtain ethics training via Georgia Municipal Association (GMA).

- A motion was made to nominate Chelsey Curney to the Ethics Committee.

  RESULT: **Denied (3 to 2)**
  MOVER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**
  SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Miller**
  AYES: **Councilmembers A. Dixon and Miller**
  NAYS: **Councilmembers D. Dixon, Lester, and Powell**

Council had a discussion on how they would review and nominate the following four applicants. Arlene Charles, Chelsey Curney, Larry Jones, and Marcia Thomas- Williams

- Council to consider the nomination of Arlene Charles to the Ethics Committee.
  5 AYES: Councilmembers A. Dixon, D. Dixon, Lester, Miller, and Powell
  0 NAYS: None

- Council to consider the nomination of Retired Lt. Chelsey Curney to the Ethics Committee.
  3 AYES: Councilmembers A. Dixon, Lester, and Miller
  2 NAYS: Councilmembers D. Dixon and Powell

- Council to consider the nomination of Marcia Thomas- Williams to the Ethics Committee.
  3 AYES: Councilmembers D. Dixon, Lester, and Powell
  2 NAYS: Councilmembers A. Dixon and Miller

- Council to consider the nomination of Larry Jones to the Ethics Committee.
  2 AYES: Councilmembers A. Dixon and Miller
  3 NAYS: Councilmember D. Dixon, Lester, and Powell

At this time, Council voted to break the tie between Chelsey Curney and Marcia Thomas-Williams.

- Council to consider the nomination of Retired Lt. Chelsey Curney to the Ethics Committee.
  3 AYES: Councilmembers A. Dixon, Lester, and Miller
  2 NAYS: Councilmembers D. Dixon and Powell

- Council to consider the nomination of Marcia Thomas- Williams to the Ethics Committee.
  2 AYES: Councilmembers D. Dixon and Powell
  3 NAYS: Councilmembers A. Dixon, Lester, and Miller

- Council to consider the appointment of Retired Lt. Chelsey Curney and Arlene Charles to the Ethics Commission.

  RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
  MOVER: **Councilmember Miller**
  SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**

- Mayor Sartor appointed Larry Jones as her appointee to the Ethics Committee.

  Mayor Sartor stated, "if Mr. Jones comes off the committee, then the Mayor would appoint an alternate." "If one of the Council's appointees comes off, then Council would go back to the drawing board."

V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn at 5:58 p.m.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Powell**
SECONDER: **Councilmember D. Dixon**

Dr. Donya L. Sartor, Mayor

Shandrella Jewett, Interim City Clerk