# CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

**FEBRUARY 24, 2025 AT 11:00 AM**

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

# MINUTES

## I. CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by Mayor Sartor.

## II. ROLL CALL

The roll was called by City Manager Miller-Thornton.

Present:

- Mayor Donya L. Sartor
- Mayor Pro-Tem Tracey Messick
- Councilmember Alfred Dixon (via phone at 11:03 a.m.) (In person at 11:52 a.m.)
- Councilmember Don Dixon
- Councilmember Bobby Lester
- Councilmember Asjah Miller
- Councilmember Billy Powell
- City Manager, ChaQuias Miller-Thornton
- Interim City Clerk, Shandrella Jewett
- City Attorney, David Dreyer
- Finance Director, Cynthia Hammond
- Police Major, Christopher Cato
- Public Works Director, Marcus Heard
- Downtown Main Street Manager, Andrew Simpson

## III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, real estate, or personnel matters.

At 11:05 a.m., a motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and personnel matters.

**RESULT:** **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
**MOVER:** **Mayor Pro-Tem Messick**
**SECONDER:** **Councilmember Lester**

At 12:03 p.m., a motion was made to reconvene to Special Called Meeting.

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

**SECONDER: Councilmember A. Dixon**

B. Consider any action(s), if necessary, based on decision(s) made in Executive Session.

Council to consider the approval and appointment of Police Major Christopher Cato as the Interim Chief of Police with a salary of $110,671.30.

**RESULT: Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
**MOVER: Mayor Pro-Tem Messick**
**SECONDER: Councilmember D. Dixon**

C. Council to consider approval and adoption of Resolution #2025-002 regarding Payment of Benefits for Elected Officials.

Benefits/Payment of Benefits to end February 28, 2024.

**RESULT: Approved (Vote 4 to 2)**
**MOVER: Councilmember D. Dixon**
**SECONDER: Councilmember Powell**
**AYES: Mayor Pro-Tem Messick; Councilmembers D. Dixon, Lester, and Powell**
**NAY: Councilmember A. Dixon and Miller**

D. Council to consider approval of a Sales Agreement between Deep South Fireworks, LLC and the City of Jonesboro, Georgia.

**RESULT: Motion did not pass (Vote 3 to 3)**
**MOVER: Councilmember Miller**
**SECONDER: Councilmember A. Dixon**
**AYES: Councilmembers A. Dixon, Lester, and Miller**
**NAY: Mayor Pro-Tem Messick; Councilmembers D. Dixon, and Powell**

Mayor Pro-Tem Messick asked Andrew Simpson to provide fireworks estimates for the Council by the next meeting. Mayor Sartor recommended removing the item or tabling the item. However, no further action was taken.

E. Council to consider Employee Service Incentives (Non-police patrol).

Mayor Sartor stated this was a one-time incentive for full-time employees who have been employed with the City of Jonesboro for a year.

**RESULT: Approved (Vote 4 to 3)**
**MOVER: Councilmember A. Dixon**
**SECONDER: Councilmember Miller**
**AYES: Mayor Sartor; Councilmembers A. Dixon, Lester, and Miller**
**NAYS: Mayor Pro-Tem Messick; Councilmembers D. Dixon and Powell**

## IV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

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

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Dr. Donya L. Sartor, Mayor Shandrella Jewett, Interim City Clerk