& Jonesboro Urban Redevelopment Agency

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 06, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

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I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:02pm

II. ROLL CALL – Santia Fox, Bryan Holmes, Trina Kolawole, Helen Meadows, Donya Sartor, Tammary Scott, Jule Segner

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Tammary motioned to adopt the agenda and Santia seconded. The vote was unanimous.

IV. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Andrew explained that the Finance Director position was vacant and so any repaying of money held by the DDA towards bond debt is on hold until that position is occupied. Andrew had worked with 2 previous city managers and 2 finance directors regarding the outstanding amount and had planned to pay $50,000 a year to pay off the outstanding monies. This arrangement had not gone into effect nor had we anything in writing. As a result, the amount is still being held until an agreement can come into effect.

A. Board Members to consider approval of the Financial Statements for a 31-day period ending March 31 2025. - Santia made the motion to accept the bank statements and Jule seconded. The vote to accept was unanimous.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Members to consider approval of the Minutes from March 4, 2025. Jule made the motion to support the minutes as presented and Santia seconded. The vote was unanimous.

B. 166 S. Main St. Lease. – Bryan, Santia, and Tammary discussed the need for a business plan for future potential renters. Donya discussed what type of guidance and coaching is needed. Bryan asked what the rent was in McDonough for Heavenly Wedding Gowns. Andrew said that the McDonough location did not have the utility overheads, and they paid a booth fee rather than an actual brick and mortar location.

C. 217 N. Main St. Roof. Andrew was concerned about the lack of repair. Bryan and Santia said they would like to come and see it in person. They will report back to the board.

D. Main Street Membership Rates for 2025. After discussion with Maria and Andrew regarding the membership going down in 2024, the board decided to not change the fees. Santia and Tammary discussed bringing value to the membership. Jule made the motion to retain the current fee structure and Trina seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously passed.

E. Juneteenth Celebration Entertainment Invoices. Andrew explained the need for the board to vote on the Juneteenth Celebration invoices as according to the bylaws Andrew had a $200

maximum amount to authorize. Andrew suggested that the amount be reviewed at the annual meeting to discuss amendments and changes to the bylaws. Donya made the motion to accept the invoices presented and Trina seconded. The vote was unanimously passed.

F. City Green Invoices. Andrew presented the city green invoices. Donya made the motion to accept the city green invoices and Trina seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

G. Downtown Planters. Scopes had put in a quote for $1875. This was much less than the approximately $3300 quote from last year. Trina motioned to accept the quote and Bryan seconded. Andrew hoped that the planters would have the new flowers by mid-May.

VI. COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. Promotion/Organization Committee – Jule stated that the next promotions committee meeting would be on Tuesday May 20th. There was much discussion about having a more in-depth meeting regarding DDA planning, not just events as the hour or so regular meeting often did not adequately cover what was needed. Tammary would make some proposals to the board via email and then have them discussed at the May 20th meeting.

B. Design Review Committee – The design review committee met on April 12th.

C. Historic Preservation Commission – They had discussed 2 houses on Lee Street that were being renovated and a change of address on N. McDonough St.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Executive Director's Report by Andrew Simpson. Andrew discussed his report and asked if there were any questions.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Councilman Dixon talked about the board and his appreciation of their work. Zahion Mikell talked about the Jonesboro Youth City Government meeting every third Monday.

IX. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS – Tammary again talked about the need for a special called meeting about what the board needs to see as a future direction. Donya invited the board to attend a visit to mini homes in the East Atlanta area on Thursday. Board members indicated that Scott Miller owner of the Historic Jonesboro suites was interested in purchasing a Downtown Banner. Jule would be hosting the Main Street table at the Artisans Market. She asked for volunteers at the following markets

X. ADJOURNMENT - Jule made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Bryan seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm by unanimous vote.