



# LAWRENCEVILLE

## GEORGIA

### CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

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Wednesday, September 15, 2021  
5:00 PM

Council Assembly Room  
70 S. Clayton St, GA 30046

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#### **Call to Order**

PRESENT

Mayor David Still

Council Member Glenn Martin

Mayor Pro Tem Victoria Jones

Council Member Bob Clark

Council Member Keith Roche

#### **Bicentennial Fact**

Mayor David Still read the delivered the Bicentennial Fact. It stated, "The Lawrenceville City School in 1900 had less than two years left before it would be destroyed by fire. The building was built on Oak Street in 1895 and was the first tax-funded public school in that town. The second city school in Lawrenceville was opened in 1903 and occupied until 1923 when it was torn down to build a larger building which was later burned by an arsonist. The replacement building was built on the same site in 1948 and served as a school until it was later converted into the Gwinnett County Administration Building, which was later torn down by the County after the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center was built. The County sold the property to the City, and the City sold the property to Rick Porter's where his company is just completing the City View neighborhood."

#### **Prayer**

Mayor Still led the group in prayer.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Still led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Agenda Additions / Deletions**

Motion to accept the agenda as amended made by Council Member Clark, Seconded by Council Member Martin.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Martin, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Council Member Clark, Council Member Roche

## **Discussion of General City Business**

There is no public comment during this section of the agenda unless formally requested by the Mayor and the Council.

1. ANNX2021-00005 & RZR2021-00010; Landeavor Acquisitions, LLC c/o Andersen, Tate & Carr, P.C; 606 New Hope Road  
Planning and Development Director Todd Hargrave delivered the presentation. Shawn Adams also presented on behalf of Anderson Tate and Carr.  
This item will be placed on the September 27th Regular Meeting.
2. RZC2021-00027; James Talbert; Old Norcross Road  
Planning and Development Director Hargrave delivered the presentation.  
This item will be placed on the September 27th Regular Meeting.
3. SUP2021-00047; Safwad Hussain; 634 Collins Hill Road  
Tabled to the October 13th Work Session.
4. Provision of Landscape and Maintenance Services on an Annual Contract  
Public Works Director, Assistant City Manager Barry Mock delivered the presentation.  
This item will be placed on the September 27th Regular Meeting.
5. Steel Gas Replacement Project  
Assistant Gas Director Josh Morris delivered the presentation.  
Consent item #1 and placed on the September 27<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.
6. Natural Gas Plastic Replacement Project  
Consent item #2 and placed on the September 27<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.
7. Natural Gas Pressure Improvement Project  
Consent item #3 and placed on the September 27<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.
8. Downtown Square Alleyway Name  
Tabled to the September 27th Regular Meeting.
9. Ethics Ordinance Review for GMA Recertification for City of Ethics

Tabled to the October 13th Work Session.

10. ReCAST Federal Grant

City Manager Chuck Warbington delivered the presentation.

This item will be placed on the September 27th Regular Meeting.

**Executive Session - Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate**

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Seconded by Council Member Roche.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Martin, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Council Member Clark, Council Member Roche

Motion to adjourn Executive Session made by Council Member Roche, Seconded by Council Member Martin.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Martin, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Council Member Clark, Council Member Roche

Report of items discussed in Executive Session

1 Personnel

2 Litigation

2 Real Estate

No Votes Taken

**Final Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Council Member Clark, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jones.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Martin, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Council Member Clark, Council Member Roche

**Minute Signatures**

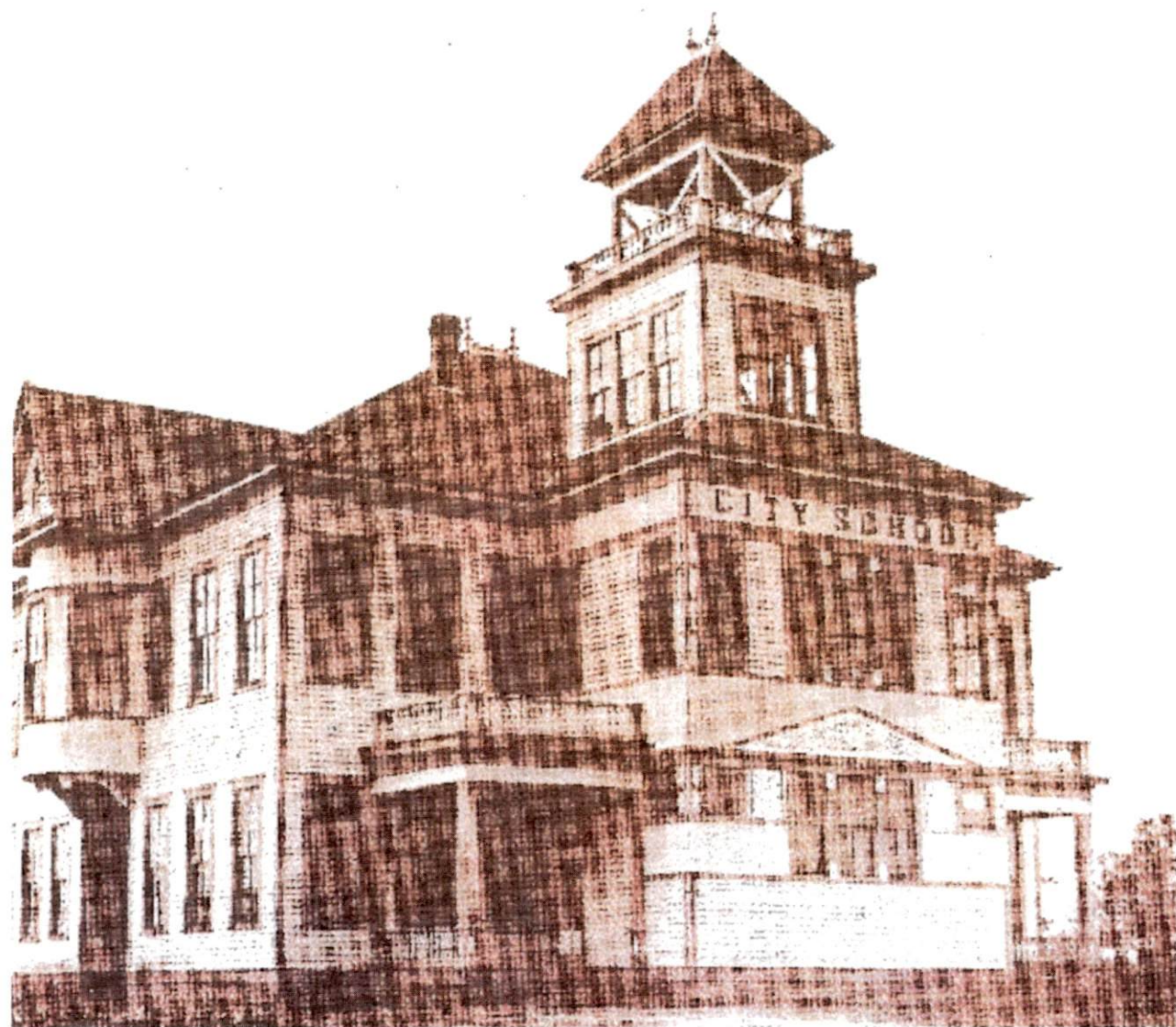
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David R. Still, Mayor

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Karen Pierce, City Clerk







**LAWRENCEVILLE**  
BICENTENNIAL

1821-2021

ReCAST Grant Presentation  
09/15/2021

LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA

# Topics

- Building a Healthier City – What is the City doing?
- What is the **ReCAST** Grant program?
- Outline the Summary of the City's Plan and Team
- Next Steps
- Questions



# City Response to Utility Customers

- Dedicated \$250,000/annually to Lawrenceville Response Center to provide payment counseling and assistance for individuals in financial crisis
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- **RESULTS:**
  - **29.4% Decrease in accounts more than 30 days**
  - **Cutoff Accounts (weekly) have decreased by 82.7%**
  - **Accounts we cutoff for nonpayment represent 0.1% of our customers**



# City Response to Affordable Housing

- **\$895,000** – Partnered with Lawrenceville Response Center to move individuals/families from Extended Stay temporary housing to permanent housing. (Down payment, deposit credits, financial counseling, and liveable wage analysis and assistance).
- **\$7,000,000** – Funded replacement housing (Thompson Square) for the Lawrenceville Housing Authority
- Approved entitlements for 2 Affordable Housing complexes in partnership with Lawrenceville Housing Authority and One Street (including 40 Housing Authority Relocated Units).
  - Hearthside – Lawrenceville: 213 Scenic Highway – 115 Senior Units and 25 Senior Cottages
  - South Town Square: 334 Grayson Highway – 156 Units



# Police/Community Engagement

- **\$120,000/annually** – Partnered with Viewpoint Health for 2 clinicians to be embedded in Police Department to respond to mental health crisis calls
- Community Engagement Programs:
  - Annual Citizens Police Academy
  - Active Shooter Training for Citizens and Businesses
  - Police Youth Explorer Program
  - Citizen firearm safety classes
  - Bridge the Gap Community Conversations
  - Pizza with Police events



# Recent City Initiatives

- \$400,000 Committed for Community HOME Investment Program to assist with home repairs that do not meet code or are in need of significant repair
- Creation of Hooper-Renwick Legacy Preservation Committee along with providing funding of preserving Gwinnett's original African American School
- Summer of Impact – Student Internship Summer program
- Racial Injustice Proclamation
- Request to Gwinnett County for removal of Confederate Memorial in downtown area
- Support for Gwinnett Remembrance Coalition Soil Collection Project for Charles Hale
- Placement of Peace Pole by Gwinnett County Rotary Clubs at Lawrenceville Lawn
- Initial planning by staff for Diversity and Inclusion initiatives based on City of Griffin and Georgia Municipal Association examples



# Who is **SAMHSA**?

- In 1992, the U.S. Congress established the ***Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)*** to make substance use and mental disorder information, services, and research more accessible.
- **SAMHSA** is the agency within the ***U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*** leading public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation, and to improve the lives of individuals living with mental and substance abuse disorders and their families. **SAMHSA**'s mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.



***SAMHSA***  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
Services Administration

# What is *ReCAST*?

- The ***Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma (ReCAST)*** is a Federal grant program (administered by **SAMHSA**) to assist high-risk youth and families, promote community youth engagement programs, and provide trauma-informed behavioral health services.
- The overall **GOAL** of the ***ReCAST*** Program is for local community entities to work together in ways that lead to improved behavioral health, empowered community residents, reductions in trauma, and sustained community change.



# ***ReCAST* Leadership Expectation**

- To be guided by a diverse community coalition of the following:
  - Residents
  - Non-profit organizations
  - Health and human service providers
  - Schools and institutes of higher education
  - Faith based organizations
  - Businesses
  - State and local governments
  - Employment, housing, and transportation service agencies



# Grant Funding Available

- \$5,000,000 award (\$1,000,000 annually subject to annual review) for 5 years
- \$0 Local Match
- Covers:
  - Training, programs, activities, and other events
    - Including expansion of existing community programs
  - Staffing
  - Marketing
  - Non-Profit Consultants



# ReCAST 2016 AWARDS



Baton Rouge, LA

Pop. 224,149



St Louis, MO

Pop. 308, 174



Mecklenburg County

Charlotte, NC

Pop. 857,425



2019 TRAINING CALENDAR

Milwaukee, Wi

Pop. 1,574,731



Chicago, IL

Pop. 2,710,000



# 2021 GRANT AWARDS

- Philadelphia, PA – Pop. 1,579,000
- Milwaukee, WI – Pop. 1,574,731
- San Antonio, TX – Pop. 1,508,000
- Jacksonville, FL – Pop. 890,467
- Denver, CO – Pop. 705,576
- Oakland, CA – Pop. 435,097
- Pittsburgh, PA – Pop. 302,205
- Flint, MI – Pop. 96,559
- **LAWRENCEVILLE, GA – Pop. 30,000**



***SAMHSA***  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
Services Administration



# City Statistics

1. Population: 37% White, 40% Black, 19% Hispanic, 4% Asian (2020 Environics Analytics)
2. K-12 Population: 8.5% White, 32.5% Black, 45.5% Hispanic, 6% Asian
3. 1/3 (almost double Gwinnett County) of the City population household income earns less than \$35,000 a year
4. 80% of City's youth are enrolled in free and reduced lunch
5. Just over 20% of the City population lives below the poverty line, including 30.5% under 18 and 23.7% 18 to 34
6. City Elected Leadership: 80% white and 20% Black
7. City Employees: 75% white, 13% Black, 5% Hispanic, 3% Asian, 4% multi-racial (Sept. 2021)
8. Police Department is comprised of 76 sworn (4 open) full time positions and 4 sworn (4 open) part time positions: 87% White and 10% Black and 3% other (Sept 2021)
9. High Risk Youth and their families face challenges in education with degree attainment almost 70% lower than the US average



# Current Desires in the Community to be Addressed by the ReCAST Grant

1. Lack of civics education and understanding of policies and procedures of local government contributes to a lack of engagement
2. Lack of trauma informed practices in community partners
3. Lack of cohesive system to address social determinants of health
4. Overall lack of community engagement
5. Lack of diversity and cultural understanding



# City of Lawrenceville ReCAST Plan Summary

- The **ReCAST Goals** of the City are:
  - Increase well-being and community engagement through community-based participatory approaches
  - Increase youth engagement and youth leadership development
  - Increase access to trauma informed community behavioral health resources
  - Increase level of cultural understanding with the City of Lawrenceville's employees and citizens
  - Strengthen the integration of community-based services addressing the social determinants of health for high risk youth and their families
- Some of the initial expected **Outcomes** include:
  - Expand the Summer of Impact Youth Internship Program
  - Expand Co-responder program with Police and Viewpoint Health
  - Launch a Youth Council with emphasis on inclusion of high-risk youth
  - Launch high risk youth program in local high schools to improve educational attainment
  - Formation of internal diversity committee that helps engage employees with the community
  - 400 individuals reached annually
  - Direct support to 1700 citizens by the end of the project



# City of Lawrenceville's Role

- Serve as the Federal Grant recipient
- Financial Management of Grant – Finance Department
- Administer Funds to Sub-recipient – Finance Department
- Project Management
  - Community Relations Department - Jasmine Billings
  - Day to Day Project Manager – Marcus Thorne (contract employee from Impact 46) housed at City Hall



# City of Lawrenceville Team

- Partners
  - **Impact 46**
    - Role: Project Manager/Facilitator/Coordinator
    - Approx. Annual Grant Budget: \$270,000
  - **Georgia Center for Opportunity**
    - Role: Workforce Development/Mentorship
    - Approx. Annual Grant Budget: \$110,000
  - **Families First**
    - Role: Program Evaluation/Behavioral Health/Navigator Services
    - Approx. Annual Grant Budget: \$350,550
  - Diversity and Inclusion Consultant (TBD) - \$25,000 Grant Funds
  - Needs Assessment Consultant (TBD) - \$60,000 Grant Funds



**IMPACT46**  
Partnerships with a Purpose



**GEORGIA**  
CENTER for OPPORTUNITY

**Families  
First**



# Next Steps

- September 27, 2021 Council Meeting
  - Accept \$5M ReCAST grant from SAMSHA
  - Approve sub-recipient agreements with partners
- November 17, 2021 Council Meeting
  - ReCAST Advisory Board Appointments
- December 2021
  - Complete Community Needs Assessment
- March 2022
  - Complete Community Strategic Plan



# Questions?

