



LAWRENCEVILLE

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 29, 2023
7:00 PM

Council Assembly Room
70 S. Clayton St, GA 30046

Call to Order

PRESENT

Mayor David Still

Council Member Glenn Martin

Council Member Victoria Jones

Mayor Pro Tem Austin Thompson

Council Member Marlene Taylor-Crawford

Prayer

Pastor Judy Taylor McCalla was present to provide the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor David Still led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Additions / Deletions

City Manager Chuck Warbington requested item #13 VAR2022-00091 be tabled to July 31 and item #14 Election Blueprint be tabled to April 26.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, Seconded by Council Member Martin.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Martin, Council Member Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, Council Member Taylor-Crawford

Recognitions

1. Legacy Leaders

Mayor Still introduced Jasmine Billings who recognized each of the students who participated in the Legacy Leaders program. All students in attendance came forward.

Kennedy	Bryant	Discovery
Ashley	Burton	GSMST
Genesis	Cruz	GSMST
Aissata	Hann	Discovery
Kevin	Jacob	GSMST
Aiden	Keizer	Central Gwinnett
Nadia	Mathews	Central Gwinnett
Hannah	Noble	Central Gwinnett
Saumya	Palipudi	GSMST
Khenya	Robinson	Discovery
Mehek	Saha	GSMST
Abhi	Saji	GSMST
Shivani	Shreedhar	GSMST
Chameli	Tissera	GSMST
Eesh	Trivedi	GSMST
Sohum	Trivedi	GSMST
Valery	Valdez Ramos	Central Gwinnett

2. Events Team for SFEA Awards

Mayor Still recognized the event staff members for the six awards the City won at the 2023 Southeast Festival and Event Award.

Free Comic Book Day

1. Gold: Best Marketing Concept
2. Bronze: Best Children's Event

Around the World in partnership with Atlanta International Night Market

3. Gold: Best Program or Brochure
4. Bronze: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Initiative

Cultura: Fiesta Latina

5. Silver: Best Event Under \$75,000
6. Bronze: Best New Event

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes made by Council Member Martin, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson.

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

Council Member Taylor-Crawford

3. February 27, 2023 Regular Meeting and Executive Session
4. March 15, 2023 Work Session and Executive Session

Proclamations

5. Mike Levengood

Mayor Still recognized and presented Mr. J. Michael Levengood with a Proclamation on behalf of the City.

Announcements

Mayor Still recognized each Council Member who individually made announcements about events and recognitions throughout the community. He then read from the slides for upcoming City events.

Public Comment

To participate in the Public Comment part of the Agenda, you must register with the City Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting. Presentations will be limited to 2 minutes per person and Council will not respond to the comment.

No one signed up for public comment.

Consent Agenda

These are items on which the Mayor and Council are in agreement to approve and are placed on the agenda to be approved in one vote.

City Attorney Lee Thompson read the consent agenda into record.

Motion to approve consent agenda made by Council Member Taylor-Crawford, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Martin, Council Member Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, Council Member Taylor-Crawford

6. Automobile Body Repair Services on an Annual Contract
7. Purchase and Installation of a New Handicapped Vertical Platform Lift
8. Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County Water and Sewerage Authority for Implementation of the Camelot Woods Water Improvement Project
9. Seminary Street Improvements Project

10. 2023 Municipal Election Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County for use of election equipment / Acuerdo intergubernamental para las elecciones municipales de 2023 con el condado de Gwinnett para el uso de equipos electorales

Public Hearing New Business

Discussion will be limited to 7 minutes per side including rebuttal. Discussions on Zoning issues will be limited to 10 minutes per side including rebuttal. Questions and answers from Council Members will not infringe on the time limit.

11. RZC2022-00045; Alessandro Salvo; 530 Lyle Circle

Planning and Development Director Todd Hargrave stated that the applicant asked for the item to be withdrawn without prejudice.

Motion to withdraw without prejudice made by Council Member Jones, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Martin, Council Member Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, Council Member Taylor-Crawford

12. RZR2023-00018; Colonnade Enterprises, Inc.; 255 West Pike Street

Planning and Development Director Todd Hargrave presented this item and answered questions from Council. City Manager Chuck Warbington provided some additional information addressing the archeology concerns of this property. The applicant, Rob Myers, was present to address the Council and answer any questions. The Mayor opened the public hearing and Ms. Tracy Britt came forward to speak against the development. Hearing and seeing no one else come forward to speak the public hearing was closed.

Motion to approve with the planning commission recommendation removing 2a made by Council Member Martin, Seconded by Council Member Jones.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Martin, Council Member Jones

Voting Nay: Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, Council Member Taylor-Crawford

13. VAR2022-00091; Lawrenceville Land Holdings, LLC; Gwinnett Drive

This item was tabled to the July 31st meeting under agenda additions and deletions.

Council Business Old Business

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

14. Discussion of 2023 Election Blueprint / Discusión del plan de elecciones de 2023

This item was tabled to the April 26th meeting under agenda additions and deletions.

15. Proposed Name of Collins Hill Extension Project

City Engineer Jim Wright presented this item.

Motion to name the extension Grizzly Parkway made by Council Member Martin, Seconded by Council Member Jones.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Martin, Council Member Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, Council Member Taylor-Crawford

Council Business New Business

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

16. Kinetic Art Piece Installation

Community Development Manager Jasmine Billings presented this item and showed a video of the kinetic art piece.

Motion to approve the funding of the art piece made by Mayor Still, Seconded by Council Member Martin.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Martin, Council Member Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, Council Member Taylor-Crawford

17. Sale of Surplus Property located in Land Lots 10 and 145 of the 5th and 7th Land Districts of Gwinnett County, Georgia

City Manager Warbington presented this item and answered questions from Council.

Motion to approve sale of property made by Mayor Still, Seconded by Council Member Martin.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Martin, Council Member Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, Council Member Taylor-Crawford

18. Resolution to revise Downtown Development Authority boundary

City Manager Warbington presented this item and answered questions from Council.

Motion to approve the resolution made by Council Member Martin, Seconded by Council Member Jones.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Martin, Council Member Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, Council Member Taylor-Crawford

19. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Resolution of Intent

Community Development Manager Jasmine Billings presented this item and answered questions from Council.

Motion to approve the resolution made by Mayor Still, Seconded by Council Member Martin.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Martin, Council Member Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, Council Member Taylor-Crawford

Final Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, Seconded by Council Member Taylor-Crawford.

Voting Yea: Mayor Still, Council Member Martin, Council Member Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, Council Member Taylor-Crawford

Minutes Signatures

David R. Still, Mayor

Karen Pierce, City Clerk



Proclamation

J. Michael Levensgood

WHEREAS, the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia recognizes J. Michael Levensgood's long and consistent record of being an ever-present figurehead in the Lawrenceville and Gwinnett community; and

WHEREAS, he founded his Lawrenceville Law Office in 2014 where his practice is focused on estate planning and administration, aspects of corporate reorganizations, helping non-profit and civil litigations for business clients throughout Northeast Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Levensgood was honored with the Benham Community Service Award, Lifetime Achievement Award by the State Bar of Georgia presented on March 02, 2023, for his tremendous contribution to our community and efforts for volunteering and leadership; and

WHEREAS, his leadership has subsequently taken him into chairing numerous committees, such as Education SPLOST Renewal Referendum Campaign, helping to raise funds for public education, where it has raised more than \$1 billion for capital projects that have benefited Lawrenceville directly; and

WHEREAS, he has worked for the betterment of his community, by serving as a chair of the Gwinnett Health System Board of Directors from 2015 - 2019, being able to help guide the merger of the Northside Hospital System with Gwinnett Health System; and

WHEREAS, he currently chairs the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia promoting philanthropy that has brought millions of dollars in gifts to many Lawrenceville based non-profits; and

WHEREAS, he is a 2003 Graduate of Leadership Gwinnett, which has helped him collaborate with businesses and fellow alumni to improve our community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, David Still, Mayor of the City of Lawrenceville, would like to recognize and commend J. Michael Levensgood on his many accomplishments and service throughout our community and express sincere gratitude on behalf of the families and individuals he has advocated for, along these many years of tireless efforts.

SO PROCLAIMED, this 29th day of March, 2023.

David R. Still, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Pierce, City Clerk





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AGENDA REPORT

MEETING: REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 29, 2023

AGENDA CATEGORY: COUNCIL BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS

Item:	Resolution to revise Downtown Development Authority boundary
Department:	DDA
Date of Meeting:	Wednesday, March 29, 2023
Fiscal Impact:	none
Presented By:	Barry Mock, DDA Executive Director
Action Requested:	Recommend approval of the Resolution to revise the Downtown Development Authority boundary as presented.

Summary: DDA is aware that City Council is considering an expansion of the DDA boundary to help spur economic development in certain areas of the City. DDA supports the expansion of the DDA boundary as proposed in the attachment.

Background:

Fiscal Impact: None

Concurrences:

Attachments/Exhibits: Proposed DDA boundary expansion

RESOLUTION RES-2023-5

**RESOLUTION ALTERING THE GEOGRAPHICAL
AREA OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AREA**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Lawrenceville did pass a resolution on November 7, 1983, determining that there was a need for a Downtown Development Authority for the City of Lawrenceville; and

WHEREAS, said Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lawrenceville did create the Downtown Development Authority of Lawrenceville, Georgia and did designate a geographic area to be known as the downtown development area; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Lawrenceville have from time to time adopted resolutions altering the geographical boundaries of the downtown development area; and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Lawrenceville have now determined that the geographic area to be known as the downtown development area should be altered as allowed and authorized by O.C.G.A. § 36-42-6; and

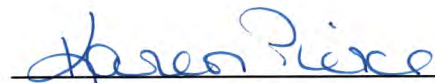
NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia hereby ordains and resolves that the geographic area to be known as the downtown development area as set forth in the Resolution of November 7, 1983, as amended, is hereby altered and amended by adding the area shown in green on Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The geographic area to be known as the downtown development area shall now include the geographic area, as it previously existed with the addition of the area shown in green on Exhibit "A".

IT IS SO ORDAINED AND RESOLVED this 29th day of March, 2023.



David R. Still, Mayor

ATTEST:

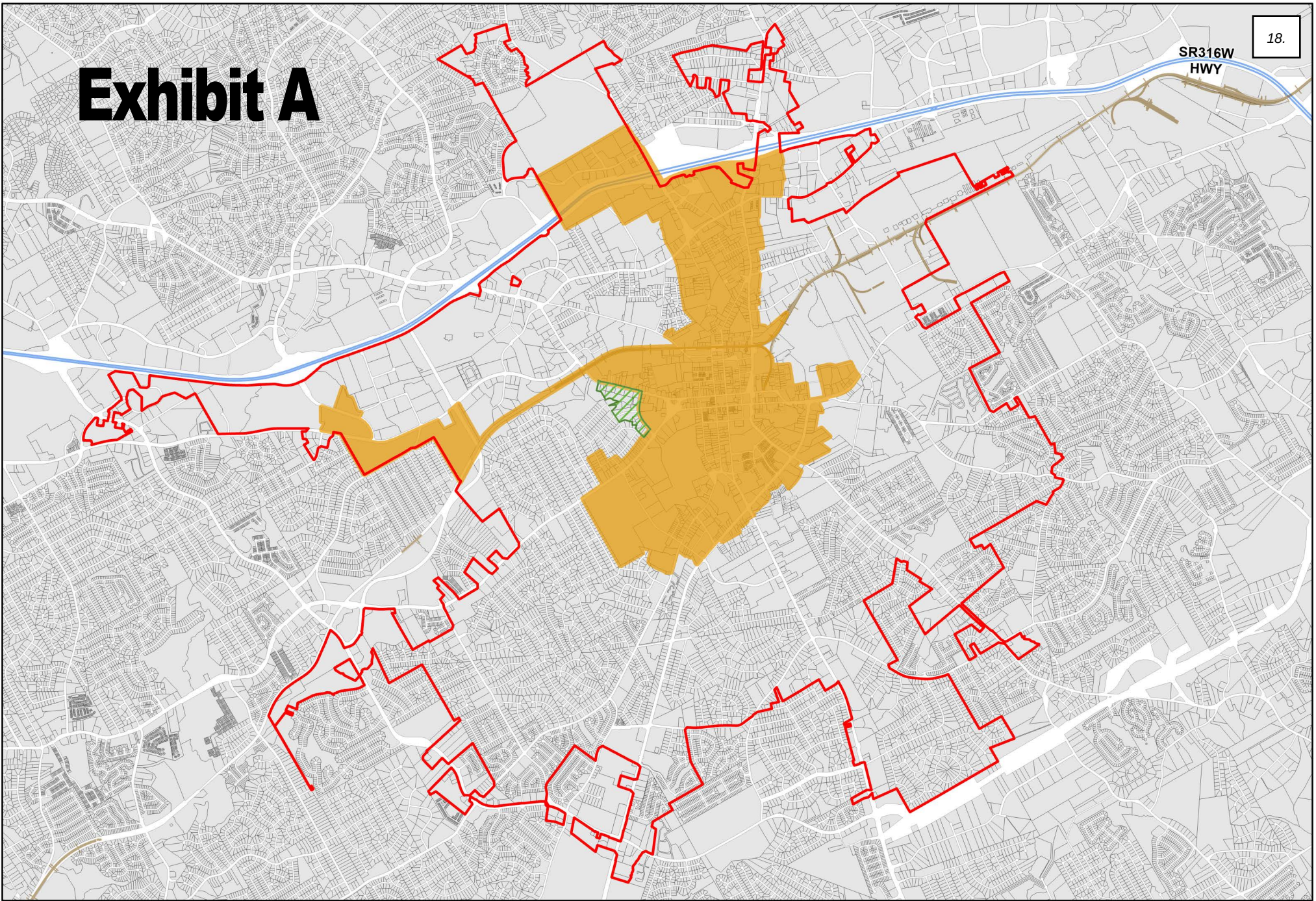


Karen Pierce, City Clerk

Exhibit A

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Legend

- Proposed Addition
- DDA Boundary
- Municipal Boundary

DDA BOUNDARY MAP



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AGENDA REPORT

MEETING: REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 29, 2023

AGENDA CATEGORY: COUNCIL BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS

Item:	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Resolution of Intent
Department:	Community Relations
Date of Meeting:	Wednesday, March 29, 2023
Fiscal Impact:	\$0
Presented By:	Jasmine Billings, Community Development Manager
Action Requested:	Approve the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Resolution of Intent

Summary: The Georgia Municipal Association will be launching their Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Certification Program. In order to gain access to the portal to apply for this certification, the Mayor and Council will need to pass a Resolution of Intent to seek Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging. Once this Resolution of Intent is passed, the City of Lawrenceville will be granted access to the Georgia Municipal Association's portal to begin the application process.

Attachments/Exhibits:

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Resolution of Intent

RESOLUTION RES-2023-6

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE

RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO SEEK GMA DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION AND BELONGING CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the City of Lawrenceville values and respects the diversity of the city's community members, businesses and community organizations, employees and recognizes and upholds the inherent dignity of and right for all to equitable access, opportunity, and participation; and

WHEREAS, "diversity" refers to all of the ways in which people or groups are different from one another, and recognizes that every person and every group is part of the whole; and

WHEREAS, "equity" recognizes that individuals are diverse and that what is fair might vary across the community, groups and individuals, due to variances in barriers and advantages, including access to opportunity; and

WHEREAS, "inclusion" relates to how diverse individuals with different identities are included, respected, and valued in creating a sense of belonging in a group or organization; and

WHEREAS, "belonging" is an environment in which people are free to be themselves and to bring their entire selves and best ideas to work or to the community; and

WHEREAS, it is important to gain an understanding of the causes of disparities in outcomes in order to work towards diversity among leadership, city employees, and participants in community activities, and to achieve and maintain equity within the city's policies, procedures and processes, including the allocation of resources; and

WHEREAS, city leaders are in a unique position to develop awareness and explore inequities that exist within our community and to work towards meaningful solutions with a goal of fostering a sense of belonging for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City met with Community Members and Other Stakeholders and identified Internal/External critical areas relating to the city and the community with diversity, equity, inclusion and/or belonging challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Municipal Association, Inc., ("GMA") has established the GMA Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Certification Program ("Program") which aims to encourage city leaders to create a culture of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging throughout their community and seeks to recognize cities that take meaningful action to address challenges related to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in categories identified in the Program; and

WHEREAS, the critical areas identified by the City above relate to name of GMA Certification Program category(ies).

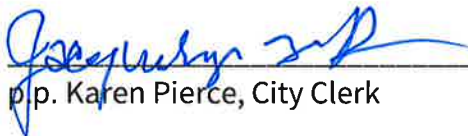
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The City of Lawrenceville intends to pursue certification in the GMA Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Certification Program in the categories of Community Development / Stakeholder Engagement and Workforce Housing Education/Wellbeing Public Safety & Restorative Justice Community/Economic Development Workforce/Workforce Development/Employment and has designated, Jasmine Billings, Community Development Manager as the city's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging point person for this purpose.

IT IS SO RESOLVED, this 29TH day of March 2023.



David R. Still, Mayor

Attest:



, Assistant City Clerk
p.p. Karen Pierce, City Clerk