

CITY OF MONROE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MAY 9, 2024 – 8:00 A.M.

The Downtown Development Authority met for their regular meeting.

Those Present:	Lisa Reynolds Anderson	Chairman
	Meredith Malcom	Vice-Chairman
	Andrea Gray	Secretary
	Whit Holder	Board Member
	Brittany Palazzo	Board Member
	Chris Collin	Board Member
	Clayton Mathias	Board Member
	Lee Malcom	City Council Representative

Staff Present: Sandy Daniels, Logan Propes, Beth Thompson, Beverly Harrison, Chris Bailey, Kaitlyn Stubbs, Les Russell, Laura Beth Caudell, Brian Wilson, Dwayne Day, Matthew McClung

Visitors: John Ward

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

Chairman Anderson noted that all Committee Members were present. There was a quorum.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

a. April 11, 2024 Minutes

To approve the minutes as presented.

*Motion by Gray, seconded by Mathias.
Passed Unanimously*

3. Approval of Financial Statements

a. March Financials

To approve the March 2024 Financials.

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by Collin.
Passed Unanimously*

II. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no public comments.

Walton County Manager John Ward gave an update. He discussed the City and County working together.

III. CITY UPDATE

City Administrator Logan Propes stated there were about 3,000 people at the First Friday Concert at the Town Green, and the splash pad opened the next day. All of the tenants are out of the South Madison property, and the remediation is being finished up. He discussed SPLOST and explained not itemizing allows for flexibility.

IV. COUNTY UPDATE

The County Update was given during the Public Forum.

V. COMMUNITY WORK PLAN & REPORTS

1. Downtown Design

Committee Member Brittany Palazzo will get with Ms. Sandy Daniels on the murals.

2. Redevelopment Projects

The Committee and City Administrator Logan Propes discussed the possibility of Sherwin Williams being relocated.

3. Entertainment Draws

The Committee and Ms. Sandy Daniels discussed the opening of the Town Green, the First Friday Night Concerts, the splash pad opening, and the Blooms Flower Festival.

VI. PROGRAMS

1. Farmers Market

The Farmer's Market was not held last Saturday, because there was supposed to be bad weather.

VII. FUNDING

1. Sponsorship

Ms. Sandy Daniels discussed Wal-Mart Health withdrawing their sponsorship; they are closing their health centers.

City Council Representative Lee Malcom requested a list of sponsors to be emailed to her, including who has paid.

2. Community Event Grants

a. SWAT Trot Road Race

To approve the Community Event Grant for the Monroe Police Department.

*Motion by Mathias, seconded by Gray.
Passed Unanimously*

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Stuever Studios Lease Extension Until Mid-July

To extend the Stuever Studios lease until mid-July.

*Motion by Gray, seconded by Malcom.
Passed Unanimously*

2. Business Owners Banquet

City Administrator Logan Propes explained there will not be any awards; it will be a night of recognition.

The Committee, Ms. Daniels, Mr. Propes, and Mr. Bailey discussed the invitations going out and the presentation.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Meeting – June 13, 2024 at 8:00 at City Hall

X. ADJOURN

*Motion by Holder, seconded by Mathias.
Passed Unanimously*