



City Council Planning Retreat Day #2

JANUARY 18, 2025

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Office of the City Clerk

BARNESLEY RESORT

TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

597 BARNESLEY GARDENS ROAD, NW

ADAIRSVILLE, GEORGIA 30103

8:30 AM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Gilvin called the meeting to order at 10:24 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

• Council Members

- Mayor Jim Gilvin
- Mayor Pro Tem Dan Merkel
- Donald F. Mitchell
- Brian Will
- John Hipes
- Fergal M. Brady
- Douglas J. DeRito

• Staff

- Chris Lagerbloom, City Administrator
- Molly Esswein, City Attorney
- Lauren Shapiro, City Clerk
- Adam Montgomery, Director of Information Technology
- Brooke Lappin, Director of Courts
- Charlie Jewell, Director of Economic Development
- Cris Randall, Director of Human Resources
- John Robison, Director of Public Safety
- Kathi Cook, Director of Community Development

- Morgan Rodgers, Director of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services
- Pete Sewczwicz, Director of Public Works
- Tom Harris, Director of Finance
- Alex Callum, Executive Office Coordinator
- Deanna McKay, Public Communication & Engagement Coordinator
- Suzanne Swain, Community Services Manager

3. PLANNING RETREAT DAY #2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, City Council, and City Staff will have a working lunch today in the Town Hall meeting room beginning at 12:00 p.m.

4. NEW CITY WEBSITE

A. Presentation and Preview of New City Website

- Public Communication & Engagement Coordinator, Deanna McKay presented a preview of the draft of the City's new website.
- City Council provided feedback on the layout and selected photos.

5. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION, VISIONING, AND PRIORITY SETTING

A. The following topics were identified prior to the retreat, however, there is a significant likelihood that other priorities of the Mayor and Council will and may be discussed as they are identified during the retreat.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Parks Bond Project Update

- Director of Public Works, Pete Sewczwicz, lead a discussion regarding the Parks Bond Projects.
- Mayor Gilvin asked about the status of the home at Old Rucker Farm and whether or not it was going to remain on the property.
- Council Member Mitchell asked about the status of the Farmhouse Settlement.

2. Wills Park Equestrian Center Renovation

- City Administrator, Chris Lagerbloom, lead a discussion regarding the Wills Park Equestrian Center.
- Currently, the Equestrian Center Foundation has raised about \$1.4 Million.
- City Staff will work to create a new Memorandum of Understanding with the foundation.

3. Fire Station Renovation Update

- Director of Public Works, Pete Sewczwicz, lead a discussion regarding the facility renovation at Fire Station 81.
- City Council discussed clean rooms at fire stations.

- Council Member Hipes shared that he would like to see a long-term financial priority list for all departments.

4. House Bill 581 Statewide Floating Homestead Exemption

- City Administrator, Chris Lagerbloom, lead a discussion regarding updates because of House Bill 581.
- Mayor Gilvin recessed the meeting for a break at 10:37 a.m.
- Mayor Gilvin reconvened the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

5. TSPLOST Update

- Director of Public Works, Pete Sewczwicz, lead a discussion regarding the updates on TSPLOST II projects.

6. North Point Redevelopment

- Director of Public Works, Pete Sewczwicz, and Director of Community Development, Kathi Cook, provided an update and lead a discussion regarding redevelopment and lane diet project on North Point Parkway.
- Mayor Pro Tem Merkel suggested that we look into how the City can enforce better maintenance of the medians on North Point Parkway.
- There was discussion by the City Council as adding the Alpha Link as a future TSPLOST project.

7. Probation Transition / Municipal Court

- Director of Municipal Court, Brooke Lappin, lead a discussion regarding the possibility of hiring a full or part time baliff for the court.

8. Economic Development Department Mission and Focus Areas

- Director of Economic Development, Charlie Jewell, presented the goals and vision for the Economic Development Department.
- Council Member Hipes shared that he would like to see a SWOT analysis of the city's current economic landscape.
- Council Member Brady suggested using targeted messaging for marketing and determining what type of industries we are looking to attract to Alpharetta.

9. Downtown Parking

- City Administrator, Chris Lagerbloom, teleconferenced in Gary Means (from Pivot Parking) to provide an update on the city's downtown parking study.

10. Alcoholic Beverages during Special Events and at City Facilities or City Owned Property

- City Clerk, Lauren Shapiro, lead a discussion to review the city's alcohol ordinance and presented recommendations for future ordinance text amendments.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- With there being no further items to consider or discuss, Mayor Gilvin adjourned City Council Planning Retreat Day #2.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren Shapiro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lauren Shapiro, City Clerk