

# City of Hogansville City Council

## **Regular Meeting Agenda**

# Monday, April 7, 2025 – 7:00 pm

# Meeting will be held at Hogansville City Hall, 111 High Street, Hogansville, GA 30230

Mayor: Jake Ayers	2025	City Manager: Lisa E. Kelly
Council Post 1: Michael Taylor, Jr	2025	Assistant City Manager: Oasis Nichols
Council Post 2: Jason Baswell	2025	City Attorney: Alex Dixon
Council Post 3: <i>Mandy Neese</i> *	2027	Chief of Police: Jeffrey Sheppard
Council Post 4: <i>Mark Ayers</i>	2027	City Clerk: LeAnn Lehigh
Council Post 5: Kandis Strickland	2027	* Mayor Pro-Tem

### Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm

- 1. Call to Order Mayor Jake Ayers
- 2. Invocation & Pledge

### **Consent Agenda**

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved by one blanket motion.

1. Approval of Agenda:

Regular Meeting April 7, 2025

2. Approval of Minutes:

Work Session March 17, 2025

3. Approval of Minutes:

**Public Hearings & Regular Meeting** 

March 17, 2025

### Presentation

1. Presentation - Bill Stump - Community Bank & Trust

### **Citizen Appearances**

1. Mike Johnson to Discuss Transparency

### **New Business**

- 1. Pickleball Netting & Striping Quote
- 2. GDOT Interstate Lighting Agreement
- 3. Carp Removal at Lake Jimmy Jackson
- 4. Renaming Street Request George Bailey
- 5. Board Appointments Downtown Development Authority

### City Manager's Report

### **Assistant City Manager's Report**

### **Chief of Police Report**

### **Council Member Reports**

- 1. Council Member Taylor
- 2. Council Member Baswell
- 3. Council Member Neese
- 4. Council Member Ayers
- 5. Council Member Strickland

### **Executive Session**

1. Real Estate Exemption

### **Mayor's Report**

### <u>Adjourn</u>

### **Upcoming Dates & Events - April 2025**

- April 17, 2025 6:00 pm | Meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- April 21, 2025 7:00 pm | Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council at Hogansville City Hall
- April 22, 2025 6:30 pm | Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority at Hogansville City Hall
- April 17, 2025 6:00 pm | Annual Police
   Department Easter Egg Hunt at Hogansville
   Elementary School
- April 19 26, 2025 | Georgia Cities Week
- April 19, 2025 10am 1pm | Community Clean Up, Shred, and Tire Amnesty at Calvin Hipp Park
- April 26, 2025 10am 2pm | Touch-A-Truck and the Annual Celebrate Recovery Car & Bike Show – Downtown Hogansville

### The Royal Theater Happenings - April 2025

- Tuesday, April 15, 2025 7:30 pm LIVE EVENT: Naturally 7
- Thursday & Friday, April 17 & 18, 2025 7:00 pm Callaway High School Theater & Choral: Once on This Island
- Saturday, April 19, 2025 2:30 pm Callaway High School Theater & Choral: Once on This Island
- Friday, April 25, 2025 7:00 pm MOVIE: Grease
- Saturday, April 26, 2025 7:30 pm LIVE EVENT: Motor City Revue (Motown Tribute)
   Purchase tickets online 1937royaltheater.org or call the box office 706-955-4870



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# **Work Session Meeting**

# March 17, 2025

Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Work Session to order at 5:49pm. Present were Council Member Michael Taylor, Interim Council Member Jason Baswell, and Council Member Kandis Strickland. Also present were City Manager Lisa Kelly, City Attorney Alex Dixion, Police Chief Jeffery Sheppard, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh. Council Member Mandy Neese, Council Member Mark Ayers, and Assistant City Manager Oasis Nichols were not present at the Work Session Meeting.

### **Order of Business**

### 1. Comprehensive Plan Update

Paul Jarrell with Three Rivers Regional Commission gave Council an update on the Comprehensive Plan. Every 5 years the Comprehensive Plan is updated. There must be one (1) Public Hearing at the beginning of the process and one (1) Public Hearing at the end of the process, with adoption by October 2025.

### 2. UDO Amendment

As discussed in the previous Work Session meeting, the UDO amendments being requested are:

Building Height: updating the building height maximum to 75' in the Light Industrial District. Vinyl Siding: allowing Vinyl Siding with a proposed .42 thickness.

Plat Approval: Council Member Taylor is requesting that the ordinance be changed to allow Council to approve all plats and all developments, no matter the size.

Mayor and Council agree that they will table the first reading of the ordinance tonight at the Regular Meeting to give Council Members not in attendance an opportunity to express their opinions.

### 3. Ordinance Amendment - Ordinance 54-50 through 54-54

Prior Citizen Appearance discussed the current ordinance regarding solicitation being unconstitutional. No part of the ordinance has ever been enforced. City Attorney Alex Dixon drafted the amendment consistent with the State. Mayor asked Council to table this item until all Council Members are present. Council agrees to table this item at the Regular Meeting tonight.

### 4. Variances – Project Hummingbird

**Building Height** 

• Current Building Height only allows a maximum of 40'. Variance request is to allow building of 56'.

Variance for fewer parking spaces

- Warehouse ordinance requires excessive parking based on square footage
- Planned safety design includes channeling vehicles via specific crosswalk areas
- Use of signage, speed bumping, and designated areas minimizes need for wheel stops at every parking space (current code requirement)

- Six-foot-wide sidewalks along the perimeter provide additional travel path Variance for wheel stops
  - Current code mandates a wheel stop at each parking space (1,200 spaces total)
  - Proposed design funnels traffic to crosswalk areas with wheel stops to reduce necessity for them at every head-to-head space

Variance for maximum wall height

- Several retaining walls (cast in place concrete and modular block) are built to reduce stream impacts or cut grade in specific areas
- Some retaining walls exceed 40 feet in height
- Particular area of focus: front corner wall with modular block and safety fence

### Fence height variance

- Proposed change from six-foot to eight-foot fence around the truck court
- Black vinyl chain link fencing surrounds the entire site, with mitigation via landscaping (multiple rows of trees and shrubs)
- Placement of 3,000 new plants (trees and shrubs) serving as screening along the new parkway (800 plantings above current minimum code)

This item is on the Regular Meeting agenda for Council Action tonight.

### 5. Buffer Encroachment - Project Hummingbird

Buffer encroachment details (non-variance)

- Minor streaming disturbance at a crossing; not impacting the state buffer but encroaching on the wider city buffer
- Approvals already obtained from the state EPD and the Corps of Engineers; city approval still required

This item is on the Regular Meeting agenda for Council Action tonight.

### 6. Turnipseed Engineers - Sewer Monitor Proposal

Proposal details:

- a. Installation and calibration of sewer monitors at 12 locations to assess inflow and infiltration (I&I) from rain and creek water
- b. Total cost of \$27,600:
  - i. \$6,000 for installation of manhole monitors
  - ii. \$21,000 for monitoring and data analysis over a 12-month period
- c. Targets areas including behind City Hall, between school and Oak Street, around Taliaferro Dr., and near a branch line between Highway 29/Poplar

Mayor Ayers adjourned the Work Session at 6:53pm.

Respectfully,

LeAnn Lehigh

City Clerk



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### March 17, 2025

### Public Hearing (1)

Mayor Jake Ayers called the Public Hearing to order at 7:01pm to Hear Citizen Comments on the Comprehensive Plan Update. Paul Jarrell with Three Rivers Regional Commission gave a presentation on what the Comprehensive Plan is and why it is important to the City. It is required to have a Comprehensive Plan to receive Grant funding. Mr. Jarrell explained that there will be a steering committee formed to guide and oversee the development of the plan, as well as citizen and City Staff input for the comprehensive plan based on the vision for the next 20 years for the City. This is the first of two public hearings. A second public hearing will be done once the plan update has been prepared.

There were no citizen comments, and the public hearing was adjourned at 7:13pm.

### Public Hearing (2)

Mayor Jake Ayers called the Public Hearing to order at 7:13pm to Hear Citizen Comments on the proposed Variances for Project Hummingbird. Seefried Industrial Properties gave a presentation on variances they are requesting. These include the building height, amount of parking spaces, required wheel stops, retaining wall height, and fence height.

Mr. Jimmy Norred asked if there was already a specific tenant in place for the development? Developers answered that there was a specific tenant, although they are not at liberty to disclose at this moment.

There were no additional citizen comments, and the public hearing was adjourned at 7:21pm.

### Regular Meeting

Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:21 pm. Present was Council Member Michael Taylor, Interim Council Member Jason Baswell, and Council Member Kandis Strickland. Also present were City Manager Lisa Kelly, City Attorney Alex Dixon, Police Chief Jeffery Sheppard, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh. Council Member Mandy Neese, Council Member Mark Ayers, and Assistant City Manager Oasis Nichols were not present at tonight's meeting.

Council Member Taylor gave an invocation, and Mayor Ayers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Consent Agenda**

**Motion:** Council Member Strickland moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

**Motion Carries 3-0** 

### Citizen Appearance

### 1. Mike Johnson to Discuss Transparency

Mike Johnson addressed Council for a third time regarding transparency. He asked questions regarding the building at parcel number 0212C013012 (located at corner of Johnson Street and Marshall Avenue near the public library), inquiring on whether the mayor or council members have any personal interest in that building. Mayor Ayers stated that he has no personal interest in the building. Mr. Johnson stated his concern about why the building is not listed for abatement or nuisance despite apparent hazards. City Manager answered that the

building potentially has asbestos/lead, could cost over \$1 million to demolish at the taxpayer's expense. As with the last meeting, Mayor Ayers welcomed anyone with any concerns to give him or Council a call and speak to them. As his time to speak was up, Mr. Johnson said that he would request again at the next meeting to address Council.

### **New Business**

### 1. Ordinance – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – UDO Amendment

Council Member Taylor moved to table the first reading of the UDO ordinance amendment until a later meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Baswell.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 3-0 - Item Tabled

### 2. Ordinance – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Amendment to Ordinance 54-50 through 54-54

Council Member Taylor moved to table the first reading of the amendment to ordinance 54-50 through 54-54 until a later meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Baswell.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 3-0 - Item Tabled

### 3. Variances – Project Hummingbird

Council Member Baswell moved to approve the variances for Project Hummingbird, which include building height, number of parking spaces, wheel stops not being on all spaces, retaining wall height, and fence height. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

**Discussion**: None **Motion Carries 3-0** 

### 4. Buffer Encroachment - Project Hummingbird

Council Member Baswell moved to approve the buffer encroachment request for Project Hummingbird.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Discussion: Prior approval has been granted by the Core of Engineers and EPD

**Motion Carries 3-0** 

### 5. Turnipseed Engineers – Sewer Monitor Proposal

Council Member Baswell moved to approve the proposal from Turnipseed Engineers to install and monitor 12 manholes in the amount of \$27,600. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Discussion:

**Motion Carries 3-0** 

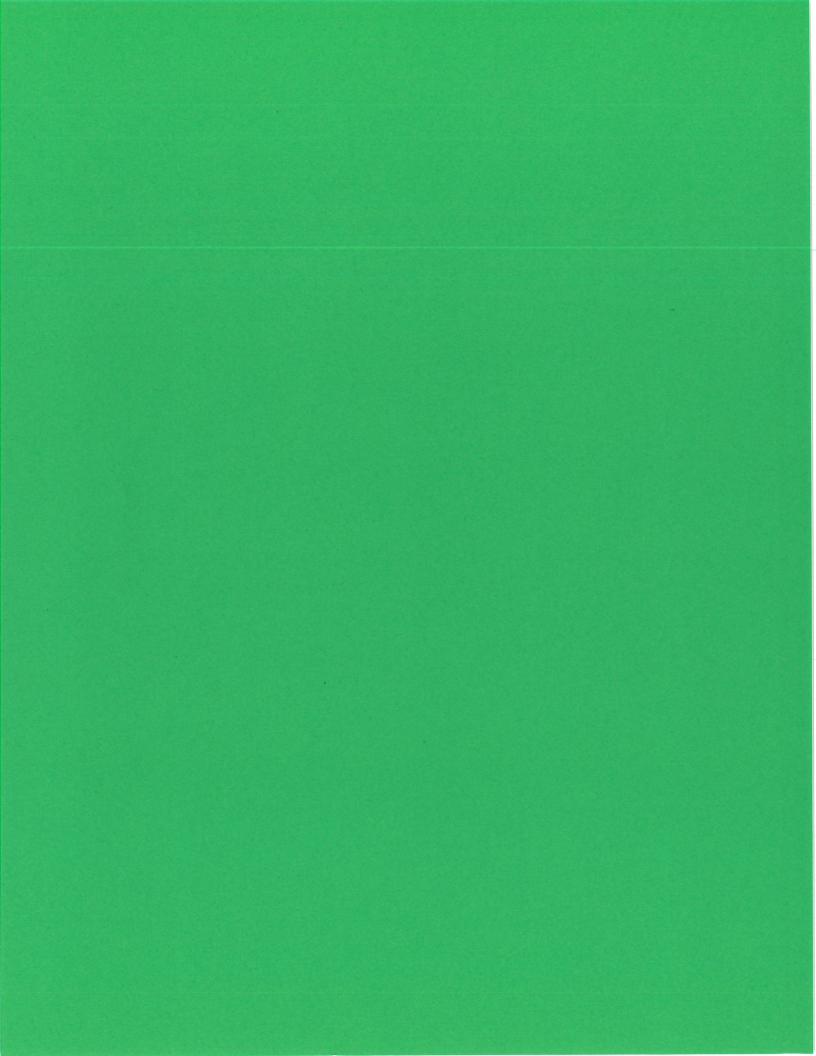
### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Council Member Strickland and duly seconded, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 7:59pm.

Respectfully,

LeAnn Lehigh

City Clerk



Entry #: 23 - Mike Johnson

**Status:** Submitted

**Submitted:** 3/28/2025 5:34 PM

If you would like to request to be placed on the City Council Agenda, please fill out the form below and submit.

Request must be made no later than 12:00 pm the Wednesday prior to the meeting if you would like to be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Name

Mike Johnson

**Phone** 

(404) 909-7236

Question/Issue you wish to discuss:

Transparency / Open Records

Have you previously discussed this with the City Manager?

If yes, when?

Meeting date for which you wish to appear

4/7/2025

Please describe in detail:

**Transparency** 

Have you previously discussed this with the Mayor or a member of Council?

No

No

What was the response from such discussion(s)?

N/A

Why was the above response not adequate?

N/A

N/A

It is the intention of this process to resolve the question/issue without the necessity of an appearance at a Council meeting. I understand that such appearance requires the approval of the Mayor and that the appearance is limited to five (5) minutes.

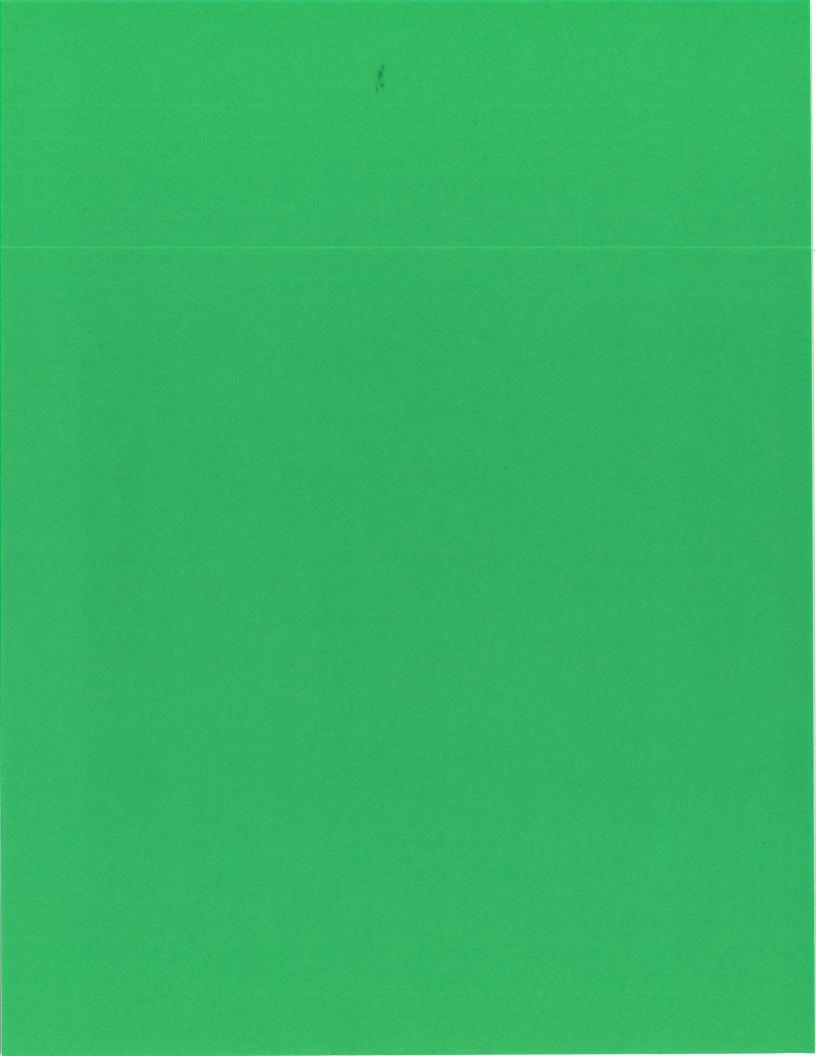
Signature

**Today's Date** 

3/28/2025

What is the resolution you seek?

Mike Johnson



CITY COUNCIL
Mayor Jake Ayers
Michael Taylor, Jr., Post 1
Jason Baswell, Post 2
Mandy Neese, Post 3
Mark Ayers, Post 4
Kandis Strickland, Post 5



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# COUNCIL ACTION FORM

MEETING DATE:	April 7, 2025	SUBM	ITTED BY:	LeAnn Lehigh	r
AGENDA TITLE:	Renaming Stre	et Request – George	Bailey	/	v
<b>CLASSIFICATION</b> (City	/ Attorney must	approve all ordinanc	es, resolutions	, and contracts	as to form)
Ordinance (No.		Contract	Informa	tion Only	Public Hearing
Resolution (No.		Ceremonial	X Discussi	ion/Action	Other
BACKGROUND (Include	des description, b	packground, and justific	ation)		
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No budget impact.					
STAFF RECOMMEND	<b>ATION</b> (Include <sub>l</sub>	possible options for cor	isideration)		

# Policy and Procedure for the Naming or Renaming of a Park, Street, Structure of Geographical Feature Within the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Hogansville

**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to establish a set of standards and guidelines for the naming and renaming of a street, park, structure or geographical feature within the corporate limits of the City of Hogansville owned or operated by the City. This policy will guide name recognition and establish and insure its uniform application. It is understood the responsibility for naming or renaming of a street, structure or geographical features within the corporate boundaries of the City lies with the governing body of the City of Hogansville.

### **Objectives:**

- Naming of streets, parks, structures and geographical features enhances a sense of community within the City
- Ensure that parks and other features of the City are easily identified and located.
- Ensure that names given are consistent with the values and characteristics of the City.
- Assure the quality of the title/name, so that it will serve the purpose of the City in a permanent manner.
- Encourage public participation and input in order to fully represent the best interests of the area affected.
- Encourage and recognize the dedication of lands, or donations by individuals or groups.

### Qualifying Names and/or Criteria:

- Geographical location of the facility including descriptive names.
- An outstanding feature of the area such as a hill, river or vegetation.
- Commonly recognized subjects of historical significance such as an event, person, group culture or place
- A person or group who significantly contributed to the acquisition or development of the park or facility.
- An individual who provided an exceptional or significant service to the City.
  - o If an elected official, the individual must have completed his/her term.
  - Other individuals must have retired from the position for which they are to be honored.
  - o Individuals must have attained the age of 65 or be deceased.
  - o The above does not apply in the case of property or structure donations.
  - o Under unusual circumstances the governing body of the City may make exceptions to the above
- A person whose contribution or significant gift is of a most extraordinary nature.
- Naming may be considered based on the provision of significant funding that underwrites the cost of renovation or construction of City property. Financial contributions or underwritings shall be broadly defined as substantial monetary contributions that completely or significantly enable City projects such as parks, buildings or property acquisition to occur. This may include monetary gifts and/or grants that leverage federal, state and local funding for such projects or complete donation of land.
- Land and facilities that are donated to the City can be named by deed restrictions by the donor. The naming and acceptance of land and/or facilities is subject to the approval of the City governing body.

Naming may not conflict with public grant funding policies established by state or federal grant funding programs.

Exclusions: Naming associations with tobacco, alcohol, contraceptives, religious organizations, political candidates or adjudicated felons are prohibited.

Renaming: The intent of naming is for permanent recognition, however the dedication of small park amenities with an identifiable lifespan and not intended to be permanent such as benched and tables may be made. The renaming of parks, streets, structures and geographical features is strongly discouraged. It is recommended that efforts to change a name be subject to the most critical examination so as not to diminish the original justification for the name or discount the value of the prior contribution. Names may be changed only of the current name is ineffectual or inappropriate.

### Procedure:

- Staff, city residents, community leaders and organizations interested in proposing a name or name change for a park, street, structure or geographical feature must submit in writing the justification for such name in detail together with recommendations, petitions, etc. to the City Manager.
- A non-refundable application fee of \$50 must be included with the proposal. Payment of this fee is not a guarantee of approval.
- When naming for an individual(s) written documentation of approval of next of kin, if possible, is required to be part of the proposal.
- When naming or renaming of a street is proposed the approval of the USPS and all individuals, businesses and organizations affected must be obtained.
- When naming or renaming of a geographical feature is proposed the approval of the appropriate state and/or federal agency(s) must be obtained.
- The City Manager shall prepare an estimate of the costs of signage and required changes to the park, street, structure or geographical feature. All such costs are to be borne by the requestor unless a request is made for City funds to be required.
- City staff shall make a recommendation of approval or disapproval the governing body.
- The governing body may allow for public input or comment.
- The governing body shall have the final authority to approve such name or name change.

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of these procedures and understands that the application fee is nonrefundable, and further acknowledges responsibility for costs of signage and changes unless a request for City funds is attached to the proposal.

Name GROLGE BAILBY
Signature First

# Kev Dr. George Bailey

In a world that often calls for exceptional leadership and courage, few individuals embody these traits quite like Reverend Dr. Kenneth G. Bailey. Born on August 4, 1970, in Newnan, Georgia, to George and Willie Ann Bailey, Dr. Bailey has emerged as a formidable figure in both the spiritual and civic arenas of his community. Raised in Manchester Georgia, he demonstrated remarkable leadership potential at an early age, culminating in the receipt of a prestigious leadership award upon his graduation from high school in 1988.

Dr. Bailey's journey took a significant turn when he joined the Army, serving as a Gulf War combat veteran. This experience not only shaped his character but also marked the beginning of a lifelong commitment to service and community. During his time in the military, he met his wife, Daniela LaShawn Bailey, and the couple has been happily married for 32 years. Together, they have raised two adult daughters and are proud grandparents to three grandsons, all of whom serve as a source of inspiration and motivation for Dr. Bailey's work.

In June 2009, Dr. Bailey achieved another milestone by obtaining his doctorate degree from Minnesota Theological Seminary. This academic accomplishment complements his extensive pastoral experience, having dedicated 25 years of his life to leading the White Oak Grove Baptist Church in Senoia, Georgia. His multifaceted role within the community also includes serving as a chaplain for the Roscoe Jenkins Funeral Home and the Hogansville Department, further emphasizing his commitment to providing comfort and support during times of need.

Dr. Bailey's influence extends beyond the church. His groundbreaking achievements include becoming the first African American chairman of the LaGrange Troup County Commerce. He served two terms as a City Councilman for Hogansville, Georgia, and held the position of Mayor Pro Tem in 2017. As a vital part of his community's growth and prosperity, he has contributed to various initiatives, including serving as the chairman of the Salvation Board and acting as Grand Marshal in three cities. Additionally, Dr. Bailey is a proud member of the Print Hall Masonic Lodge #299 in Newnan, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and the American Legion's Buffalo Soldier Post 910 VFW. His dedication to community service has not gone unnoticed, with Coweta County declaring a day in his honor, and he has been recognized at the state level for his contributions as a pastor. His leadership was further acknowledged through the prestigious Robert Knox Leadership Award from the Georgia

Municipal Association and the "Chosen Pastor of the Year" award in 2015 at the Georgia International Convention Center. Including Rotary Club of LaGrange, College Leadership Advisory Board 2023, Leadership Troup Dr. Bailey's mantra, "If I can help someone along the way, then my living will not be in vain," serves as a guiding principle in all that he does. This ethos not only defines his pastoral work but also underscores his commitment to uplifting others through his civic engagements and community outreach.



With the recent completion of the Galex Chaplain Training, Pastor George Bailey continues to exemplify the qualities of a mover, shaker, and risk-taker – using his influence to create positive change in the world around him. As he looks to the future, Dr. Bailey remains committed to his vision of service and leadership, inspiring others along the way. His story is one of resilience, dedication, and unwavering faith – a true testament to the power of community and the impact one individual can make.

CITY COUNCIL Mayor Jake Ayers Michael Taylor, Jr., Post 1 Jason Baswell, Post 2 Mandy Neese, Post 3 Mark Ayers, Post 4 Kandis Strickland, Post 5



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COUNCIL ACTION FORM					
MEETING DATE:	April 7, 2025	SUBMITTED BY:	Dhayna Portil	lo	
AGENDA TITLE:	Citizen Appointments – Dov	wntown Development	Authority		
CLASSIFICATION (City Attorney must approve all ordinances, resolutions and contracts as to form)					
Ordinance (No.	Contrac	t 🔲 Informa	tion Only	Public Hearing	
Resolution (No.	Ceremo	nial <b>X</b> Discussi	on/Action	Other	
BACKGROUND (Includes description, background, and justification)					
The Hogansville Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has two vacancies, and potential candidates were solicited via the committee of two that must be accordance with GA law with one of the committee members having a downtown business and the other being a downtown property owner, and neither can be currently on the DDA.					
Currently, there is two open seats; one seat is required to be a property owner or business employee, and one seat has the option of being a resident within the DDA boundaries. The committee makes the following recommendation: Tiffany Pace – Branch Manager at Community Bank & Trust and Tamara Manross – Joint owner of The Key to Closed whose applications are attached.					
BUDGETING & FINANCIAL IMPACT (Includes project costs and funding sources)					
No budget impact.					
STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Include possible options for consideration)					
Appoint Tamara Manross and Tiffany Pace to serve on the Downtown Development Authority					

# Memorandum

To: Hogansville City Council Hogansville, GA 30230

From: Vickie L. Brown

Date: February 26, 2025

Subject: Open seats on the Hogansville Downtown Development Authority Recommendation

Dear Hogansville City Council Members,

I led a two-person interview committee to review the applications received for the open seats on the Hogansville Downtown Development Authority (DDA). At this time, there are two open seats; one seat is required to be a property owner or business employee and one seat has the option of being a resident within the HDDA boundaries. The committee makes the following recommendations.

Two Business Owner Recommendations:

- 1. Tiffany Pace Branch Manager at Community Bank & Trust
- 2. Tamara Manross Joint owner of The Key To Closed

iki L. Brown

One Resident Recommendation:

Thank you for your support,

1. N/A

Vickie L. Brown

Victoria Belle Events

# **HDDA Application Summary and Scorecard**

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Business Owner Vacancies - One; possibly Two recommendations

Applicant Name	Incumbent?	Business Verificaton	Board/Authority Experience/Skill Rate in order of set	Rate in order of recommendation	Comments
Tamara L. Manross	N <sub>o</sub>	Part-owner of The Key to Closed	Relator vested in the community		
Tiffany Pace	N <sub>O</sub>	Branch manager of Community Bank and Trust	Banking role-Role allows investing and supporting the community	Œ	

Resident Vacancies - One; possibly zero recommendations

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