

Buford City Commission

August 1, 2022

The regular monthly meeting was held on August 1, 2022 at Buford City Arena and all Commission members were present.

Chairman Beard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Branch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the agenda for the August 1, 2022 meeting as presented.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adopt the minutes from the July 18, 2022 meeting as presented by staff.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

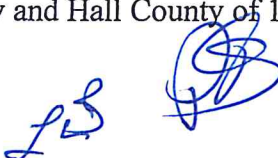
Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to change the September meeting to September 6, 2022.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Chairman Beard stated at this time there would be a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget and 2022 millage rate rollback for Gwinnett and Hall County property taxes. Chairman Beard opened the hearings with comments on the FY 2023 budget, the proposed tax increases for 2022 and gave an overview of the law and the City's proposed millage rate. The Commission is proposing a millage rate of 12.55 for 2022 for both Gwinnett and Hall Counties, Hall County with the LOST rollback. The property tax increase for Gwinnett County is proposed at 18% over the rollback millage rate of 10.636 and the property tax increase for Hall County is proposed at 7.23% over the rollback millage rate of 11.704. The public was given an opportunity to provide comments on the budget and millage rate rollback. The audience did not have any comments or questions regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget, the 2022 proposed Gwinnett and Hall County millage rate or the proposed 2022 millage rate for Hall County with the LOST rollback.

Chairman Beard stated that this concludes the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the 2022 property tax millage rate for Buford City Schools in Gwinnett County of 12.55 mills and 13.027 mills in Hall County. Hall County Local Option Sales Tax rollback is 0.477 mills with a net millage rate for property taxes in both Gwinnett County and Hall County of 12.55 mills. Property taxes bills are due December 20, 2022.





Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 operating budget and budget resolution and approve employee pay raises.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve renewal of 2022-2023 health insurance policy with Anthem/Blue Cross and authorize City Manager to continue negotiating up to the approval date of September 1, 2022.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize Chairman to sign water storage agreement between the State of Georgia and the City of Buford.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize Chairman to sign project framework agreement by and between Georgia Department of Transportation and City of Buford for transportation facilities improvements.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to approve temporary event application to be located on Moreno Street and in the public parking area for First Pentecostal Church of Buford on September 2, 2022.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to appoint Nick Waycaster to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment #6 in the amount of \$24,301.55 and payment #7 (final retainage) in the amount of \$206,501.51 for 2021 paving project.

Ayes 3
Nays 0



Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #14 in the amount of \$1,398,752.63 for water plant expansion project and Invoice No. 2258-22 in the amount of \$1,980.00 and Invoice No. 2259-22 in the amount of \$57,430.80 to Global Control Systems, Inc. for specialized controls and instrumentation.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment of Breaux and Associates invoices #18137-01, #18137-02, #18137-04, and #18137-05 for new Buford High School Stadium.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #5 for Buford High School visitor fieldhouse project in the amount of \$539,417.00.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of invoice #5 for Buford High School baseball and softball scoreboards and installation project in the amount of \$101,509.24.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment #4 for Buford High School Visitor Fieldhouse project in the amount of \$253,531.00.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to authorize payment of invoice #3 for Buford Middle School renovations project in the amount of \$70,757.69.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burge to authorize payment of invoice #3 for passive park at Harris Street project in the amount of \$172,102.32.

Ayes 3
Nays 0

Mr. Kerlin gave the City Manager's Report.

Mr. Jay gave the City Attorney's Report.

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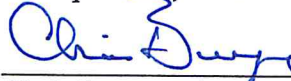
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After a brief discussion with the audience, motion by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Weeks to adjourn.

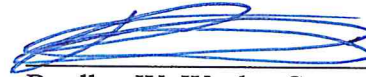
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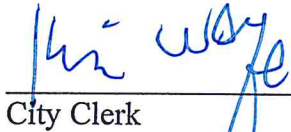
Phillip Beard, Chairman



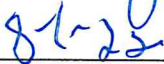
Chris Burge, Vice-Chairman



Bradley W. Weeks, Commissioner



City Clerk



Date