

Minutes
City of Mableton
Council Training & Orientation & Special Called Meeting
GMA Offices, 201 Pryor Street, Atlanta, GA 30303
Friday, Saturday, & Monday, July 14, 15, & 17, 2023

Friday, July 14 – Quorum present

Attendees: Mayor Owens, Councilmembers Dami Oladapo, Debra Herndon, Keisha Jeffcoat, Patricia Auch, Ron Davis, and Interim City Clerk Susan Hiott

Absent: Councilmember TJ Ferguson

5:00PM	Welcome & Introductions – Mayor Michael Owens
5:30PM	GMA – Bill Thornton, GMA Deputy Executive Director And Michae McPherson, Member Services Consultant, District 3 and Randy Logan, Deputy Executive Director and Rusi Patel, General Counsel
6:00PM	Working Dinner
6:30PM	Team Building – Terrell Jacobs – GMA
7:00PM	Discussion
8:00PM	Adjourn for the Evening

Saturday, July 15 – Quorum present

Attendees: Mayor Owens, Councilmembers Dami Oladapo, Debra Herndon, Keisha Jeffcoat, Patricia Auch, Ron Davis, TJ Ferguson, and Interim City Clerk Susan Hiott

8:30AM	Breakfast / Arrival
9:00AM	Welcome
9:45AM	Municipal Law / Ethics / Open Meetings, Open Records – Rusi Patel, General Counsel
10:15AM	Break
10:30AM	Muni Law Cont.
12:00PM	Break for Working Lunch
12:20PM	Continue
1:30PM	Break

1:45PM Municipal Revenues – Michael McPherson, GMA
Member Services District 3
3:30PM Break
4:15PM Q & A Discussion
5:00PM Adjourn for the Evening

Monday, July 17 – Quorum present

Attendees: Mayor Owens, Councilmembers Dami Oladapo, Debra Herndon, Keisha Jeffcoat, Patricia Auch, Ron Davis, and TJ Ferguson and Interim City Clerk Susan Hiott and Interim City Attorney Emilia Walker-Ashby

8:30AM Breakfast / Arrival
9:00PM DCA – led by Corinne Thornton, Director, Regional Services
10:00AM ARC – led by Mike Alexander, Chief Operating Officer
11:00AM The ATL – Atlanta Region Transit Link Authority –
Scott Haggard, Director of Government & External Affairs
12:00PM Break for Working Lunch
1:00PM GDOT Overview / LMIG – Paul DeNard, District Engineer
Metropolitan Atlanta
Bill Wright – Local Grants Administrator
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
2:00PM **First Read:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 7,
Taxes, Fees, and Assessments, of the City of Mableton
Code of Ordinances

Mayor Owens called the Special Called meeting to order and Interim City Clerk Susan Hiott reported there was a quorum present. Attorney Walker-Ashby explained this was the first read of the Hotel/Motel Ordinance. The City needed to hold a meeting soon for the second read. She reported that after discussing with Cobb County, the County's attorney preferred that Mableton adopt their own Hotel/Motel Ordinance. Council discussed need for staff services for the hotel/motel tax collection process. Mayor Owens has been approached by experienced vendors for city services. They discussed GMA's services. There was discussion about the short-term rentals and regulation considerations. There was

discussion about the 5% and that the City would have to go to the Legislation for the 8%. There was discussion about the selection of a direct marketing organization (DMO).

Mayor Owens and the Council discussed the importance of having a working retreat to discuss goals and visions in August. They discussed the need to have a short-term budget. By the end of August, the City would know more about revenue. They discussed the need for an organization chart and procurement process. There should be a facilitator at the working retreat and should include team-building exercises.

Attorney Walker-Ashby updated Mayor and Council on the negotiations with Greystone and Georgia Power. There were discussions about the City receiving advanced payments. There needs to be a special called meeting for the agreements and second read of ordinances next week.

4:15PM

The meeting adjourned.

Interim City Clerk Susan Hiott

Mayor Michael Owens