City of Eatonton  
Council Meeting Agenda  
January 2, 2019  
Putnam County Commissioners’ Meeting Room, #203  
117 Putnam Drive  
Eatonton, Georgia 31024  
(706) 485-3311

1. Call to Order: 7:00 PM  
2. Invocation: Councilwoman Janie B. Reid  
3. Approval of Agenda  
4. Approval of Minutes Attachment #1  
   Council Meeting – December 17, 2018  
5. Public Comments  
   Reading of Rules for Public Comments  
6. Old Business:  
   A. Discussion and Possible Action on Changing the Venue of the January 21, 2019  
      Council Meeting  
7. New Business:  
   A. Proposed Resolution to Issue a Call for a Referendum on a Level 1 Freeport  
      Exemption for Fulfillment Centers in the City of Eatonton Attachment #7A  
   B. Proposed Resolution to Adopt the Putnam County Service Delivery Strategy  
      Attachment #7B  
8. Zoning:  
   A. None.
9. Committee Reports:
   - Finance and Personnel – Councilmember Harvey C. Walker, Jr.
   - Public Utilities – Councilmember Alvin Butts
   - Streets, Buildings, and Grounds – Councilmember William C. Mangum, Jr.
   - Zoning and Ordinances – Councilmember Teresa W. Doster
   - Environmental – Councilmember Janie B. Reid
   - Community Development – Councilmember Charles R. Haley
   - Public Safety – Councilmember James A. Gorley
   - City Administrator – Mr. Gary Sanders
   - City Attorney – Mr. Christopher D. Huskins
   - City Clerk – Ms. Maria S. Jiménez

10. Executive Session

11. Motion to Adjourn
City of Eatonton Council Meeting
December 17, 2018
7:00 PM
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Elected Officials Present:
  Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr.
  Mayor Pro-Tem Harvey (Chip) Walker, Jr.
  Councilman Charles R. Haley
  Councilman William (Bill) Mangum, Jr.
  Councilwoman Janie B. Reid

Elected Officials Absent:
  Councilwoman Teresa Doster
  Councilman Alvin Butts
  Councilman James A. Gorley

Staff Members Present:
  City Administrator, Gary Sanders
  City Clerk, Maria S. Jimenez
  Main Street Director, Andrew Simpson

Staff Members Absent:
  City Attorney, Christopher Huskins

Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr. called the December 17, 2018 Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Invocation was given by Councilman William Mangum, Jr.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker and seconded by Councilman Mangum to approve the agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Motion was made by Councilman Haley and seconded by Councilman Mangum to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2018 Council meeting as presented. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
Public Comments: None.

Reading of the Rules for Public Comments: Omitted.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

**Downtown Eatonton Annual Report**
Main Street Manager Simpson presented the Downtown Eatonton Annual Report to the Mayor and Council, highlighting the benefits and accomplishments of the program for 2018.

**Proclamation Recognizing the Pilot Club of Eatonton Attachment #7B**
Motion was made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilman Haley to approve the Proclamation recognizing the Pilot Club of Eatonton on the occasion of its 40th Anniversary and to authorize the Mayor and Council to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

**Proposed Resolution to Change the Date of the January 1, 2019 Council Meeting Attachment #7C**
Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker and seconded by Councilman Haley to approve the Proposed Resolution changing to date of the January 1, 2019 Council Meeting to January 2, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Commissioners’ Meeting Room and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

**Proposed Resolution to Change the Date of the January 21, 2019 Council Meeting Attachment #7D**
Motion was made by Councilman Haley and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker to approve the Proposed Resolution changing to date of the January 21, 2019 Council Meeting to January 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Commissioners’ Meeting Room and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

**Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Preparation and Submission of a Community Development Block Grant Application Attachment #7E**
Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker and seconded by Councilman Haley to approve the Proposed Resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs an application for a Community Development Block Grant and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Agreement for GMA Human Resources Express Services Attachment #7F**
Motion was made by Councilman Haley and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker to approve an agreement between the Georgia Municipal Association and the City of Eatonton for Human Resources Express Services and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.
Zoning: None.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Pro-Tem Walker wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Walker and seconded by Councilman Haley to pay the bills if and when the funds become available. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Councilwoman Reid invited Council to attend Workforce Tuesday at 10:00 AM on January 22, 2019 at Central Georgia Technical College. The event, sponsored by WorkSource Middle Georgia, is designed to connect area residents to eligible training providers and employers.

Councilwoman Reid discussed an article in Georgia Trend titled “Closing the Digital Divide” related to expanding broadband internet access.

Councilwoman Reid stated that she has had a good first year on City Council and looks forward to the new year to come.

Councilman Haley discussed the prioritization of high speed internet. Electric service providers and the USDA are getting involved and he expects that widespread availability is coming.

Councilman Haley informed Council that an event will be held this summer honoring Ms. Alice Walker. More details will be provided in the weeks to come.

Mr. Sanders informed Council that a Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services for a CDBG application will run in this week’s Eatonton Messenger.

City Hall will be closed on Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday.

GMA will host a workshop on the 2020 Census titled “Organizing for a Complete Count” on March 6 from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the Regional Commission office. Please let Mr. Sanders know if you are interested in attending.

Ms. Jimenez informed Council that she has plans to be out of the office over the holidays.

Executive Session: None.

Mayor Rocker asked if there was any other business to be conducted for the good of the City. There being none, Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM
ATTEST:

Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor

Maria S. Jimenez, City Clerk
RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION by the Board of Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, to issue a call for a referendum on a Level 1 Freeport Exemption for Fulfillment Centers in the City of Eatonton and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the Board of Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, under the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia may enact a Level 1 Freeport Exemption on taxation of stock in trade located within fulfillment centers within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, may direct the Municipal Election Superintendent to call a referendum to be included on the ballot of the 2019 Municipal General Election pursuant to O.C.G.A. §48-5-48.2 for voters to consider a Level 1 Freeport Exemption for fulfillment centers within the City of Eatonton; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia desires to call for such referendum.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia hereby resolves to notify the Election Superintendent to issue a call for a referendum to be held in conjunction with the 2019 Municipal General Election as follows:

“( ) Yes ( ) No

“Shall the City of Eatonton be authorized to enact a Level 1 Freeport Exemption to exempt from City ad valorem property tax goods, wares, and merchandise held by one in the business of making sales of such goods when such goods are held or stored at a business which is used to pack, ship, store, or otherwise process tangible personal property sold by electronic, Internet, telephonic, or other remote means provided that such a business location does not allow customers to purchase or receive goods onsite?”

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 2nd day of January, 2019.

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Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor
City of Eatonton, Georgia

ATTEST:

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Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia
RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION by the Board of Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia to adopt the Putnam County Service Delivery Strategy and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, during its 1997 Legislative Session, the Georgia State Legislature adopted the Service Delivery Strategy Act; and

WHEREAS, this act requires that every county within the State of Georgia adopt a Service Delivery Strategy which identifies the methods, funding sources, service provider, and geographic service area of each public service activity provided within the county; and

WHEREAS, the Service Delivery Strategy must be officially adopted and verified by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs by February 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, City and County officials have worked diligently to prepare the county’s Service Delivery Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Eatonton is required to sign the requisite documents acknowledging approval of the Service Delivery Strategy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Eatonton that the attached Putnam County Service Delivery Strategy is hereby adopted as the official Service Delivery Strategy, to be updated from time-to-time as required in Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated 36-70-1 et al; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Eatonton is hereby authorized to place the Service Delivery Strategy on the appropriate forms prescribed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, to execute those forms in the proper places, and to submit the Service Delivery Strategy to the Department of Community Affairs for verification in compliance with O.C.G.A. 36-70-26.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 2nd day of January, 2019.

Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor
City of Eatonton, Georgia

ATTEST:

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Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia