City of Eatonton Council Meeting
Agenda
August 15, 2016
Putnam County Commissioners’ Meeting Room, #203
117 Putnam Drive
Eatonton, Georgia 31024
(706) 485-3311

1. 7:00 PM Call to Order

2. Invocation: Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr.

3. Approval of Minutes: Attachment #1

4. Public Comments:
   Reading of Rules for Public Comments:

5. Old Business:
   A. 

6. New Business:
   A. Main Street Report Attachment #6A
   B. Proposed Resolution to Appoint Members to the Downtown Development Authority Attachment #6B
   C. Proposed Resolution to Name Individuals to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Attachment #6C
   D. Proposed Resolution to Request Technical Assistance from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission in Preparing a USDA Rural Facilities Grant Application Attachment #6D
   E. Discussion and Possible Action on Revisions to GIRMA Intergovernmental Contract Attachment #6E
   F. Proposed Resolution to Adopt City of Eatonton FY 2016 Budget Amendment #1 Attachment #6F
G. Proposed Resolution to Adopt City of Eatonton FY2017 Budget
Attachment #6G

7. Zoning:

8. Committee Reports:

- Finance and Personnel – Council Member Harvey C. Walker, Jr.
- Public Utilities – Council Member Alvin Butts
- Streets, Buildings and Grounds – Council Member William C. Mangum
- Zoning and Ordinances – Council Member Teresa Doster
- Environmental – Council Member Charles R. Haley
- Community Development – Council Member Alma Stokes
- Public Safety – Council Member James A. Gorley
- City Administrator – Gary Sanders
- City Attorney – Christopher D. Huskins
- City Clerk – Sarah Abrams

8. Executive Session:

9. Motion to Adjourn:
City of Eatonton Public Hearing  
August 2, 2016  
Putnam County Commissioners’ Meeting Room, #203  
117 Putnam Drive  
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(706) 485-3311

Proposed 2016 Budget Amendment #1

Elected Officials Present:  
Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Harvey (Chip) Walker, Jr.  
Councilman Alvin Butts  
Councilman Charles R. Haley  
Councilman William Mangum, Jr.  
Councilwoman Alma Stokes

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

Staff Members Present:  
City Administrator, Gary Sanders  
City Clerk, Sarah Abrams

Mayor Rocker called the Public Hearing on Proposed 2016 Budget Amendment #1 to order at 6:30 PM.

Mayor Rocker advised the purpose of this hearing is to give anyone an opportunity to make comments on the Proposed Budget Amendment #1 amending the City of Eatonton FY 2016 Budget.

Mayor Rocker asked if anyone signed in to speak on the proposed Amendment. No one signed in to speak regarding the proposed FY 2016 Budget Amendment #1.

Mayor Rocker closed the Public Hearing at 6:45 PM

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Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams
City of Eatonton Public Hearing
August 2, 2016
Putnam County Commissioners' Meeting Room, #203
117 Putnam Drive
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Proposed 2017 Budget

Elected Officials Present:
  Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr.
  Mayor Pro-Tem Harvey (Chip) Walker, Jr.
  Councilman Alvin Butts
  Councilman James A. Gorley
  Councilman Charles R. Haley
  Councilman William Mangum, Jr.
  Councilwoman Alma Stokes

Elected Officials Absent:
  Councilwoman Teresa Doster

Staff Members Present:
  City Administrator, Gary Sanders
  City Attorney, Christopher Huskins
  City Clerk, Sarah Abrams

Mayor Rocker called the Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2017 Budget to order at 6:45 PM.

Mayor Rocker advised the purpose of this Public Hearing is to give anyone an opportunity to make comments on the City of Eatonton Proposed FY 2017 Budget.

Mayor Rocker asked if anyone signed in to speak. No one signed in to speak.

Mayor Rocker closed the Public Hearing on the FY 2017 Budget at 7:00 PM

ATTEST:

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Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk
City of Eatonton Council Meeting  
Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM  
Putnam County Commissioners’ Meeting Room #203  
117 Putnam Drive  
Eatonton, Georgia 31024

Elected Officials Present:  
Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Harvey (Chip) Walker, Jr.  
Councilman Alvin Butts  
Councilman James A. Gorley  
Councilman Charles R. Haley  
Councilman William Mangum, Jr.  
Councilwoman Alma Stokes

Elected Officials Absent:  
Councilwoman Teresa Doster

Staff Members Present:  
City Administrator, Gary Sanders  
City Attorney, Christopher Huskins  
City Clerk, Sarah Abrams  
Chief of Police, William K. Lawrence

Mayor Rocker called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.  

Invocation was given by Mayor Pro-Tem Harvey (Chip) Walker.  

Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Mangum to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and the Council meeting held on July 18, 2016. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0. Councilman James A. Gorley and Councilwoman Alma Stokes abstained, because they did not attend the hearing or the meeting.

**Public Comments:** Keith Rowell-Tire Store, Shelagh Fagan-Tire Store and Lynn Romine – Historic Preservation Commission

Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Haley to hear from all persons signed in to speak. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Reading of Rules for Public Comments: Omitted**

Mr. Keith Rowell talked to Council about the Tire Store (Los Compadres Automotive) located at 205 North Jefferson Avenue next to City Hall. Rowell requested Council do
something about the amount of tries accumulating around the business due to the problems with mosquitoes. City Administrator Gary Sanders advised Council and Mr. Rowell that City Marshal Dianne Veal has already issued the owner of the business a citation.

Ms. Shelagh Fangan requested Council not grant another tire store a condition use permit to be at the 205 North Jefferson Avenue location.

Mrs. Lynn Romine introduced herself to Council and advised serving as the new Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Commission. Mrs. Romine expressed words of appreciation for the City personnel installing the new sign toppers in the Historic District. Also, Romine acknowledge the removal of 2 trailers from North Jefferson Avenue across from the Trail Park.

Old Business:

**TE/Streetscape Project Update by Engineer Paul Simonton**

Engineer Paul Simonton presented a drawing of the plans for the streetscape project. The project starts at East Marion Street and includes North Jefferson Avenue up to Willie Bailey Street on both sides of the street. The project will be funded by $250,000 TE Grant and $62,500 City funding, the total of the project will run over $400,000. This project has been in the works for the last 4 or 5 years. The project may be advertised in September with the contract being awarded in October. Construction should start around Christmas or early spring.

New Business:

**Eatonton-Putnam County Senior Services Program Report**

LaTasha Maddox, Director of Senior Services Program, reported on the Congregate Program and the Meal on Wheels. Ms. Maddox advised the congregate program currently has 26 participants enrolled in the meal program, an average of about 20 of the participants come on a regular basis along with an additional 12-15 clients that participate in the senior program. Looking to add additional 5-6 participants to the meals program in the coming month.

From July 2015-June 2016, approximately 4700 meals were delivered. Clients are encouraged to be active by participating in the various activities such as Tai Chi Classes, walking, line dancing, chair exercise, bingo, arts and crafts, nutrition oriented classes, Bible study, field trips and other sponsored activities.

The Meals on wheels currently have 35 clients and looking to add an additional 5 within the coming month. From July 2015 through June 2016 approximately 9882 meals were delivered.
Ms. Maddox advised Council the program needs two 15-passenger vans for travel and two 11x14 size plaques for signage on the building, one defibrillator, and completion of sitting area, website and logo.

Mayor Rocker thanked Ms. Maddox for her report.

**Proposed Resolution to Establish Notification Requirements Following Disciplinary Action against Certain Alcoholic Beverage Licensees  Attachment #6B**
City Administrator Sanders advised the Georgia General Assembly adopted House Bill 152 at it 2015 session amending certain provisions of the Code of Georgia pertaining to alcoholic beverages that requires local governments by resolution to adopt policy and implement a process by which any disciplinary actions taken by such local government against a licensee is reported to Georgia Department of Revenue.

Motion was made by Haley and seconded by Walker to approved the proposed Resolution to Establish Notification Requirements following disciplinary action against certain Alcoholic Beverage Licensees and authorize Mayor Rocker to sign. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

**Zoning: None**

**Committee Reports:**
Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Gorley to pay the bills if and when the funds become available. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Councilman Walker reminded Council of the 2 upcoming Budget meeting.

Councilman Haley advised he was glad to see the City Marshall issuing citations and sending letters to property owners to maintain their property.

City Administrator Gary Sanders reported:
There will be public hearings on the millage rate this Thursday, August 4, at 9:00 AM and next Thursday, August 11 at 12:00 PM and at 6:00 PM here in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room 203.

The Middle Georgia Regional Commission will be facilitating the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan (PDMP) meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 2:00 PM.

The Georgia Department of Transportation will hold a public information open house for the Highway 441 widening project from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM this Thursday, August 4, at the Putnam County High School.
Sanders advised he will be attending training at the Regional Commission Office on Friday, August 12, 2016 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

City Attorney Christopher Huskins advised Council he did the title check on the property which was deeded to the City. The City needs to pay the property tax or if the property is donated to Habitat, they will have to pay the back property taxes.

Mayor Rocker asked if there was any more business to be discussed for the good of the City.

There being no other business; motion was made by Haley and seconded by Gorley to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

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Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah E. Abrams, City Clerk
City of Eatonton Public Hearing
August 4, 2016
9:00 AM
Putnam County Commissioners’ Meeting Room, #203
117 Putnam Drive
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Proposed City of Eatonton Millage Rate Increase

Elected Officials Present:
  Mayor Walter C. Rocker, Jr.
  Councilwoman Teresa Doster
  Councilman James A. Gorley
  Councilman William Mangum, Jr.
  Councilwoman Alma Stokes

Elected Officials Absent:
  Mayor Pro-Tem Harvey (Chip) Walker, Jr.
  Councilman Alvin Butts
  Councilman Charles R. Haley

Staff Members Present:
  City Administrator, Gary Sanders
  City Clerk, Sarah Abrams

Mayor Rocker called the Public Hearing on the Proposed Millage Rate Increase to order at 9:00 AM.

Mayor Rocker asked City Administrator Gary Sanders to explain the purpose of the hearing.

City Administrator Sanders advised the purpose of this hearing is to receive comments on the intention to increase the 2016, property taxes. It will levy by 27.24 % over the rollback millage rate. For 2016 the City proposes a mill rate of 9.50, which is a 2.034 mill increase over the current rollback rate on 7.466 mills.

The budget tentatively proposed by the Eatonton City Council requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate to be able to maintain and continue to provide much needed services to the citizens of the City of Eatonton.

Economic conditions and environmental factors are negatively affecting the level of the Local Option Sales Tax collection in the county. Additionally, the City’s share of the LOST collections (Split with Putnam County) will decline to 31% of the total collections by the year 2020. Since 2013, the new distribution agreement between the City and
Putnam County reduces the City’s portion of LOST collections by 2% each year from 45% in 2013 to 31% in 2020.

Since 2012, the adjusted net digest for the City of Eatonton has declined by 21.9% (from $156,110,321 in 2012 to $121,895,250 in 2016). This includes a 3.2% reduction in Real & Personal Property; a 52.2% reduction in Motor Vehicles; and 401% increase in total exemptions.

Increased services in August 2009, the City received a multi-year federal grant that provided funding to hire full-time firefighters for the Eatonton Fire Department. Since September 2013, the City of Eatonton has maintained the full-time fire department without any federal funding. The City budget $343,000 to operate the fire department for FY 2016. In 2015, the City ISO rating was reduced from 7 to 4.

Before the Eatonton City Council may finalize the tentative budget and set the final millage rate, Georgia law requires three public hearings to be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on the increase.

Mayor Rocker asked if any one signed to speak.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Gorley to hear comments from all persons signed in to speak. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Public Comments: Tom Thompson, 103 Greensboro Road, Eatonton, GA.

Mr. Tom Thompson discussed his farm land being annex into the City back in the 80’s and the impact this acquisition has made on his taxes. Mr. Thompson suggested Council should reduce the cost of government and look at combining the City and County governments.

Mayor Rocker closed the Public Hearing at 9:10 AM

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Doster to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

ATTEST:

Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor

Sarah E. Abrams
City of Eatonton Public Hearing
August 11, 2016
12:00 PM
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   Councilman William Mangum, Jr.
   Councilwoman Alma Stokes

Elected Officials Absent:
   Councilman Alvin Butts
   Councilwoman Teresa Doster
   Councilman Charles R. Haley

Staff Members Present:
   City Administrator, Gary Sanders
   City Clerk, Sarah Abrams

Mayor Rocker called the Public Hearing on the Proposed Millage Rate Increase to order at 12:00 PM.

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City Administrator Gary Sanders read the rules for making public comments.

Public Comments: Henry A Karwisch - 602 North Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, GA
Mary Alice Horne - 509 West Walnut Street, Eatonton, GA

Mr. Henry Karwisch advised Council he opposed a tax increase.

Mrs. Mary Alice Horne advised she was against a tax increase and wanted to know why her property taxes keep going up each year.

Mayor Rocker closed the Public Hearing at 12:15 PM.

Motion was made by Gorley and seconded by Walker to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

ATTEST: 

Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor

Sarah E. Abrams
City of Eatonton Public Hearing
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6:00 PM
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Staff Members Present:
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Mayor Rocker called the Public Hearing on the Proposed Millage Rate Increase to order at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Rocker advised the purpose of this hearing is to give anyone a chance to make comments.

Mayor Rocker asked City Administrator Gary Sanders to explain the purpose of the rate increase.

City Administrator Sanders advised the purpose of this hearing is to receive comments on the intention to increase the 2016 property taxes. It will levy by 27.24 % over the rollback millage rate. For 2016, the City proposes a mill rate of 9.50, which is a 2.034 mill increase over the current rollback rate on 7.466 mills.

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Mayor Rocker asked if anyone signed in to speak.

Motion was made by Doster and seconded by Walker to hear persons who signed in to speak. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Public Comments: Mr. Ed Morris -202 South Washington Avenue, Eatonton, GA
                   Mr. Terrance KoJack Waller -200 Alice Walker Drive, Eatonton, GA

Mr. Ed Morris advised Council he worked for State Government and Rock Eagle for a number of years and understood the purpose of the tax increase but he wanted the City to operate within their budget. Look at expenditures and not spend excessive. Also, he would like to know that tax payers’ money is spent well.

Mr. Terrance KoJack Waller asked why the Council needed to raise taxes. What is in the budget? Does the City pay for the Plaza? Will employees be given a raise with the tax increase? Mayor Rocker advised Mr. Waller the budget is in the Eatonton Messenger and posted on the City of Eatonton web site.

Mr. Waller asked to make another comment. He talked to Council about bringing more jobs to the community of Eatonton in the near future. Mayor Rocker advised there are more jobs coming. Mayor Rocker thanked the speakers for their comments.

Mayor Rocker closed the Public Hearing at 6:15 PM.
Motion was made by Mangum and seconded by Walker to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

ATTEST:

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Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor

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Sarah E. Abrams
Main Street Report for City Council August 2016

Organization
The Main Street Board has two new members, Cindy Willis from the Pilot Club and Colby Hunter from the Uncle Remus Library. They attended their first meeting in August and we welcome them aboard.

I am sad to let you know that a former Main Street board member Marion Mahs has died. I, unfortunately, did not meet him, but Lisa Jackson our Board Chair spoke very highly of his contributions to Main Street.

Promotion
The Kids Expo and Movies on the Court House Lawn gained an attendance of 400. Copperwood Pizza from Eatonton and Scoops of Madison were very well received.

The Briar Patch Arts Festival is desperately short of Arts and Crafts Vendors. I will be attending festivals in Stone Mountain and Watkinsville and attending the Harmony Crossing and Monticello Farmer's Market to see if I can attract more Arts and Craft Vendors. The Georgia/Florida game and the Pine Tree Festival in Sparta is causing vendors not to come, which is why I am a) having a tailgating party after the event and b) moving the event itself to the Saturday before the Taste of Eatonton in 2017.

Main Street is in the planning stages of a Valentines Event and Community Dinner event for 2017.

The water tower project is on hold.

Design
The Design Committee has two facade grant applications distributed to Merchants, awaiting return.

Main Street is partnering with various City Departments on enhancing downtown decorations.

Main Street Director is in contact with High Schools and the Ritz Carlton Recreation Department regarding the painting of merchant windows.

Economic Vitality
The Eatonton Cotton Warehouse and the Pex Theater has a work hold order on them.

Inquiries into retail and office space have slowed down.

I am continuing to recruit businesses to movie nights and festivals to see if they would like to either relocate or open a new business in Eatonton. I am asking current businesses to see if they would like to contribute in some way to our festivals either by participating or sponsoring.

Summary
I am continuing to reach out to recruit new businesses into the downtown. I am also seeking partners in creating a more family friendly and interactive environment for the citizens of Eatonton, Putnam County and beyond in our showcase events on the Putnam County Court House Lawn. Our beautification of the downtown via planters and painting of store front windows is a way forward in creating a vibrant downtown, alongside our continued working together with other City Departments.
RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, to appoint members to the Downtown Development Authority and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the City of Eatonton seeks to foster development and vitality in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eatonton activated its statutory Downtown Development Authority in 2009 appointing members to staggered terms; and

WHEREAS, the appointments of two of its members will expire on August 31, 2016 and such members have indicated their continuing desire and willingness to serve on the Downtown Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, such members meet the state mandated qualifications to serve on the Downtown Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eatonton has duly advertised and solicited applications to fill such vacancies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia that Roddie Anne Blackwell is hereby appointed to the Eatonton Downtown Development Authority for a term of four years to expire on August 31, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia that Adam Smith is hereby appointed to the Eatonton Downtown Development Authority for a term of four years to expire on August 31, 2020.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 15th day of August, 2016.

[Signature]
Walter C. Rocker, Jr., Mayor
City of Eatonton, Georgia

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia
Eatonton DDA Application

1. Name: Roddie Anne Blackwell

2. Are you a resident of the City of Eatonton? Yes □ No □
   How long have you been a resident of the City of Eatonton? Since 1980

3. Address: 110 Jenkins Dr.
   City, County, State, Zip: Eatonton, GA 31024


5. Email address: roddieanne@eatonton.com

6. Are you a business owner in the City of Eatonton? Yes □ No □

7. Business Name: Blackwell Furniture Co

8. Business Address: 107 N. Madison Ave
   City, County, State, Zip: Eatonton, GA 31024

9. How long has the business been licensed by the City? 1946

10. Where are you currently employed? Eat-Putnam Co, Inc
    Position: Pres. How long employed there 35 yrs
    Business Address: P.O. Box 4088
    City, County, State, Zip: Eatonton, GA 31024


12. Please list any Special skills or experiences you feel would benefit the Authority.
    
    I have read and understand this application. I further understand that board training will be required of me within one year of appointment. I am willing to attend Authority events and meetings. I make a commitment to the revitalization of Downtown Eatonton.

R oddie Anne Blackwell

Signature

Date 7-11-16
MY VISION FOR DOWNTOWN EATONTON

I’m sure we all have something similar in mind for downtown Eatonton, so may I address this in bullet points? I know that many of these ideas are already being worked on. My visions and wish list are:

1. For downtown to be vibrant with lots of walking traffic, both during the day and the evening, AND MERCHANTS MAKING MONEY.
2. Be Tourist friendly
3. Downtown to be the “place to be”
4. Have regular afterhours events and specials to bring public out
5. Must have unique retail and service opportunities for entrepreneurs. This requires that our city government be proactive and creative.
6. Incentives created for job creation and property maintained
7. Promote merchants working with the SBDC
8. Market study to determine which retail would be supported
9. Loft apartments where there are vacant upstairs space
10. For shoppers to feel safe and welcome
11. Appropriate sidewalks and landscaping
12. Green Space that is maintained
13. Encourage garden clubs, school clubs, merchants, etc. to “adopt” space that they are willing to maintain
14. Park and playground equipment
15. Work with merchants to promote that they and their employees use off street parking
16. No vacant buildings, any that are be maintained by owner, and allow Main Street, Plaza Arts Center, Schools, Chamber, etc. to use the empty windows to promote community events
17. All merchants participating, maybe with some training, to be positive and promote each other
18. Better and coordinated signage
19. Create program that would allow property owners an incentive against their property taxes to fix up and maintain properties, within so many blocks of courthouse
20. Transportation service (private and paid for by participants) to bring and carry home residents to after hour events
Eatonton DDA Application

1. Name: Adam Fulton Smith

2. Are you a resident of the City of Eatonton? Yes X No __________
   How long have you been a resident of the City of Eatonton? 10 years

3. Address: 204 N. MA - 114 N. Jefferson Ave.
   City, County, State, Zip: Eatonton, GA 31024

4. Telephone: Daytime 706 495 7202 - Evening 706 495 7812

5. Email address: adam.smith50@stlcgrill.com

6. Are you a business owner in the City of Eatonton? Yes X No __________

7. Business Name: Smith Coastal Grill

   City, County, State, Zip: __________

9. How long has the business been licensed by the City? 7 years

10. Where are you currently employed? Sect
    Position: Owner How long employed there 8 years
    Business Address: Same
    City, County, State, Zip: Same

    Success

12. Please list any Special skills or experiences you feel would benefit the Authority.

I have read and understand this application. I further understand that board training will be required of me within one year of appointment. I am willing to attend Authority events and meetings. I make a commitment to the revitalization of Downtown Eatonton.

Signature __________________________ Date __________

Aug 11, 2016
RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, to name individuals to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 requires all local governments in Georgia to prepare and update a comprehensive plan in accordance with the "Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning" promulgated by the Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eatonton Comprehensive Plan must be updated, adopted, and certified to the Department of Community Affairs by October 31, 2017 in order to maintain the status of Qualified Local Government; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the appointment of a Steering Committee to serve as the primary advisor to the Middle Georgia Regional Commission during the process of writing and updating the Comprehensive Plan to be necessary and desirable; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning and Ordinances Committee met on August 4, 2016 to consider nominations to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, that:

THE COMMUNITY RESIDENTS IDENTIFIED ON THE ATTACHED LIST ARE HEREBY NOMINATED AND INVITED TO SERVE ON THE JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE FOR 2016 – 2017 AS APPOINTEES OF THE CITY OF EATONTON.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 15th day of August, 2016.

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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 Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, to request technical assistance from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission in preparing a USDA Community Facilities Grant application and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture offers the Community Facilities Grant program to provide funding for developing essential community facilities in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, an “essential community facility” is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, to include public safety vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eatonton desires to replace certain aging City police vehicles and has found the Community Facilities Grant program to be a necessary and desirable funding option to replace such vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Georgia Regional Commission offers grant preparation assistance to member cities in the Middle Georgia Region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, that:

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF EATONTON IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO REQUEST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE MIDDLE GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION IN PREPARING AND SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR A USDA COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT AND TO SIGN SUCH SUPPORTING AND COLLATERAL MATERIAL AS SHALL BE NECESSARY AND REQUIRED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 15th day of August, 2016.

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

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia
Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

Program 101

Abbreviated Fact Sheet

Program Status: Open

What does this program do?
This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

Who may apply for this program?
Eligible borrowers include:

- Public bodies
- Community-based non-profit corporations
- Federally-recognized Tribes

What is an eligible area?
Rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census Data are eligible for this program.

How may funds be used?
Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and / or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses.

Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements
- Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment
- Educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses

For a complete list see Code of Federal Regulations 7 CFR, Part 1942.17(d) for loans: 7 CFR, Part 3570.62 for grants.

What kinds of funding are available?

- Low interest direct loans
- Grants
- A combination of the two above, as well as our loan guarantee program. These may be combined with commercial financing to finance one project if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met.

What are the funding priorities?

http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program
• Priority point system based on population, median household income
  • Small communities with a population of 5,500 or less
  • Low-income communities having a median household income below 80% of the state nonmetropolitan median household income.

What are the terms?

Funding is provided through a competitive process.

Direct Loan:

• Loan repayment terms may not be longer than the useful life of the facility, state statutes, the applicants authority, or a maximum of 40 years, whichever is less
• Interest rates are set by Rural Development, contact us for details and current rates
• Once the loan is approved, the interest rate is fixed for the entire term of the loan, and is determined by the median household income of the service area and population of the community
• There are no pre-payment penalties
• Contact us for details and current interest rates applicable for your project

Grant Approval:

1. Applicant must be eligible for grant assistance, which is provided on a graduated scale with smaller communities with the lowest median household income being eligible for projects with a higher proportion of grant funds. Grant assistance is limited to the following percentages of eligible project costs: Maximum of 75 percent when the proposed project is:
  • Located in a rural community having a population of 5,000 or fewer; and
  • The median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 60 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.

2. Maximum of 55 percent when the proposed project is:
  • Located in a rural community having a population of 12,000 or fewer; and
  • The median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.

3. Maximum of 35 percent when the proposed project is:
  • Located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and
  • The median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 80 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.

4. Maximum of 15 percent when the proposed project is:
  • Located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and
  • The median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income. The proposed project must meet both percentage criteria. Grants are further limited.
  • Grant funds must be available

Are there additional requirements?

• Applicants must have legal authority to borrow money, obtain security, repay loans, construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities
• Applicants must be unable to finance the project from their own resources and/or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms
• Facilities must serve rural area where they are/will be located
• Project must demonstrate substantial community support
• Environmental review must be completed/acceptable

How do we get started?

http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program
- Contact your local office to discuss your specific project
- Applications for this program are accepted year round
- Program resources are available online (includes forms needed, guidance, certifications)
- Request a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number if your organization doesn’t already have one. It should not take more than a few business days to get your number.
- Register your organization with the System for Award Management (SAM) if you aren’t already registered. The registration is free, but you need to complete several steps.

Who can answer questions?
Contact your local RD office.

What governs this program?

- Direct Loans: 7 CFR Part 1942, Subpart A
- Grants: 7 CFR Part 3570, Subpart A

NOTE: Because citations and other information may be subject to change please always consult the program Instructions listed in the section above titled “What Law Governs this Program?” You may also contact your local office for assistance.

Forms & Resources

NOTE: If state specific forms are not shown above, please refer to the application materials listed below to start the process of applying. Please ensure that your state is selected in the dropdown menu above to find the State Office contact information for this program and speak to a Community Programs Specialist before attempting to fill out any forms or applications. This will save you valuable time in the process.

Application Checklist for use with this program:

RD Form 1942-40, Checklist - Public Body (pdf) or
RD Form 1942-39, Checklist - Other Than Public Bodies (pdf)

Engineering

Individual states may have particular requirements based on state and local regulations. Please select your state in the dropdown menu above to find your local contact for this program.

Environmental

Individual states may have particular requirements based on state and local regulations. Please select your state in the dropdown menu above to find your local contact for this program.

Architect

Rural Development (RD) Programs, such as Community Facilities (CF) and Multi-Family Housing (MFH), involve the construction of new buildings or renovation of existing facilities. The development of these facilities involves the need for architectural services for the preparation of plans, specifications, public bidding, contracting, construction, and construction monitoring.

Applicants, at the earliest possible time, should provide a Preliminary Architectural Feasibility Report, including the Cost Estimate, for the review by the RD Area Loan Specialist and RD State Architect. These two documents are needed to determine the project’s feasibility. RD’s State Architect will evaluate and provide architectural/construction guidance to the Applicants and their Architects, for RD financed architectural projects, in the following areas:

http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program
Initial site visit & evaluation of the proposed project
Preliminary Architectural Feasibility Report
Agency concurrence of Owner/Architect Agreements
Agency acceptance of Plans & Specifications
Agency concurrence of Construction Contract documents
Construction & construction monitoring

Interest Rates

Current interest rates for 4th Quarter 2016, effective July 1 - September 30, 2016

**Poverty:** 4.500%
**Intermediate:** 3.625%
**Market:** 2.75%

For this quarter, all loans will be given at the lower market rate.
August 4, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency
    (“GIRMA”) Membership; For Delivery to Mayor, City Manager or
    Chief Executive Officer of Member

FROM: Cal Wray, Deputy Executive Director, Risk
    Management and Employee Benefit Services
          Alison Cline Earles, Associate General Counsel

SUBJECT: Membership Approval of GIRMA Intergovernmental Contract
    Revisions

At its June meeting, the GIRMA Board of Trustees approved revisions to the
GIRMA intergovernmental contract originally established in 1987 (the
“Intergovernmental Contract”). These revisions were needed to reflect current law,
administrative practices, and the newly revised bylaws. The revisions are
summarized below and are reflected in the attached red-lined version of the
Intergovernmental Contract.

The GIRMA Bylaws require that these changes be approved by a majority of those
GIRMA members voting either at a meeting of the membership or by mail ballot. At
its June meeting, the GIRMA Board of Trustees chose to seek approval by mail
ballot. The period for voting will be August 5, 2016 to August 31, 2016.

Please promptly deliver this memorandum and its attachments to the mayor or city
manager or chief executive officer. Please ensure that he or she completes and signs
the enclosed mail ballot and returns it to Ms. Donna Forman at GMA by
Wednesday, August 31, 2016. The completed mail ballot may be returned to Ms.
Forman via fax at (678) 686-6317, it may be scanned and emailed to her at
dforman@gmanet.com or a hard copy may be mailed to her at the following address:

Ms. Donna Forman
Georgia Municipal Association
PO Box 105377
Atlanta, Georgia 30348

Once approved, a final, clean copy of the intergovernmental contract will be
distributed to all members of GIRMA.

Below is a summary of the revisions:

1. Recitals have been changed to describe approval of the original
   Intergovernmental Contract at the initial Board meeting, the role of the
   Intergovernmental Contract, the amendment of the Intergovernmental
   Contract, and the parties to the Intergovernmental Contract.
2. References to preliminary operations, initial memberships and the establishment of GIRMA have been eliminated or revised.

3. References to fiscal year have been replaced with coverage year where appropriate.

4. Eligibility language has been revised to match eligibility language in the bylaws.

5. Member obligations have been changed to clarify that GIRMA attorneys represent employees and officers of the Member as well as the Member when such employees and officers are acting within the scope of their duties to the Member, and to clarify that GIRMA attorneys have the authority to settle litigation without the Member’s consent.

6. Protections of “agents of GIRMA” have been eliminated, because standard of care language and liability and indemnifications are handled in contracts.

7. Liability of Trustees and Officers section has been revised to address failures to act and improve clarity.

8. References to GIRMA have been replaced with Administrator in some places to improve clarity.

9. Amendments to Intergovernmental Contract section has been edited to match the provisions in the bylaws and to make clear that an amendment to the form of the Intergovernmental Contract is approved by a majority of voting Members, and to state that the usual 90 days’ notice is required to withdraw if an individual member does not consent to the revised Intergovernmental Contract.

Please feel free to contact me or Alison Cline Earles at aearles@gmanet.com or 678-651-1028 with any questions.

AE: AE/ae

Attachments
Red-lined version of intergovernmental contract showing revisions
Mail Ballot
WHEREAS, an intergovernmental contract originally was approved for use on June 10, 1987 by certain municipalities acting through a Board of Trustees of their own selection, and, in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ("O.C.G.A.") Section 36-85-2, these municipalities formed and became members of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency ("GIRMA") by executing the intergovernmental contract, and

WHEREAS, GIRMA is an unincorporated nonprofit instrumentality wholly owned by its members, all of which are public entities, and after approval by GIRMA’s Administrator, all additional members of GIRMA became members by executing the intergovernmental contract and adopting a resolution or ordinance;

WHEREAS, the form of this Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Contract has been approved in accordance with the bylaws, and all Members not expressing intent to withdraw within 30 days after the date of notice of the approval are parties to this Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Contract, and the intergovernmental contract previously executed by the Member is superseded by this Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Contract;

WHEREAS, this Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Contract is made and entered into this day of __20__, by and among the public entities who are now or may hereafter become Members of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (hereinafter "GIRMA") and the [Name of Prospective Member Entity] ("New Member") for the purpose of permitting New Member to participate in [Name of Group]—one or more group self-insurance funds for the management of liability and property damage risks of the Member public entities.

WHEREAS, Chapter 35 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated authorizes Georgia public entities to form interlocal risk management agencies;

WHEREAS, New Member certain public entity's which are signatories to this contract desires to become a Member of GIRMA in accordance with the form such an interlocal risk management agency pursuant to Statute such statute and the rules and regulations of the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Georgia;

NOW, THEREFORE IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual covenants, promises and obligations contained herein, which were given to and accepted by each public entity becoming a party to this agreement the parties agree as follows:

PARAGRAPH 1

PURPOSE AND OPERATIONS ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GEORGIA INTERLOCAL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Section 1.1. Purpose of Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency and Intergovernmental Contract. Created. A public entity interlocal risk management agency to function as an unincorporated nonprofit instrumentality of its member public entity in the manner expressed herein is created. The purpose of GIRMA and of this agreement is to jointly exercise powers common to each participating public entity; to establish and administer one or more group self-insurance funds; to establish and administer a risk management service; to prevent or lessen the incidence and severity of casualty and property losses occurring in the operation of a Member of GIRMA public entity; and to defend and protect, in accordance with this contract and related coverage descriptions, any Member of GIRMA against liability or loss as stated in such documents. The activities of GIRMA shall not constitute conduct of an insurance business.

Section 1.2. Preliminary Operations and Eligibility for Membership. When two or more public entities shall have executed this agreement, the Board of Trustees described in Paragraph 1.3 of this agreement shall direct the affairs of GIRMA. The Executive Director of the Georgia Municipal Association, Inc. shall be appointed as Administrator. The Administrator may recommend to the Board of Trustees the appointment of necessary Service Companies, attorneys and agents for operation of GIRMA. In order to become a member of GIRMA, an entity must be a "municipality" Public Entity, as defined
in Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as amended from time to time, and must be a political subdivision of a state or an entity the income of which is excluded from gross income under the Internal Revenue Code. Any entity that meets these criteria may become a member once it has taken all actions required by applicable law to join GIRMA and has been approved by GIRMA through its Administrator, shall be eligible to apply for membership in GIRMA.

PARAGRAPH 2
DEFINITIONS

Section 2.1. Definitions. In the interpretation of this agreement the following definitions shall apply unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Administrator" shall mean the person or agency designated to supervise the administration of GIRMA and to perform such duties and exercise such powers as shall be specifically designated by the Board.
(2) "GIRMA" shall mean the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency.
(3) "Board" shall mean the Board of Trustees of GIRMA.
(4) "Coverage Description or Description" shall mean the written explication of General Liability, Motor Vehicle Liability, Property Damage and other claims for which Members are jointly self-insured through a Fund or Funds.
(5) "Group Self-Insurance Fund," or "Fund" or "Funds" shall have the meaning as defined in Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as amended.
(6) "Member" shall mean an entity that meets the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 1.2, has been approved by GIRMA through its Administrator, and is a public entity as defined in Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as amended, participating in GIRMA in conformity with this contract.
(7) "Service Company" shall mean a person or agency designated by the Board or Administrator to perform claim settlement services, to make a determination of risk factors of Members and applicants for membership, to institute loss prevention programs and accounting systems, to acquire necessary excess insurance and reinsurance proposals, and to perform other functions in the day-to-day operation of GIRMA as directed by the Board or Administrator.

PARAGRAPH 3
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 3.1. Initial Board Trustee Qualifications. The qualifications to serve as a Trustee and the terms of office for Trustees. The initial Board shall take office when this agreement shall become effective in accordance with Article 1 hereof. The initial trustees and their terms of office shall be specified in the bylaws of GIRMA.

Section 3.2. Selection of Subsequent Board Members. The Board of GIRMA shall be those persons selected in accordance with the bylaws of GIRMA.

Section 3.3. Meetings. All meetings of the Board shall be held and conducted in accordance with the bylaws adopted by the Board.

Section 3.4. Liability of Trustees and Officers or Agents. Trustees and, officers and agents of GIRMA shall use ordinary care and reasonable diligence in the exercise of their powers and the performance of their duties. They shall not be liable for any mistakes of judgement or other actions or failures to act when such mistakes, actions or failures are made, taken or admitted by them in good faith and within the scope of their authority for GIRMA. Nor shall they be liable for, nor for any action or failure to act taken or admitted by any agent, employee or independent
contractor of Girma, selected with reasonable care, nor for loss incurred through investment of funds or failure to invest. No trustee or officer shall be liable for any action or failure to act of taken or admitted by any other trustee or officer. No trustee or officer shall be required to give a bond or other security to guarantee the faithful performance of the duties hereunder except as may be required by the rules and regulations of the Georgia Insurance Commissioner. Girma shall defend and hold harmless any trustee or officer, and the Board of Trustees, or agent, against any and all loss, cost, damage or exposure arising from their actions or failures to act when such actions or failures are made in good faith and within the scope of their authority for Girma. For actions taken by the trustees or performed by the officers, agents or employees within the scope of their authority for Girma, Girma may purchase insurance providing such coverage for trustees and officers, agents or employees.

PARAGRAPHS 4

BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES

Section 4.1. Board Powers and Duties. The Board, in addition to other powers and duties conferred or imposed by law, is authorized in the name of Girma to exercise the powers enumerated in Article III, Section 1 and in Article IV, Section 2, VII of the bylaws and to do all the acts necessary or incidental in performing and accomplishing the purposes set forth in this agreement and in the bylaws of Girma.

PARAGRAPHS 5

MEMBERSHIP

Section 5.1. Membership. The initial membership of Girma shall consist of those eligible public entities who have executed this agreement, or its counterpart, by the duly constituted chief executive or administrative officers acting upon the resolution of the governing authority of the public entity and which have paid the prescribed contributions pursuant to the provisions of this agreement. Initial and additional such entities may be Members may be admitted as Members upon approval of the Administrator in accordance with policies established by the Board, upon their execution of this agreement, or its counterpart, and by payment of prescribed contributions. Every Member agrees to the admission of additional Members in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

Section 5.2. Member Representatives. The chief executive or administrative officer of each Member shall designate in writing a representative to Girma and notify the Administrator of such designee by action of its governing body. The representative shall be responsible to the Member for receiving all communications related to Girma, implementation of all loss control measures and executing for execution of the duties imposed on the Members by this agreement and the bylaws of Girma established hereunder. All communications from the Administrator or any Service Company to the Member shall be addressed to the individual listed in the Administrator’s records as the Member’s designated representative. Each Member shall notify the Administrator immediately if a replacement representative is named.

Section 5.3. Withdrawal.

1. Each Member shall continue its membership until the completion of the second full fiscal year of Girma following its admission to Girma or, in the case of the initial Members, from the date of activation of Girma. Effective upon the conclusion of such period, or effective at the end of any subsequent fiscal year, a Member may withdraw on ninety (90) days advance written notice to Girma. A Member withdrawing shall have no right to the reserves on any claims maintained by Girma in the operation of a Group Self-Insurance Fund. Girma shall continue servicing of any covered claim of the Member after the withdrawal of the Member.

2. At the conclusion of a Member’s second full fiscal year of membership, all membership shall be on a coverage year-to-coverage year basis. Effective at the end of any coverage fiscal year, Girma may, on ninety (90) days advance written notice to a Member, determine not to renew a Member’s membership in Girma or
the Member's participation in the Fund.

(3) Any Member, failing to make payments required by Paragraph 6 of this agreement when due, shall upon proper notice be immediately suspended from membership and the Member's coverage under any Fund and benefits hereunder shall immediately cease. If the Member shall subsequently submit the delinquent payment along with such penalties or interest that may be established by the board, the Administrator may reinstate such membership in accordance with Board policy.

(4) Terminated Members shall remain liable for assessments for any fiscal year in which they were Members. Terminated Members shall have no rights to surplus or dividends, but the Board may return all or a portion of any terminated Member's capital contribution.

Section 5.4. Membership Review and Termination. A Member may be involuntarily terminated for causes other than non-payment of contributions as provided in the bylaws.

PARAGRAPH 6
OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Section 6.1. Member Obligations. Members of GIRMA agree to be obligated as follows:

(1) To participate at all times in at least one Fund which is established by the Board.

(2) To pay all contributions, assessments or other sums due to GIRMA at such times and in such amounts as shall be established by the Board or the Administrator.

(3) To select a person to serve as a Member representative.

(4) To allow the Board and its agents reasonable access to all facilities of the Member and all records, including but not limited to financial records, which relate to the purposes of GIRMA.

(5) To allow attorneys appointed by GIRMA to represent the Member and its employees or officers in investigation, settlement discussions and all levels of litigation arising out of any claim made against a Member within the scope of loss protection furnished by the Fund or Funds established by GIRMA, and with approval of the Administrator or in accordance with policies established by the Administrator, to enter into settlements of such litigation without the consent of the Member or its employees or officers.

(6) To assist and cooperate in the defense and settlement of claims against the Member and its employees or officers.

(7) To furnish full cooperation to GIRMA's attorneys, claims adjusters, Service Company and any agent employee, officer or independent contractor of GIRMA relating to the purposes of GIRMA.

(8) To follow all loss reduction and prevention procedures established by GIRMA.

(9) To furnish to the Administrator GIRMA—such budget operating and underwriting information as may be requested by the Administrator.

(10) To report as promptly as possible, and in accordance with any Coverage Descriptions issued, all incidents which could result in GIRMA or any Fund established by GIRMA being required to pay claim for loss or injuries to the Member's public entity property or injuries to persons or property when such
loss or injury is within the scope of the protection of a Fund or Funds in which the Member participates.

Section 6.2. Optional Defense of Fund Member. A Member may hire co-defense counsel, at the Member's expense, to assist in the defense of claims; provided, however, the attorney selected by GIRMA to defend the claim shall be lead counsel in all matters.

Section 6.3. Contractual Obligation. This agreement shall constitute a contract among the Members of GIRMA. The obligations and responsibilities of the Members set forth herein include the obligation to take no action inconsistent with this agreement as originally written or validly amended, which shall remain a continuing obligation and responsibility of the Member. This agreement may be executed in duplicate originals and the agreement of a public entity thereto shall be evidenced by a signed copy of a resolution adopted by its legislative body authorizing an appropriate official of the public entity to execute the agreement on behalf of the public entity. The contracting parties have created intend to create a risk management agency for group self-insurance purposes only within the scope of this agreement, GIRMA's bylaws and related Coverage Descriptions. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to create any relationship of surety, indemnification or responsibility between an individual Member for the debts or claims against any other individual Member. In accordance with Sections 36-85-9 and 36-85-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, each Member shall be jointly and severally liable for all legal obligations of a Fund and assessments may be required to meet any financial obligation of GIRMA or of any Fund.

PARAGRAPH 7
AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACT

Section 7.1. Amendments. This agreement may be amended by consent of the Members. A change or modification to this agreement may be agreed to by a vote of Members under such rules and procedures as the Board shall prescribe. Such vote may be conducted at a meeting of Members or may be conducted by mail. Any change or modification agreed to by a majority of the voting Members shall become effective immediately or at such future time as the amendment shall provide. Any Member not exercising its right of withdrawal within thirty (30) days after notice of the change or amendment shall be deemed to have consented to such a change or amendment. Any Member not consenting to such change or amendment may, at its option, withdraw with 90 days written notice and shall be entitled to a refund of any non-earned premiums, contributions made on account of the current fiscal year in proportion to the time remaining in the fiscal year period.

PARAGRAPH 8
AUDITS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Section 8.1. Annual Report. The Board shall provide to the Members an annual report of the financial affairs of GIRMA and of each Fund maintained by GIRMA.
PARAGRAPH 9
OPERATION OF GROUP SELF-INSURANCE FUNDS

Section 9.1. Loss Protection. GIRMA will provide loss protection to each Member participating in a Fund as provided in the Coverage Description for the Fund.

Section 9.2. Coverage Descriptions. The Board or its designee may develop and issue such self-insurance Coverage Descriptions for Funds as it deems necessary or advisable. The limits of loss protection, scope of loss protection, amount of loss retention and Member contributions into a Fund shall be determined by the Coverage Description for the Fund. The Board may amend the Coverage Description or Descriptions from time to time as deems advisable. Such amended Coverage Descriptions shall be effective for GIRMA’s subsequent coverage fiscal years.

This foregoing Intergovernmental Contract is entered into on behalf of the Public Entity of (Name of New Member), this day of ________, 20___, by the duly authorized officer whose signature appears below.

(Name of New Member Public Entity)

(Authorized Signature/title)

Witness/title

(Imprint Entity Seal)
GEORGIA INTERLOCAL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The Burgess Building
201 Pryor Street, SW
ATLANTA, GEORGIA


Affirmation of Membership

I affirm that I am the mayor, city manager, or chief executive officer of ____________________________ (city/organization), which is a member of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency ("GIRMA").

Revisions to the GIRMA Intergovernmental Contract

The Board of Directors of GIRMA has approved revisions to the GIRMA Intergovernmental Contract originally established in 1987. GIRMA’s primary contact at the entity named above has received a summary of the revisions and a red-lined copy of the revised GIRMA Intergovernmental Contract for delivery to you. You may contact Alison Cline Earles, Associate General Counsel of Georgia Municipal Association, Inc. at aerles@gmanet.com or 678-651-1028 with any questions about the revisions.

Approval and Ratification of Revisions to the GIRMA Intergovernmental Contract

On behalf of the entity named above (Choose one)

_______ YES, I APPROVE AND RATIFY THE REVISIONS TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT

_______ NO, I DO NOT APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT

______________________________ ____________________
Signature Date

______________________________ ____________________
Name (Print) Title

Instructions for Submitting Mail Ballot to Ms. Donna Forman—Deadline August 31, 2016

Scan and Email to dforman@gmanet.com OR Fax to (678) 686-6317 OR Mail to Ms. Donna Forman Georgia Municipal Association, Inc. PO Box 105377 Atlanta, Georgia 30348
RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, to amend the balanced budget for City Fiscal Year 2016 and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the Official Code of Georgia Title 36, Chapter 81, Section 3 requires cities to establish, adopt, and operate within a balanced budget; and

WHEREAS, certain anticipated expenditures are being placed in functions that more closely identify with such functions and for other reasons; and

WHEREAS, the City is increasing revenues and expenditures due to grant awards and the budget remains balanced; and

WHEREAS, the City is reclassifying expenditures related to the operation of the senior citizens program from Economic Opportunity to Public Health and Welfare, and the budget remains balanced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, that:

THE BUDGET FOR CITY FISCAL YEAR 2016 IS AMENDED TO REFLECT SUCH CHANGES AND TO MAINTAIN THE BALANCED BUDGET AS REQUIRED BY GEORGIA CODE.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 15th day of August, 2016.

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

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia
The City of Eatonton proposes Amendment 1 to the CFY 2015-2016 budget. The City's fiscal year begins on September 1 and concludes on August 31 of the following year. A PUBLIC HEARING will be held on August 2, 2016 at 6:30 PM to allow citizen input in the process. The hearing will be held in the Putnam County Commissioners' Meeting Room #203, located at 117 Putnam Drive, Eatonton, GA 31024. A copy of the budget is available at City Hall, located at 201 North Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, GA 31024.

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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, to adopt a balanced budget for City Fiscal Year 2017.

WHEREAS, the Official Code of Georgia Title 36, Chapter 81, Section 3 requires cities to establish, adopt and operate within a balanced budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia has carefully examined the proposed budget for sources and appropriations of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Council has duly advertised such budget and allowed for citizen input in open forum before the Board of Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia, that:


APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Eatonton, Georgia on this 15th day of August, 2016.

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

ATTEST:

Clerk, City of Eatonton, Georgia
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