

Milledgeville City Council Work Session  
City Hall – Executive Chambers  
119 East Hancock Street  
October 9, 2018  
5:00 PM

Milledgeville City Council met in a regularly scheduled work session at 5:00 PM in the Executive Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Mary Parham–Copelan presiding. Members of Council present were Walter Reynolds, Steve Chambers, Richard Mullins, Collinda J. Lee, Jeanette Walden and Denese Shinholster.

Others present were Barry Jarrett, Jimmy Jordan, Bo Danuser, Hank Griffeth, Mervin Graham, Melba Hilson–Butts, Tim Thomas, General William Caldwell, Brigadier General Curt Rawhut, Jeff Grey, Pam Grant, GMC Police Chief James Hodnett, Chris McKearney, Brenda Josey, Maj. John Davis, Sherry Malone, Mike Couch, Quay Fuller, Chiquita Danzy and Felicia Cummings.

Mayor Parham–Copelan called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The Clerk called roll and a quorum of members of Council was declared present.

BG Rawhut addressed Council discussing a “road diet” for the portion of North Elbert Street between Greene Street and Jefferson Street that ran between properties owned by Georgia Military College. BG Rawhut explained that they were having problems ensuring student safety as they crossed North Elbert Street at the Crosswalk between buildings. He discussed accidents that had occurred, including some that involved students; GMC had been writing speeding tickets, but it had not solved the problem. BG Rawhut discussed the “slimming down” of North Elbert by constructing concrete medians to narrow the street from four lanes to two and thereby restricting the flow and speed of traffic. He discussed several options that GMC staff had considered, including tunneling underneath Elbert and building a crosswalk over Elbert; those solutions would cost millions where the medians would cost approximately \$200,000.

There was a discussion about traffic on Elbert Street, including speeding. Council members asked question. Councilman Reynolds suggested that they paint the changes instead of building permanent raised medians. Public Works Director Tim Thomas gave figures for the cost of painting as opposed to constructing concrete medians. Gen. Caldwell stated that Georgia Military College would pay the cost of installing concrete medians.

There was a discussion about Georgia Military College parking lots and traffic congestion caused by the lots that were located on either side of North Elbert Street.

There was a discussion about traffic on North Elbert Street, Hancock Street and Greene Street and the possibility of changes causing addition congestion; and in general, causing more problems in this and other areas.

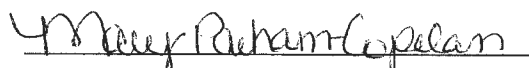
Mayor Parham-Copelan thanked Gen. Caldwell and the GMC staff stating that this would be revisited.

Mike Couch, Executive Director of the Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority (CSHLRA), addressed Council and announced that the Japanese Company Isowa would be relocating their west coast based corrugated cardboard manufacturing company to the Central State Hospital Campus. He further stated that the deal should close in December and create 15 to 20 jobs. Mr. Couch discussed the Georgia Youth Bicycling coming to the Central State Hospital Campus and the few thousand visitors that it brought. Mr. Couch gave a brief update on the Bobby Parham Kitchen renovation and lease. He stated that the construction contracts were coming up soon. CSHLRA Chair Quay Fuller thanked City Council for their continued support.

Motion Mr. Reynolds, second Mr. Chambers to go into closed session to discuss a land transaction.

On vote aye: Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Mullins, Dr. Lee, Mrs. Walden and Ms. Shinholster. The motion carried and Council went into closed session at 5:42 PM. Council came back into open session at 6:32, the Clerk called roll and a quorum was reestablished with Mayor Parham-Copelan and Council members Reynolds, Chambers, Mullins, Lee, Walden and Shinholster present.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM without objection.

  
Mary Parham-Copelan, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Bo Danuser, Clerk