

**CITY OF METTER
CALLED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023
10:00 A.M.**

A called meeting was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the council chambers at city hall.

Attending the called meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd
Councilman Brandon Sikes
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor
Councilman James McKie
Councilman Gregg Stewart
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease
City Manager Carter Crawford
City Clerk Angie Conner
Fire Chief Jason Douglas
Planning Director Teresa Concannon

Guest attending was as follows:

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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Sikes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilman Sikes gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

PURPOSE

- a) Consideration of a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Candler County Industrial Authority, DAS North America, Inc., Metter Investment Partners, LLC, Candler County, Georgia, City of Metter, Georgia,

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Candler County School District, Tax Commissioner of Candler County, and the Candler County Board of Tax Assessors regarding Project Cushion.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Project Cushion

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Candler County Industrial Authority, DAS North America, Inc., Metter Investment Partners, LLC, Candler County, Georgia, City of Metter, Georgia, Candler County School District, Tax Commissioner of Candler County, and the Candler County Board of Tax Assessors regarding Project Cushion. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The MOU addresses a 10-year tax abatement that becomes less over time by using a graduated scale. DAS will begin paying some taxes in 4 years.

Governor Kemp announced this morning that DAS Corp. (DAS), an automotive parts company, will establish a new manufacturing facility in Metter. The facility will create 300 new jobs and generate more than \$35 million in investment in Candler County. This initiative will also involve collaborative indirect investments.

This industry will be in the Candler County Industrial Park in Metter, the new DAS manufacturing facility will primarily produce automotive seat structures. Operations are projected to begin in the latter half of 2024.

Established in Korea in 1987, DAS specializes in designing and manufacturing seating systems, safety seating components, and seating structures. DAS is a key supplier for Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia (KMMG) and Hyundai Motor Group.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Angie Conner, City Clerk