

CITY OF METTER
PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, July 8, 2024
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. WELCOME
3. PURPOSE

A request submitted by Jaqueline Ziranda Diaz for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a mini beauty salon to operate at 1095 West Hiawatha Street.

4. COMMENTS
5. ADJOURN

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APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE/APPEAL/CONDITIONAL USE
OF THE METTER ZONING ORDINANCE
TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION
METTER, GA

Name of Owner: Jaqueline Ziranda Diaz
Address of Owner: 1095 West Hiawatha Street
Phone Number: [REDACTED]
Email Address: [REDACTED]
Location and address of property: 1095 West Hiawatha Street

Check which one of the following you are applying for:

APPEAL _____ VARIANCE _____ CONDITIONAL USE ✓

APPEAL: Any person who alleges an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the Building Official in the interpretation or enforcement of this Ordinance may appeal such alleged error to the City of Metter Zoning Board.

State the type of Appeal:

State the reason why you think the Building Official's decision or enforcement action was wrong:

VARIANCE: In specific cases such variance from the terms of the Ordinance as will not be contrary to the public interest where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance will, in an individual case, result in unnecessary hardship, so that the spirit of the Ordinance shall be observed, public safety and welfare secured, and substantial justice done.

What are the exceptional or extraordinary circumstances or conditions applying to the property or use involved that do not apply to other properties in the same zoning district?

How will the application of these regulations to this particular piece of property create a practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship?

What conditions are peculiar to the particular piece of property than any other property in the same zoning district?

Will the granting of the Variance cause substantial detriment to the public interest or impair the purpose and intent of this Ordinance or to property improvements in the immediate area?

CONDITIONAL USE: Conditional uses as listed in any particular zoning district are declared to possess characteristics which may or may not require certain controls in order to insure compatibility with other uses in the district within which they are proposed for location. Conditional uses shall be permitted subject to a determination by the building inspector that they conform to all conditions set forth by the Zoning Board as required by Article XII, subsection 12.043.

State the type of business/conditional uses requested: I am a master cosmetologist
and would love to open a Mini Salon on my property.

Will the special or conditional use be injurious to the use and enjoyment of the environment or of other property in the immediate vicinity or diminish and impair property values within the surrounding neighborhood? NO, Salon will be small so it will not impact

property value. There will be enough space for my client to
park with out bothering neighborhood. The salon will be a controlled
environment and will be respectful regarding to surrounding
neighborhoods and areas. salon will not be a big
building, it's going to look like a little house.

Will the proposed conditional use increase local or state expenditures in relation to cost of servicing or maintaining neighboring properties?

No it will not unduly burden the community or strain

resources. working closely with authorities, implementing sustainable practices, and being proactive in addressing any concerns can help mitigate any potential negative effect on neighboring properties and reduce the impact on local or state expenditures.

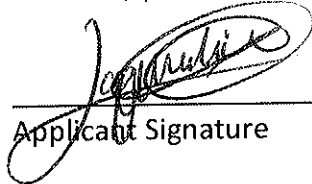
Do you think the establishment of the conditional use will impede the normal and orderly development of surrounding property for uses predominant in the area? If not, state why.

No, because the salon would be on property and won't

be in surrounding properties way. I also won't be having walking traffic. services will only be by Appointment.

In your opinion, is the location and character of the proposed conditional use considered to be consistent with a desirable pattern of development for the locality in general?

yes, because the property were I'm wanting to put my salon is in an up rising city. Down the road project cushion is under contruction and my salon will look like surrounding homes.


Applicant Signature

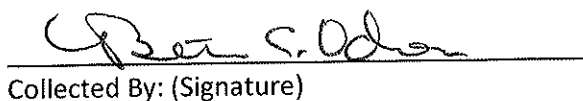
05-09-2024
Date

****A \$100.00 NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE IS REQUIRED****

TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY HALL

5-10-24
Date Fee Paid

\$ 100.⁰⁰
Amount Paid


Collected By: (Signature)

PAID

MAY 10 2024

CITY OF METTER

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Cory Hendrix
Building Official Review and Signature

5-16-24
Date

Date Planning Commission Meeting Advertised: 6-5-24

Date Planning Commission Meeting Held: 6-11-24

Decision of Planning Commission and Reason:

Approved by unanimous vote of the
Planning Commission including recommendations
made by staff.

Signed: [Signature]
Chairman of Board
[Signature]
Clerk

Date Public Hearing Advertised: _____

Date Public Hearing Held: _____

Date City Council Meeting Held: _____

Decision of Mayor and City Council and Reason:

Mayor's Signature

Date

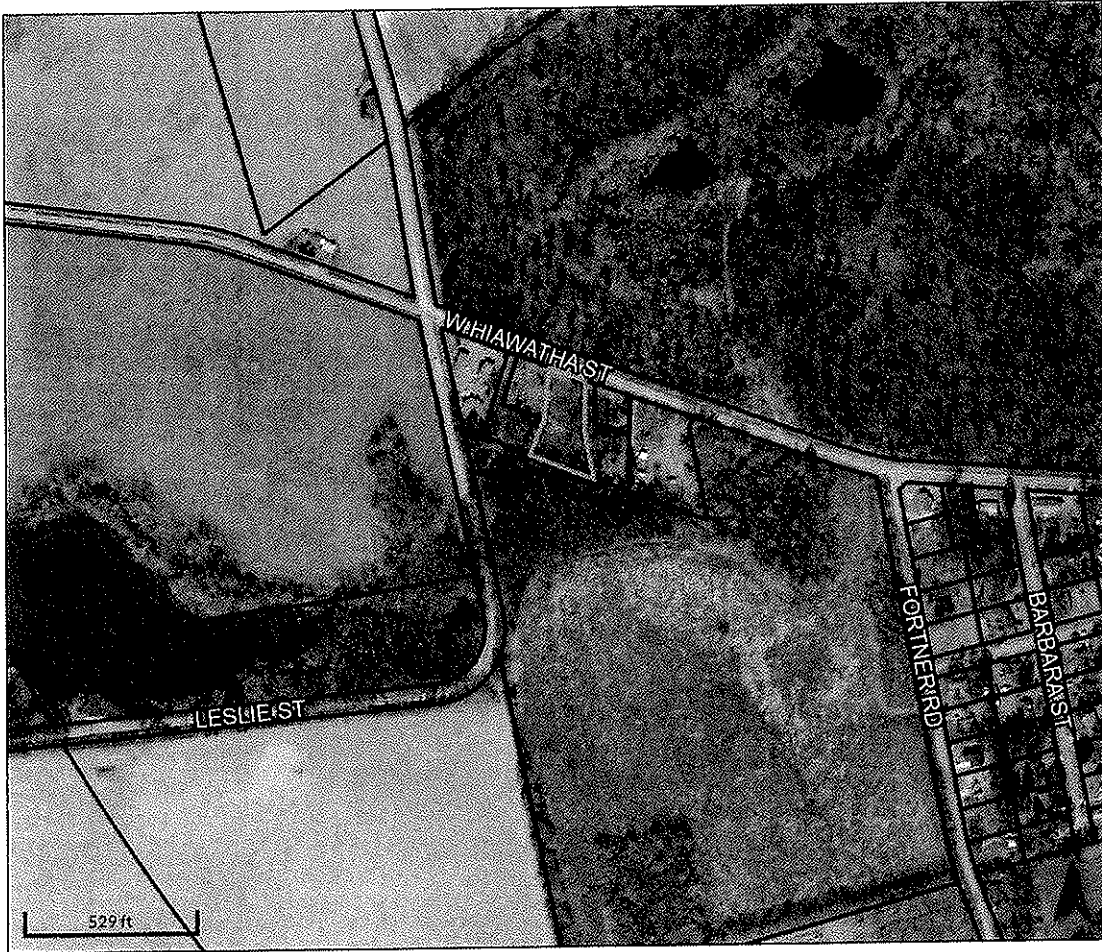
City Clerk's Signature

Date

(Rev.07/19)



Candler County, GA



Overview



Legend

- Parcels
- Roads

Parcel ID 037 003
Class Code Residential
Taxing District METTER
Acres 0.86

Owner BRIARCREEK PROPERTIES INC
PO BOX 827
METTER, GA 30439
Physical Address 1095 W HIAWATHA ST
Assessed Value Value \$91410

Last 2 Sales	Date	Price	Reason	Qual
	11/20/2017	0	PF	U
	10/31/2016	0	QC	U

(Note: Not to be used on legal documents)

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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING CITY OF METTER

The City of Metter Planning Commission, at its meeting on **Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. at Metter City Hall, located at 49 South Rountree Street, Metter, GA** will meet for an advisory review, and will consider an application request by Jaqueline Ziranda Diaz for a Conditional Use Request to operate a Mini Beauty Salon at the property located at **1095 West Hiawatha Street**. This property is bounded on the North by West Hiawatha Street owned by the City of Metter, on the South by property owned by the Candler County Industrial Authority, on the East by property owned by BRIARCREEK Properties, Inc. and on the West by property owned by BRIARCREEK Properties, Inc.

The purpose of this meeting is to hear public comments for and/or against the request to allow a Conditional Use Request to operate a Mini Beauty Salon at the property located at **1095 West Hiawatha Street**. Ample opportunity to be heard will be given to any citizen and all parties who are interested in attending the hearing.

All meetings will be at Metter City Hall, 49 South Rountree Street, Metter Georgia. Persons with special needs relating to handicapped accessibility or foreign language shall contact the City Clerk, Angie Conner, at 912-685-2527 prior to the above date. For more information contact Metter City Hall, Metter, GA at 912-685-2527 or aconner@cityofmetterga.gov.



Business Development and Land Use Report

CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION

LOCATION: 1095 W. Hiawatha Street

REQUEST: Conditional Use to operate a salon (beauty shop) in the R-4 zoning district.

APPLICANT: Jaqueline Ziranda Diaz

OWNER(S): Briarcreek Properties, Inc.

LAND AREA: .86 acres **ZONING DISTRICT:** R-4 Multi-family

TAX PARCEL ID: 037 003 **COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 1

PROPOSAL:

The applicant wishes to operate a salon in an outbuilding on her residential property, which is in the R-4 zoning district. A salon or “beauty shop” may be permitted as a Conditional Use in the R-4 zoning district.

BACKGROUND:

- The request for conditional use approval is a requirement of Article VI – List of Permissible and Conditional Uses. A salon or “beauty shop” may be permitted as a Conditional Use in the R-4 zoning district.
- The property is .86 acres and has frontage on West Hiawatha Street.
- The applicant rents the property and has obtained a letter of permission from the owner to operate a nail salon on the site.
- The property currently contains an occupied mobile home and an accessory structure. The proposed business will occupy the accessory building and will serve clients by appointment. Client parking will be provided.
- Improvements to the accessory structure are subject to building permit and inspection requirements.

	ZONING:	LAND USE:
NORTH:	R-3 Two-Family Residential	Undeveloped
SOUTH:	R-4 Multi-family Residential	Undeveloped
EAST:	R-4 Multi-family Residential	Residential
WEST:	R-4 Multi-family Residential	Residential
Description of surrounding land uses: The property is located on West Hiawatha Street, which is a paved, city-maintained street. Parcels to the east and west contain residential development. The property to the south is approved for townhouse development. The property to the north (across Hiawatha Street) is undeveloped.		

CONSISTENCY WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

The property is designated for residential use on the existing and future land use maps in the 2022 Candler County / Metter Comprehensive Plan. The property is located in the *Neighborhood/Subdivision Residential Development* Character Area, which includes provisions for small-scale commercial activity centers at suitable locations within walking distance of residences.

ANALYSIS:

According to Zoning Ordinance *Section 11.04 Conditional and Temporary Uses*, “Conditional Uses, as listed in Article VI, are declared to possess characteristics, which require certain controls in order to insure compatibility with other uses in the district within which they are proposed for location.”

Pursuant to section 12.021, City Council may authorize special exceptions by the granting of conditional use permits upon a finding that:

- a. The special exception or conditional use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of the environment or of other property in the immediate vicinity nor diminish and impair property values within the surrounding neighborhood;*

The proposed business will be required to obtain the necessary building permit, occupational tax certificate, and professional licensing before beginning business operations.

- b. The proposed conditional use will not increase local or state expenditures in relation to cost of servicing or maintaining neighboring properties;*

Staff anticipates no additional local expenditures to support the operation of this business.

- c. The establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development of surrounding property for uses predominant in the area; and*

The proposed business will not affect any existing or proposed development in the area.

- d. The location and character of the proposed conditional use is considered to be consistent with a desirable pattern of development for the locality in general.*

The proposed salon is small in scope and is consistent with development in the area.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff has reviewed the application for conditional use to operate a salon (beauty shop) in an accessory building at 1095 West Hiawatha Street, and recommends approval with the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall meet all building permit requirements for improvements to the accessory building and begin renovations within six months after approval of the conditional use by the City Council.
2. The applicant shall obtain a City of Metter Occupational Tax Certificate prior to the start of business operations. The license shall be maintained by annual renewal.



**MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024
5:15 P.M.**

A Planning Commission meeting was held at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

John Jones, Jr., Chairman, Planning Commission
Harold Boston, Jr., Planning Commission Member
Alex Spivey, Planning Commission Member
Martha Cannady, Planning Commission Member
Cliff Hendrix, Public Works Director/Building Official
Angie Conner, City Clerk
Teresa Concannon, Planning Director

Guests

Jaqueline Ziranda Diaz
Martin Perez
Bill Mercer

Call to Order and Welcome

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Agenda

Chairman Jones presented the agenda. Mr. Boston made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Spivey seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Minutes

Ms. Cannady made a motion to approve the minutes from April 9, 2024 and April 23, 2024. Mr. Boston seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Purpose

The purpose of this meeting is to hear public comments for and/or against a request submitted by Jacqueline Ziranda Diaz for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a mini beauty salon to operate at 1095 West Hiawatha Street.

Conditional Use Request

Ms. Diaz is requesting a conditional use permit to allow a mini beauty salon to operate at 1095 West Hiawatha Street. She has an accessory building that will need plumbing and electricity. It will have a little nail station. It will be used for a small beauty salon. She will be doing hair and nails in a 16 X 48 accessory building located on the rear of the property. Ms. Diaz said that she would like to add a bathroom and porch to the building. Currently it is not served with water.

City staff has reviewed the application for conditional use to operate a salon (beauty shop) in an accessory building at 1095 West Hiawatha Street, and recommends approval with the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall meet all building permit requirements for improvements to the accessory building and begin renovations within six months after approval of the conditional use by the City Council.
2. The applicant shall obtain a City of Metter Occupational Tax Certificate prior to the start of business operations. The license shall be maintained by annual renewal.

Ms. Diaz is not the owner of the property but does own the building in question. Mr. Bill Mercer is the property owner. Mr. Mercer was present and said he had no objections.

There should be plenty of room for parking. The business will be by appointment only.

After no further discussion, Ms. Cannady made a motion to approve the conditional use permit based on staff recommendations. Mr. Boston seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The next step is a public hearing and then the council meeting. Both will be held on Monday, July 8, 2024, starting at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Angie Conner, City Clerk

CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024
5:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. WELCOME
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. INVOCATION
5. MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA
6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING:

- a) Public Hearing, Monday, June 3, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
- b) Called Meeting, Monday, June 3, 2024, 5:45 p.m.
- c) Regular Meeting, Monday, June 10, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
- d) Called Meeting, Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 8:30 p.m.

7. PRESENTATIONS

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Consideration of a motion to approve or deny a Conditional Use to operate a salon (beauty shop) in the R-4 zoning district requested by Jaqueline Ziranda Diaz at 1095 W. Hiawatha St.
- b) Consideration of a motion to approve or deny a request made by Jessica Gonzalez on behalf of Communities in Schools of Candler County to close N. Rountree Street from S. Broad St. to Lee St. to allow for inflatables on October 9, 2024.
- c) Consideration of a motion to approve or deny a request made by Brianna Dillon on behalf of the Metter-Candler Chamber of Commerce to close N. Rountree Street from S. Broad St. to N. Broad St. to allow for the Food Truck Festival.
- d) Consideration of a motion to approve the pricing proposal from T-Mobile for a total annual cost of \$2,774.40 as requested by the Metter Police Department.
- e) Consideration of a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the CISGA Rural Schools Innovation Consortium and the City of Metter.

CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
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f) Consideration of a motion to approve a Resolution declaring certain personal property of the City as surplus and authorizing its disposal:

- 1) A 2000 Chevrolet 1500 pickup truck VIN NO. 1GCEC14T3YE375789 that is assigned to the Street and Lane Department. It has 124,076 miles.
- 2) A 2008 Chevrolet 2500HD pickup truck VIN NO. 1GBHC24K08E113080 that is assigned to the Wastewater Department. It has 137,954 miles.

g) Consideration of a motion to approve the bid from _____ in the amount of _____ for the financial audit and _____ for the single audit for a combined total of _____.

10. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

13. ADJOURN

**CITY OF METTER
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024
5:30 P.M.**

A public hearing was held on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at city hall.

Attending the hearing were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd
Councilwoman Victoria Gaitten
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor
Councilman Gregg Stewart
Councilman James McKie
City Manager Carter Crawford
City Clerk Angie Conner
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Police Chief Robert Shore
Economic Development Director Heidi Jeffers
Planning Director Teresa Concannon
HR/Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield
Fire Chief Jason Douglas

GUESTS ATTENDING

Juan Taylor – Metter Fire Department

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Boyd called the hearing to order and welcomed everyone.

PURPOSE

To hear public input on the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 City of Metter budgets.

COMMENTS

Councilwoman Taylor asked is the \$19.00 per hour for fire and police included in this budget? Mr. Crawford said that \$19.23 per hour is included. Does this budget include the three new firefighters? Mr. Crawford said that we had to cut that from the budget.

Mr. Crawford said that we had to cut the budget some because the county would not pay for their share of animal control. They used a 5% increase as a total cap. They would have to approve anything over 5%. Councilwoman Gaitten asked if anyone had gone over there and talked with them? Mr. Crawford said no, it does not do any good. Councilwoman Gaitten said well you do not know if you do not try. Mr. Crawford said that he got a nasty email back from the county administrator when he emailed the county that city taxpayers have been footing the bill for the past three years because of the failure for them to pay the full amount. Councilman Stewart said that usually when you send a nasty email you might get one back.

Mr. Crawford said that the county takes the position that stems from the animosity from when they did the shared services agreement. In the agreement we cannot increase animal control no more than 5% per year and they are not obligated to pay but it says by resolution the county can agree to pay more. The first year I showed them the justification why everything went up but they still would not pay more than the 5% increase. That is the position that they have taken every year. Mr. Hendrix said that the county takes that same position with the Airport Authority. Councilman Stewart asked if they did agree by resolution would it take a year to do it? Mr. Hendrix said that it should be effective with the new budget year.

Mr. Crawford said that this year the animal control budget only includes a 5% increase. That is what the total budget increase was. They did increase what they paid us last year by 5%. Mr. Crawford said that in his position, unless he is told otherwise, is to stand by what the city agreed to do, which is to provide animal control to the city and county. We plan to do that per that agreement.

Mayor Boyd said that the 5% was intended to allow the governmental entities to review any larger increases. If there is a legitimate expense, they are supposedly obligated to handle it. It was not intended to be an automatic out to decline payment of an expense that was necessary for delivery of service. The county pays 60% of animal control and the city pays 40%. If the county were providing animal control and they were taxing the citizens for that county wide the city tax base represents 40% of the tax base so the city tax base would be paying 40%. The unincorporated area would be paying 60%. There is no difference really since the city was running animal control before the county elected to participate. It makes it equitable for them to pay 60%. As this data indicates, over 60% of the calls and animals come from the county. They really do not have a legitimate reason for not paying their share of the bill but there are some underlying factors that play in here based on other things that really should not matter. Evidently, they do matter and that is I don't think the county wants to show a different tax rate for the incorporated verses the unincorporated areas. That was made clear in an IDA meeting where they indicated that they only had \$40,000 left in that unincorporated account, and they would have to raise taxes in the unincorporated area in order to fund the RISE money which is what we were talking about at the time.

Mr. Crawford said that in the animal control agreement it spells out the county will use unincorporated taxes and also their LOST proceeds for the county towards funding of that. So, it spells out that they are not using city funds but the unincorporated tax base.

Councilman Stewart asked what is their contribution? Mr. Crawford said that their contribution is about \$90,000. Mayor Boyd said it is not a material breach worth. Mayor Boyd said that he really thinks it is a misunderstanding of the relationship between the two entities. There is still a mind set about the city and the county. There is a misunderstanding that the city is in the county and that the city taxpayers are also paying in county taxes. It is easy to get confused on these issues.

Councilwoman Gaitten asked how much more are we having to pay since they don't want to go more than 5%? Mr. Crawford said a little less than \$15,000. Mayor Boyd said it gets a little more egregious when you get to talking about the IDA. Councilwoman Gaitten asked what are we in agreement with that we have to pay the county for? She said she knows the Sheriff and jail but are there any other services? Mayor Boyd said that we pay for non-emergency dispatch and for yard waste at the landfill. Mr. Hendrix said that the yard waste is based on tonnage. We do not pay for household garbage. Councilwoman Gaitten said that she was curious if we ever paid over a 5% increase to them.

Mr. Crawford said that we have a shared service agreement for police, fire, IDA, and airport. Like Cliff said we pay for yard waste and junk at the landfill. There again we allow them to dump the leachate from the landfill into our disposal pond and of course we charge them a fee for that. So, we work together on different things. Of course, the jail and dispatch, that is not part of the SDS agreement. It is a separate agreement between the city and Sheriff because he did not want to be part of the SDS. Councilwoman Taylor asked if there are any updates on that agreement? Mr. Crawford said probably we won't have an update until after the election. Councilwoman Taylor and Councilwoman Gaitten said that the election is over. Mr. Crawford said it will probably be closer to the first of the year before we hear from him. Chief Shore said he is probably ready to talk about it now. Councilwoman Taylor said that was her understanding that after the election he would be ready to talk because there is no need for November, and it is budget time. Mr. Crawford said what my position would be is to advise the council that we don't need to rattle the cage, just let him decide. Councilwoman Taylor said we are not pursuing him, but we are anticipating his announcement. Councilwoman Gaitten asked if anybody else goes into those discussions besides Mr. Crawford? How does that work? Who goes into the discussion on that, or does he just bring us what he wants us to have? Chief Shore said that if history is any indication, then he probably won't do it until December. Then he will say you have 30 days to do what you are going to do. He suggested that somebody needed to reach out and talk to him. Councilwoman Taylor said so we need to be proactive not reactive. Chief Shore said that he probably does not need to be a part of the conversation. Councilwoman Gaitten said so who does need to be a part of that conversation?

Mayor Boyd said that council will ultimately be deciding what to do so we will first have to get the information on what he is thinking. There is not a whole lot we can do until we know what he is thinking. I just think we are all prepared for it not to be very favorable to us. Councilwoman Taylor said it has kind of been said. Mayor Boyd said one of the things as far as the cost of inmates, we can kind of control that to a certain degree. Is that correct or not correct if the judge puts them in there we have to pay?

Councilwoman Kilcrease said she doesn't understand why because the city is in the county so how can they differentiate a city prisoner from a county prisoner? That is what does not make sense to me. The City of Metter sits in Candler County. Councilwoman Taylor said that when she came on council in January and we had that mediation at the school, that is the same thing that our attorney advised us to get a definition before we signed the SDS. That is the same argument as always. Councilwoman Kilcrease said it just makes no sense to me. I live here in the city, but I am still a Candler County citizen. So, if you lock me up as a city prisoner then no, I am both a city and county prisoner.

Councilman McKie said it is determined by which court it goes through. If it goes through city court, then it is a city inmate. The reason being is because of all the fines and fees that fall to the city verses if they are a county inmate going through state court then everything is sent to the state then back down. If they are a county inmate the revenue generated from whatever the fines and fees go back for the care and housing of the inmate for whatever time period they were there. If they are under the city court, however, the fines and fees go to the city and the county does not get that part of it. Mayor Boyd said there is another way of looking at that but right now I am going to call a close to the public hearing on the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further comments, Mayor Boyd closed the hearing at 5:45 p.m.

Angie Conner, City Clerk

Public Hearing-FY25 Budget
Monday, June 3, 2024 5:30 p.m.

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Rashida Iyler

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Chadwick Spalding

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James H. Hester

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Debra Jephson

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Robert Stone

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Mary O'Connell

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Teresa Carcamo

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Cliff Hendrix

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Victoria Guitman

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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Gaitten led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

City Manager Carter Crawford gave the invocation.

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Industry Support Enterprise (RISE)

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve supporting the Candler County Industrial Authority acceptance into the Regional Industry Support Enterprise (RISE) by contributing \$10,000.00 per year for a 4-year commitment. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion. Mayor Boyd called for discussion.

Councilwoman Taylor asked, if this is basically for a study? Mayor Boyd said no, this will bring resources to existing industries. The main gist of it is to try to assist existing industries in retaining their employees and finding employees for the jobs that are going to be available in this area. They have identified several different areas that they are going to work in. One of the more interesting ideas that they have come across, they have discovered that only about 10% of the retiring military personnel are staying in our area to work and they are going to try to focus on trying to retain more of the retired military folks and their spouses to fill some of these jobs that are going to be available. This is among many other different angles that they are going to be approaching. Basically speaking, they went out an hour drive time from the Hyundai plant and asked the counties, Screven, Evans, Candler and Hinesville to join in with the four counties that are part of the industrial park down there that the Hyundai plant is located in and support this effort. The IDA has decided that it would be in our best interest to be part of this group. In the past we have been shut out of the coastal area although that is really our economic zone; Savannah. We kind of felt like we were out on the edge and we have not been a participant and this will give us an entry into what's going on in the entire region that we are connected to.

Councilwoman Taylor asked, so will we know about it but we won't have any decision making ability? Mayor Boyd said we will have one person on their board. Councilwoman Taylor asked will it be an elected official? Mayor Boyd said no, it will be the IDA Director, Hannah Mullins. The lead agency in this is the IDA in each county. Councilwoman Taylor asked, so in each county the IDA is not able to make any decisions for the city and county government, but they want them on the board? Mayor Boyd said the IDA is an authority. Mr. Crawford said the purpose of this is really to have one organization to help with employment development in our region. He said he thinks the up to \$10,000 that we will be giving is for the start up instead of each little county trying to do their own workforce development. This way you will have one organization.

Councilwoman Taylor said so if they identify some things that we need to do for Candler County who will fund those things being that we are on a shoestring budget as it is? Mayor Boyd said that they will bring resources to us. They have four professional people that will be working on this. Councilwoman Taylor said, so are these the people that were once partnering with Hyundai to get them here and they have broken out to their own entity to acquire funding for those counties? Mayor Boyd said yes, they have the blessing of the governor and the Department of Economic Development. Mayor Boyd said it is his understanding that Evans and Screven have agreed. Those three counties include Candler.

Councilwoman Kilcrease asked what happens if we disagree? Mayor Boyd said that the IDA will probably go ahead and agree without the city. The IDA is not going to not do this. Councilwoman Kilcrease said so they are asking for \$10,000 so even if we disagree does that mean the IDA will be paying that \$10,000 membership fee? Councilman McKie said so the whole fee is no more than \$55,000. The \$10,000 would be our portion for four years. Councilwoman Kilcrease asked will the IDA pay this if we don't agree? Councilwoman Gaitten said she agreed with that. Councilman McKie said on top of that even if we don't agree this is for the CCIDA, would we not reap any benefits from it? Councilman Stewart said it would increase the skill set. Councilman McKie said that his biggest problem with this whole thing is the fact that we are basically taking taxpayers money to funnel workers to a conglomerate of businesses and if they can't get workers then they should spend their money to develop the workforce not on the taxpayer's dime. Because on top of that we are already looking at having to increase the millage rate; we are going up on fees and then surprisingly people have just got their tax bills and realized that the governor is pushing all this stuff down here and is not giving everybody the tax break on their property taxes this year. So now, it appears as though their taxes are already higher

when the reality is they are a little bit higher because of evaluations but they are not getting a break. Now we are talking about spending \$10,000 a year for these people to funnel kids from high school directly to a plant. Councilwoman Gaitten said that the career academy is already working hard doing that.

Mayor Boyd said that this is a statement to the state and the rest of the economic community that we are in the ballgame so to speak. \$10,000 to a \$7,000,000 budget is not going to show up on any one person's tax bill. This has to do with not breaking any one entity's budget. We have already got several entities that are agreeing to help pay for this. Councilwoman Taylor asked who are the other entities? Mayor Boyd said the Downtown Development Authority, Chamber of Commerce and Board of Education. The hospital said they were going to put some in but we don't know the amount yet.

Councilwoman Taylor said that she knew the board's vote was tight, like 3 to 2. The county commissioners were 5 to 0 not to contribute. So, there is definitely controversy, pause, or concern from our elected bodies of officials. We are not the only ones asking these questions. It is a consensus throughout both sets. All three entities have concerns.

Councilman McKie said that the people that are heading this up are originally the ones that were instrumental in getting the Hyundai plant here and I feel like what is going to happen is they are going to dedicate time and effort to that versus local. We have the career academy that will benefit us local folks more than this. Councilwoman Taylor said that every community just about has a career academy. Councilwoman Gaitten said that she could see the career academy putting in to help and the IDA going in. That is their mission. We give the IDA \$80,000 and then we got an economic budget that's over \$600,000. She feels like we put a lot into economic development. Councilwoman Taylor said we give the school board money too.

Councilwoman Gaitten said that she feels like if they come back next year and showed how much they were able to help some many existing industries, benefit them, then we could help offset the IDA next year if they choose to still do it.

Councilman Stewart said this is like a training program to improve the skill sets. Mayor Boyd said that it is more encompassing than that. They are going up to Kentucky and bringing back some best practices from a city up there. It is a very comprehensive professional approach to a regional problem. The idea of splitting the cost up among the three primary tax vehicles (city, county, and BOE) when you get your tax bill those are the entities that are taking the money from you. The IDA does not get any extra money from them – they will eventually have some pilot payments, but they don't get money right now from them. The only money they get is for budgeted operations. There is no money for extra stuff. Councilwoman Taylor asked if they start getting money from DAS in year three? Mayor Boyd said that in year 3, they will get 10 to 15%. There won't be a significant amount of money coming from that for several years.

Councilwoman Gaitten said that it is her understanding that they are not using money that is coming from the city or county to fund their portion anyway. So, where are they getting that money from? Mayor Boyd said the IDA has some money from selling real estate. They sold real estate to DooWon, DAS, and 4 Fungi. Councilwoman Taylor said she thinks Councilwoman Gaitten was just trying to clarify that the money that we give the IDA is not being used to go toward this. It would be like double dipping.

Mayor Boyd said that the city has always been pro-business and pro-industrial development. Councilwoman Taylor and Councilwoman Gaitten agreed. Councilman McKie said he thinks

that the fact that all those businesses came here instead of where they were originally going kind of set the tone for that. Mayor Boyd agreed.

Councilman Stewart said that he did not think this program was just tooled towards these industries. It is a general skill set. They have guidelines they have to follow. Councilwoman Taylor said that these are the ones that they have made because this is the company that they have established. Councilman Stewart said but it has to be generic. He said he has seen it work in other counties. It has to be diversified in order to attract the different businesses. He said he means it can't just be one-sided as far as the skill set. Also, from his understanding it keeps the skill set within the county, so people aren't traveling outside the county or bringing people in from outside. Councilwoman Taylor said that they are bringing people from outside to come in here to work. She said that it won't be people from here. They are trying to bring people in. Councilman Stewart agreed because they are limited.

Councilwoman Gaitten said she read that 3.1 of non-employed employees and now that the mega plant is coming it will be way more. So, they are going to pull from existing and go outside to try to find some more. So, we landed this big plant that we don't have the workforce for. Mayor Boyd said that we know that just the main plant and the supplying plants are going to generate 15,000 new jobs at a minimum. Then what other jobs spin off of that, who knows how many. They are going to be looking to develop a workforce. Councilwoman Taylor asked so how much workforce do we think will come to Metter? We have got 550 from the three plants. Where will the other workers be needed? Mayor Boyd said that we have already had employee workshops. A lot of people have showed up and he believes they have employed a lot of people. Councilwoman Taylor asked other than the 550 who else are we trying to employ here because we only got 550 of those dealing with the Metter plant.

Mr. Crawford said that one thing you have to look at is that it is not just for right now. We will have future development where you will need future employees. Councilwoman Taylor said she agrees but right now this is the money that we got. This is all we got, and I want to be sure that our employees are getting raises and that we are not going up on our taxes too much either. This is our taxpayer's money. So, it is a double-edged sword. She said that she wants to make sure we take care of what we got while looking toward the future.

Councilman McKie said that he also doesn't want to send a message to our kids that when you grow up you are going to be a factory worker and that's all you need to do is go to tech school and be a welder or something like that then do that for the rest of your life. He does not want us to focus too much on one thing when some of these kids could go out and do whatever else and not get sucked into the pipeline that this is what you need to do. There was a big push years ago for everybody to get a bachelor's degree. Now you have kids with bachelor's degrees, \$70,000 in debt and they are coming out making \$16 per hour for an entry level job. He does not want to hamstring some of these kids in to saying hey this is the funnel you just follow everybody else and end up over here at one of these plants. Councilman Stewart said yes but that doesn't last forever. He said that he started out after college on the industrial side of things, and it developed out of that. But it keeps people from moving away.

Mayor Boyd said that it is a way for us to be connected to the rest of the region. That is the value in this for us. It is how the State, DCA and the Department of Economic Development end up looking at your community. Councilwoman Taylor said so if we don't agree with this then we are going to get a strike against our name for not participating with RISE when we have done everything else they have asked of us.

Mayor Boyd said that he is on record saying that RISE, the IDA is not going to let this opportunity pass us by. You can either participate in it or not. It is in the hands of council. He said that he is probably not the one that needs to be agreeing strongly one way or the other. This is what the opportunity is. We can either be a part of it or not. He said that he originally looked at it kind of like the Archway project that it is a lot easier when you are in a small community with several key entities. It is a lot easier when something like this comes along to split the cost up among different entities and budgets than it is for one entity to try to handle it all. Councilwoman Taylor said that Archway is a good analysis. We have all those Archway plans that we never got to do because of funding. That is a good example. Councilwoman Gaitten said that it fell apart too because of new leadership. Councilwoman Taylor said that then it switched hands from government. Mayor Boyd said that he looks at it a little bit differently. He looks at it like there are a lot of students that got to do some projects and a lot of projects got done. The ones that are on the shelf are there and if we get funding, we can pull them down and use them. That's exactly what happened with the downtown parks. It was on the shelf for twenty years. We pulled it off and got it done.

Councilwoman Gaitten said that if the IDA takes on responsibility of it, then next year they could come to us and show some results. Then we could help the IDA next year. Is this a possibility? Mayor Boyd said that he thinks once the decision is made it's made.

Councilwoman Taylor said that she wishes when we have these major things that we would have people to come in so that we could ask questions.

Councilman McKie said so we as a city could not be a part of RISE. The CCIDA would be and they would be allowed to appoint one seat and it would be appointed by the IDA. It is not as though we as the City of Metter will be there; just the IDA to report back to say this is what we did. Just going through their bullet points I don't know that this isn't something we can do on our own.

Mayor Boyd has been to three different meetings with Anna doing a presentation. She has done a great job with it. Councilwoman Gaitten said that she visited one of the meetings but did not realize all city council was not invited to it. Councilwoman Kilcrease said that this is where she needs to be so all questions can be answered, and we can have some clarity. If we do not get anything from it let them pay for it.

Councilwoman Gaitten said that she definitely sees where it is a benefit to the IDA, the school, chamber, and even if the hospital if they wanted to participate. She said that she is not encouraging anybody not to participate. She just doesn't know with the amount of money that we put into economic development already. It is \$10,000 now but what will it come up to next year that is going to be asked of us for something similar and it keeps rising.

Councilman McKie said that he is very leery that this is going to funnel people to this one particular or satellite plant and it is not truly gone benefit everybody. Therefore, he doesn't think we should spend taxpayer dollars to do this. If they think they need more workers, then they need to spend their money to go out and build a workforce.

Councilwoman Kilcrease asked when does the decision have to be made? Councilwoman Gaitten said that we have to decide tonight. It should have been done by May 31st.

After no further discussion, Mayor Boyd called for the vote. The vote was four against the motion and one for it. Councilman McKie, Councilwoman Kilcrease, Councilwoman Gaitten,

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and Councilwoman Taylor voted against the motion. Councilman Stewart voted in favor of the motion. The motion did not pass.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further comments, Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Angie Conner, City Clerk

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024
5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the city council was held on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd
Councilwoman Victoria Gaitten
Councilman Gregg Stewart
Councilman James McKie
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor
City Manager Carter Crawford
City Clerk Angie Conner
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Police Chief Robert Shore
Director of Economic Development Heidi Jeffers
Planning Director Teresa Concannon
Fire Chief Jason Douglas

Councilwoman Kilcrease was not present for the meeting. Councilwoman Taylor arrived during the first order of business under New Business.

Attending the meeting were the following guests:

Juan Taylor – Metter Fire Department
Tim Spencer

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Gaitten led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

City Manager Carter Crawford gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Gaitten seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- a) Public Hearing, Monday, May 13, 2024, 5:15 p.m.
- b) Regular Meeting, Monday, May 13, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Councilman Stewart seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Taylor entered the meeting at this time.

Resolution Adopting the FY 2025 Budgets

Councilwoman Gaitten made a motion to approve a Resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025 Budgets for each fund of the City of Metter, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual fund available. Councilman Stewart seconded the motion. Mayor Boyd called for any discussion.

Councilwoman Gaitten wanted to make sure the salaries are where they are supposed to be for the fire department and police department. Are they starting at \$19.25 per hour and not an average salary? Mr. Crawford said that the starting salary is based on 40 hours. He said that he finally got in touch with Bryan at the county and he said that their starting salary for law enforcement is \$19.00 per hour. So, what we need to do is pass the budget and when the year end surplus of this year comes in then we can adjust the budget. When he originally talked to me back in March, he did not think the commissioners would go for that. Councilwoman Gaitten asked they would go for paying fire? They have nothing to do with the city though. So, are our city police officers at the \$19.25 per hour? Mr. Crawford said that if the budget is passed, they will be. What you normally do is an annual basis for police and fire because they are different from everybody else. Councilman Stewart said that when we discussed this, I thought they were based on 42 hours. Mr. Crawford said yes, the Sheriff's deputies are based on 42.75 hours. What this will do is bring up police starting salary to \$19.24 per hour based on 42 hours. The firefighters will be based on 53 hours which will be \$15.25 per hour. What that means is a total increase in cost of \$52,931. We will have a surplus again this year so we will be able to pull those funds out of the

surplus. By comparison in cities our size in the State of Georgia, the average fire starting salary is \$32,389 and the average police officer starting salary is \$38,870. So, what this will do, it will bring our fire fighters and police officers up to a salary equal to \$42,024.13. What we can do on this is they are a grade 7, move them up to a grade 8 then it will mess up other things so what we can do is since they are a grade 7, we can move it down to a grade 7 step C that will give you \$42,024.13.

Councilman McKie asked what about everybody else? Since this is a starting pay for new hires, what about everybody else in the police department. Mr. Crawford said this will bring them all up. It will cost around \$2,000 per individual. You have fourteen individuals at \$2,024.96 which equals \$28,349 for four. In fire you have nine. We increased retirement for existing but new hires will have a year before they can join the plan.

Councilman McKie asked what are we doing for the other city employees? Mr. Crawford said they will get a 5% increase (2% COLA and 3% merit). The minimum starting pay will be \$14.00 per hour. This is what was budgeted.

Councilwoman Taylor said that if we do \$19.24 divided by 42 hours that is not \$19.24 an hour, is it? Mr. Crawford said that it is 42 hours times \$19.24 per hour. Councilwoman Taylor said so there is no takeaway for the 2 hours? It is not prorated, because 42 hours is 2 hours overtime. Mr. Crawford said no, police go into overtime at 42.75 and fire is after 53 hours in a two-week cycle. Chief Douglas said it is 212 hours in a 28-day cycle. Mr. Crawford said that the Fair Labor Standards Act has a completely different way of doing overtime for police and fire.

Councilwoman Gaitten said so we were wanting the firefighters pay higher than \$15.25 per hour even if they work more hours. Mr. Crawford said that you have to understand that part of their time is non-paid because they have sleep time and those types of things. Councilwoman Gaitten said so what about those times that they are supposed to be sleeping but they are not because they are fighting a fire or at an accident or something like that? Mr. Crawford said, well do you want the firemen to go to forty-two and \$19.26 per hour? Councilwoman Gaitten said that she would like it higher than \$15.25 per hour. That is what we have been saying multiple times.

Mr. Crawford said that the city has always had parity which means on an annual salary of police and fire make the same thing. It has been that way for a long time; before my time. The average starting pay for a city our size is \$32,289. Mr. Crawford said that most cities do not have parity with their police officers, but we do, luckily. But you have to understand that non-productive time with fire because that is the way it is set up. The fireman annual pay will be \$42,024.13 just like a police officer would.

Councilwoman Gaitten asked Chief Douglas what are the shifts? Chief Douglas said 24/48. Councilwoman Gaitten asked but what time do they go in and what time do they leave? Chief Douglas said 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Councilwoman Taylor said which there could not be a fire during the day too. Councilwoman Gaitten said that a police officer does not work a full 24 hours. I know you are shaking your head at me, but I am trying to explain if

they are at work they should be getting paid. Mr. Crawford said but what you have to understand is the way this is set up by the Fair Labor Standards Act. Fire has unproductive time. If you want to pay them more per hour then that means they are going to make more a year than police officers. Councilwoman Gaitten said that she just feels like the time that they work they should get paid for.

Councilman Stewart said that he did not really understand either that is why I went to his office one day and he explained it. Councilwoman Gaitten said that she gets what he is saying, I am not dumb, I understand what he is saying. Councilman Stewart said he means he did not understand it. Councilwoman Gaitten said that she feels like if they are at work then they should be paid to be at work. Mr. Crawford said that they are being paid to be at work. Councilwoman Gaitten said that they are but because they work more hours their hourly pay is not--- Mr. Crawford said this is a national standard. Why do you want to be different than the national standard?

Mayor Boyd said that this is not just Metter. This is the way it is supposed to be done. Councilwoman Taylor said that she gets this is the national standard and she understands that it has always been that way but are there other cities that do it differently? Mr. Crawford said that not that he is aware of. They all follow the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Mayor Boyd said that the idea, I guess because I am not an expert on city employment practices, the fire folks are on call so to speak because you don't know when you are going to have a fire or an emergency and as part of their job is that they have to be close to the equipment to get to the fire on time. So, I am assuming that contrary to that when a policeman is on duty on his shift engaged the entire time, he is on his shift. Councilwoman Taylor said that now she does not know that.

Councilman Stewart said that he understands the mechanism of it but one thing I did not understand about this particular situation here the way they have it in the city is I know they have the general procedure that they go to which means the tasks that have to be done on a day to day but what is basically the breakdown of the general procedures and then on call verses downtime during a shift? In other words, what is the downtime verses the non-downtime? Is there an average in the city in this situation? Chief Douglas said no because it just depends on the month too. Like some months we are testing hydrants until 2:00 a.m. in the morning. It just depends. Each month we have different assignments. We schedule it out. Like one month we spend all of our time testing hoses. One month we will spend the whole-time testing hydrants. We have it set up for different things. Councilman Stewart said so when they are on duty, they are not working 24 hours a day. Chief Douglas said that it just depends on the calls. It is hard to say. Friday night they did not sleep at all. Councilwoman Taylor said so do you compensate when they do not get to sleep. Mr. Crawford said that it does not work like that.

Councilman Stewart said that he thinks what a lot of people have a hard time understanding is how the formula works and do not understand what the end result is. That is where the disconnect is.

Councilwoman Taylor said or is it fair when I go to an emergency room the doctor is not up 24 hours. He sleeps, I get it. They wait until the rooms fill up and then wake him up. He does not charge me any less because he took a nap. My feet are still the same because he went to sleep. I mean it is the same thing and I want to pay him for his expertise and his time whether he went to sleep or not. That is kind of my point. Councilman Stewart said that you are probably paying the hospital and they are paying him based on his contract. Councilwoman Taylor said that they contract with the doctor's office, and they are contracted out. The emergency room associates, and the hospital get paid too. I would get two bills and if I get radiology then that is the third one. So, I mean because they have downtime or whatever, I still pay him, and he does not get less of a pay because he went to sleep. Councilwoman Gaitten said that she does not get less of a pay if she is on Facebook for an hour at work. If they are not sleeping, it is not fair to not get paid if they are staying up the entire night working. It is not fair to say just because.

Mr. Crawford said if you notice one thing in the Fair Labor Standards Act, the way it is set up is a 28-day cycle instead of a 30-day cycle. Councilman McKie said that you get jipped on overtime too. Mr. Crawford said that he has questions about that just like you do.

Councilman McKie said so they are paid for 24 hours at \$15.25 per hour regardless of whether they are running one hundred calls or zero calls. But the argument here is that they are only getting \$15.25 per hour compared to \$19.24 per hour which is what the police officers would be getting. However, the annual salaries are going to be the same because the firefighters work more hours throughout the year. Mr. Crawford said yes, they give them more hours throughout the year. Councilwoman Gaitten said so the firefighters work more hours. Councilwoman Taylor said they work more hours but are paid the same. Chief Douglas said that we do work more per year. 53 hours is the average per week. That way they do not get a high/low check. It averages out. Councilman McKie said so fire is getting 53 hours a week compared to 42 or 43 per week for police officers. The firefighters are working 10 more hours a week. Councilwoman Gaitten said that means they are away from their families 10 more hours a week. Mr. Crawford said now, I explained the levelization on that too because some weeks you don't. Chief Douglas said that instead of doing low/high we just did an average. That way they get a steady check instead of 48 hours one week and seventy-two the next. Councilwoman Taylor said that now that is just the hours on the time sheet that is not the hours that they are actually there. Chief Douglas said that is the hours that they are there. If they walk in the building, we have to pay them. Councilman Stewart said whether you have a call or not. Chief Douglas said yes, if they are there, they are covered under workers comp and they have to clock in.

Mr. Crawford said just like the Chief says they rotate 24/48 and sometimes in a pay cycle will be shorter. So, that is why we level them all out, so they get that much each pay period instead of less here and more here. Chief Douglas said that it comes out to the same amount. It just makes it easier budget-wise. Also, they know what their check will be every single week.

Councilwoman Taylor asked did we add any additional employees to this budget? Mr. Crawford said only one, the code enforcement/building inspector. Councilwoman Taylor

said so we have no other new employees? Mr. Crawford said no. Councilwoman Gaitten said not on this budget. Mr. Crawford said that Chief is applying for a COP'S grant which we hope we get and that will give us two more police officers, sometime during the year. Councilwoman Taylor said so we do not have a new employee at the public works building? They do not have a secretary over there. Mr. Crawford said that one has just been hired and it was budgeted in this year's budget. Councilwoman Taylor said yes, but that is what I just asked did we have any new employees? Mr. Crawford said I thought you were talking about this budget here and in this budget, we only have one new employee. In our current budget she was hired on but that was funded in this current year's budget. Councilwoman Taylor said so we on semantics now. So, the person was hired under last year's budget but up until--- When was the person hired? Mr. Crawford said I do not know when she was hired, in the last week or two. I do not know exactly when she came onboard, but the point is it was budgeted, and it was listed as an employee in this current year's budget. Councilwoman Taylor said I get it. So, my question is from July 1 of last year all up until June 1 even though it was budgeted it was not filled. Mr. Crawford said no, it was not filled. Councilwoman Taylor said so that was not common knowledge to us that y'all were filling that position.

Mr. Crawford said wait a minute, you are legislators. You do not get into the day-to-day operations. Now, it is up to this department head, who has the funding, to hire an employee going through the personnel director. I do not okay hiring employees. I hire department heads. They hire all of their employees. They are in charge of disciplinary actions to their employees because I have to be the appeals officer if they discipline one of their employees. I discipline only the department heads. Councilwoman Taylor said I get it but when we talk about the budgets, we did not talk about a new hire. Mr. Crawford said I do not understand what you are trying to say. I mean the police chief can budget for a police officer and it may be six months before he is hired. What is the point here? I do not understand it. Councilwoman Gaitten said I think what she is probably trying to say is just council being aware of a position being hired for.

Mr. Crawford said let me tell y'all this, as long as I enjoyed working for y'all I will, but I am a contract employee, and I am severing my contract because I am not going to get my heartbeat out of shape because of y'all wanting control of everything. If you want to control everything then go down there to the county and see the most dysfunctional county form of government that you want to see. Now, I am for good government, and I have always been for good government. I have taught college level for good government, but I am not going to sit here. I am going to terminate my contract as of tonight and y'all figure it out since y'all know so damn much. I enjoyed working for all y'all. I did but I am not going to sit here and have the city manager position undermined by legislators that cannot stay out of operations. No city manager is going to put up with that. I will get the city attorney to draw up a severance list contract. Good night.

As Mr. Crawford was leaving, he said I enjoyed working for all y'all. I really did. Y'all are great folks, every one of you.

Mayor Boyd said when it comes to the question at hand about the pay for the firemen verses law enforcement, I think we can see that they are set up entirely differently. There is a reason for it, and it is universally accepted as that is the way to do it. If not, it is up to y'all to decide what y'all want to do. This is true that this is the way that it has been done. I think we will be okay if we okay it. If you need more time to study it or if you do not want to continue with funding as it is we will have to operate under a continuing budget and go back to the drawing board. We will have to decide for ourselves as to what we want to do and then have a public hearing and then adopt a budget at a later time. So, it is up to y'all to decide how y'all want to proceed.

Councilman McKie said I feel like now with Carter leaving we will also have a budgetary question of what it is going to cost to fund a new city manager. I do not know if we should approve this as it is. We do not know what the future is going to hold.

Councilman Stewart said but is that going to interrupt any of the pay increases that any of the employees have? Councilman McKie said that we can approve that on an item-by-item basis can we not? Mayor Boyd said that we will be continuing under the existing budget. Councilman Stewart said so that would not be fair to them either.

Mayor Boyd said that the budget can be amended. If we pass a budget now, we can go back and change it if we so desire. Budgets are a guesstimate of what we are trying to do in the future. They can be amended.

Mayor Boyd said that we have a motion on the floor, and we are in the middle of discussion, do y'all want to vote on this budget as it is and then feel free to work on it some more later? How do you want to proceed? Councilwoman Gaitten said that she thinks that is probably for the best. We do not want to hold up their pay raises. Councilman Stewart and Councilwoman Taylor agreed.

Mayor Boyd called for the vote. The vote was unanimous to approve a resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for each fund of the City of Metter, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual fund available.

Water/Sewer and Sanitation Rates

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve new water/sewer and sanitation rate increases to take effect August 1, 2024. Councilwoman Gaitten seconded the motion. The information containing the new rate increases was included in the agenda packet. Councilman McKie questioned the street light fees. It is listed in red, but it is already \$5.00. Mr. Hendrix said that is a typo. Street light fees are not going up nor are the sanitation rates for garbage pickup. Mayor Boyd said so on an average bill what is this going to come up to? Mr. Hendrix said the council wanted to go up 25cents per thousand gallons. Probably seventy-five cents to a couple of dollars. Probably about three to four dollars when you add

the sewer increase. After no further comments, Mayor Boyd called for the vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

Candler County Public Building Authority

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve the request to use the Candler County Public Building Authority as the source of issuing revenue bonds to fund the construction of the new city fire station. Councilwoman Gaitten seconded the motion. Mayor Boyd called for discussion.

Councilwoman Taylor stated that she would be abstaining from voting since she is on the Candler County Public Building Authority.

Councilwoman Gaitten asked if we have sent them anything on this like a letter or anything? Mayor Boyd said that he thinks Mr. Crawford has been dealing with them. Councilman McKie said there was a copy of a letter in his box. Councilwoman Gaitten said she has not checked her box yet. Councilman Stewart said that he saw some correspondence.

After no further comments, Mayor Boyd called for the vote. The vote was three in favor and one abstaining. Councilwoman Gaitten, Councilman McKie, and Councilman Stewart voted in favor of the motion. Councilwoman Taylor abstained from voting. The motion carried.

2024 SPLOST Fund Bank Account

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to open a City of Metter 2024 SPLOST Fund Bank Account. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The motion was amended from the agenda to delete the city manager and add the mayor.

RaceTrac – Water and Sewer Extension – South Side of I-16

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve the low bid from Sikes Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$438,239.40 for the water and sewer extension on the South side of I-16 for the new RaceTrac. Councilwoman Gaitten seconded the motion. Funding for this project will come out of the water and sewer budget. Mr. Hendrix provided council with a schedule for the RaceTrac project. The tentative start date is September. The biggest hold up has been getting GDOT permits. I think they have about got all that worked out. Councilwoman Gaitten thanked Mr. Hendrix for sending out the project information. She asked, so do we know for a fact that they are coming? Is there any hesitation? Mr. Hendrix said the council has the same information that I do. They own the property so I do not know why they would spend a million dollars and not come. After no further comments, Mayor Boyd called for the vote. The vote was unanimous to approve the low bid from Sikes Brothers, Inc.

Public Hearing Date Set

Councilman McKie made a motion to set a Public Hearing date for July 8, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to hear public comments on the following:

1. A request submitted by Jaqueline Ziranda Diaz for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a mini beauty salon to operate at 1095 West Hiawatha Street.
2. A variance request submitted by Vickey Baxter to allow for a side yard setback reduction at 610 Carolyn Street.

Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. Councilman McKie asked staff to verify that Ms. Baxter wants a variance and not a conditional use. She checked variance and then filled out the part for a variance and a conditional use. Mr. Hendrix said that Ms. Baxter is applying for a variance. Councilman McKie said that since she filled out both, I think we need to solidify that. Councilwoman Taylor said that she is glad to see one of our high school students getting a job. That is great.

After no further comments, Mayor Boyd called for the vote. The vote was unanimous to set the Public Hearing date for July 8, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Lavender & Associates – Bid Phase IV Streetscape Project

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve a bid in the amount of \$1,891,940.00 from Lavender & Associates for the construction of the Phase IV Streetscape Project (Downtown Park). Funding for this project will be from the INODIC Park Restoration Grant. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. Councilwoman Gaitten said that she is excited to get started. Mayor Boyd said that Lavender & Associates is a first-class group. Mr. Hendrix said that they did Phase I and Phase II of the streetscape project. Councilwoman Gaitten said that is good. Councilman Stewart said that he has seen their work for 30 years or longer and they do good work. After no further comments, Mayor Boyd called for the vote. The vote was unanimous to approve the bid from Lavender & Associates.

Lavender & Associates – Bid for Drainage Improvements at the Depot

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve a bid in the amount of \$72,580.00 from Lavender & Associates for drainage improvements at the Depot. This will be funded out of SPLOST funds. Councilman Stewart seconded the motion. Mayor Boyd called for discussion. Mr. Hendrix said that this is drainage work at the depot where that fence is that we have been planning for years. We figured it would be a good time to tie all this in with the park renovation. This is the same contractor, and they can do it all at one time. Mayor Boyd said that has been a real bug-a-boo over there. This is fantastic. Mayor Boyd said he is thinking about how to get fiber into the park. After no further comments Mayor Boyd called for the vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

Closed Session – Personnel

Councilman McKie made a motion to go into closed session at 6:07 p.m. to discuss personnel. Councilwoman Gaitten seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

No votes were taken during the closed session.

Open Session

Councilwoman Gaitten made a motion to reopen the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The agenda packets contained written reports provided by each department head for the mayor and council to review.

Chief Shore reported that he turned in a grant application today for two new police officers. We should know the result in September or October. We have a new Sergeant that will start next Monday. Then we have an officer that will start on August 1.

Mayor Boyd said that he is so glad to see the Fire Chief with us tonight. He has had quite an adventurous last few weeks. He had a visit to the hospital over in Vidalia and scared everybody to death. We are so thankful.

Chief Douglas said that the fire department did work the food bank. We were blown away at how many people showed up. We all got burnt and were give slap out. They were around the track and lined up all the way past Growers and Durden Pecan. Councilwoman Taylor said that she saw them out there in pictures on Facebook. Councilwoman Gaitten said that is some tiring work. I have done it a couple of times. Chief Douglas said it was kind of like the vet clinic, just unbelievable. It was like a 2 hour wait.

Councilman McKie asked when is the back-to-school event? Chief Shore responded that it is the last Saturday in July.

Mr. Hendrix reported that the splash pad is open. Mayor Boyd asked if all the connections in the alley were fixed? Mr. Hendrix said that they have got to come back and put down asphalt and then should be done. Mayor Boyd said he hates it for them but that was quite an ordeal. They had to do it twice. Mr. Hendrix said three times in some places at no additional cost to the city.

Mayor Boyd reported that we have some progress on the mushroom folks. They are going to be operating inside the Georgia Grown building first.

Mayor Boyd asked about animal control. Chief Shore said that department is good, just has too many animals. Councilwoman Gaitten asked are you guys working on a new volunteer

policy for this? Chief Shore said we have already done that. Councilwoman Gaitten said she just saw it on something recently. She said that she happened to be downtown the other day and there was a little kitten stuck under the street and the fire department and David Baird were very polite in making sure that the kitten got out. They saved the day. They are heroes.

Chief Shore announced that he has been elected as the 6th District Representative for the Chief's Association. The council congratulated Chief Shore. Mayor Boyd said that is fantastic.

Mrs. Conner reported that Kaylee Rhodes had her baby over the weekend. The council were excited for her. Kaylee and the baby are at home and doing good. Councilwoman Gaitten said she read somewhere that she has a computer set up to work at home but please tell her to enjoy that time instead of worrying about work. Mrs. Conner assured the council that Kaylee was told that. Councilwoman Gaitten said that is time she will not get back, so she needs to enjoy it. Councilwoman Taylor said this is her first baby, she just does not know until she gets there.

Mrs. Conner reminded the elected officials of the deadline to complete their Personal Disclosure Report is June 30th.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boyd mentioned the GMA Convention. He said this is a time to learn. They have great classes. There are a lot of people there from all over the state and a lot of council have their families there on vacation. There is also a lot of serious stuff going on too. They have a lot of good information in the vendor area. You can really pick up a lot of information from them. It is a really good convention and a very good place to network.

Mayor Boyd informed the council of a groundbreaking coming up on Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. at the Lillian Street school for the memorial park. That is an effort that has some momentum behind it. All the council are invited to participate.

Councilman McKie reminded everyone about the planning and zoning training in Vidalia next Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Councilman McKie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Councilman Stewart seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Regular Meeting, June 10, 2024

Angie Conner, City Clerk

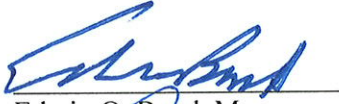
Affidavit

Georgia, City of Metter, Candler County

Personally, came Edwin O. Boyd, who on oath says that, to the best of his knowledge and beliefs, on the 10th day of June, 2024 in the county aforesaid, a meeting of the City Council of Metter was closed to the public for the following reason(s):

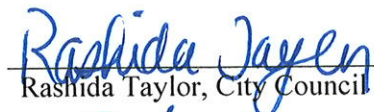
1. _____ future acquisition of real estate pursuant O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4);
2. ☒ discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee but not when receiving evidence or hearing argument on charges filed to determine disciplinary action or dismissal of a public officer or employee, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1).
3. _____ attorney client privilege in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings or other judicial actions brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-15-2(1).
4. _____ other (explanation):

and that except for the foregoing, no portion of the closed meeting involved discussion, presentation, or action on any other matter.


Edwin O. Boyd, Mayor


James McKie, City Council


Gregg Stewart, City Council


Rashida Taylor, City Council

not present
Chyrileen Kilcrease, City Council


Victoria Gaitten, City Council

**CITY OF METTER
CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2024
8:30 A.M.**

A called meeting was held on Monday, June 26, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in the council chambers at city hall.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd
Councilwoman Victoria Gaitten
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor
Councilman Gregg Stewart
Councilman James McKie
City Attorney Brent Carter
City Clerk Angie Conner
Economic Development Director Heidi Jeffers

GUESTS ATTENDING

No guests were present.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Gaitten led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

City Attorney Bent Carter gave the invocation.

NEW BUSINESS

Closed Session

Councilman McKie made a motion to go into closed session at 8:32 a.m. for personnel, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1). Councilman Stewart seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

No votes were taken.

Open Session

Councilman McKie made a motion to reopen the meeting at 9:07 a.m. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Called Meeting, June 26, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

After no further comments, Councilman McKie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 a.m. Councilman Stewart seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Angie Conner, City Clerk

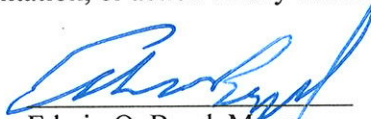
Affidavit

Georgia, City of Metter, Candler County

Personally, came Edwin O. Boyd, who on oath says that, to the best of his knowledge and beliefs, on the 26 day of June, 2024 in the county aforesaid, a meeting of the City Council of Metter was closed to the public for the following reason(s):

1. _____ future acquisition of real estate pursuant O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4);
2. _____ discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee but not when receiving evidence or hearing argument on charges filed to determine disciplinary action or dismissal of a public officer or employee, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1).
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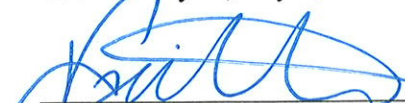

Edwin O. Boyd, Mayor


James McKie, City Council


Gregg Stewart, City Council


Rashida Taylor, City Council


Chyfileen Kilcrease, City Council


Victoria Gaitten, City Council



Business Development and Land Use Staff Report

CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION

July 8, 2024 City Council Meeting

LOCATION: 1095 W. Hiawatha Street

REQUEST: Conditional Use to operate a salon (beauty shop) in the R-4 zoning district.

APPLICANT: Jaqueline Ziranda Diaz

OWNER(S): Briarcreek Properties, Inc.

LAND AREA: .86 acres **ZONING DISTRICT:** R-4 Multi-family

TAX PARCEL ID: 037 003 **COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 1

PROPOSAL:

The applicant wishes to operate a salon in an outbuilding on her residential property, which is in the R-4 zoning district. A salon or “beauty shop” may be permitted as a Conditional Use in the R-4 zoning district.

BACKGROUND:

- The request for conditional use approval is a requirement of Article VI – List of Permissible and Conditional Uses. A salon or “beauty shop” may be permitted as a Conditional Use in the R-4 zoning district.
- The property is .86 acres and has frontage on West Hiawatha Street.
- The applicant rents the property and has obtained a letter of permission from the owner to operate a nail salon on the site.
- The property currently contains an occupied mobile home and an accessory structure. The proposed business will occupy the accessory building and will serve clients by appointment. Client parking will be provided.
- Improvements to the accessory structure are subject to building permit and inspection requirements.

	ZONING:	LAND USE:
NORTH:	R-3 Two-Family Residential	Undeveloped
SOUTH:	R-4 Multi-family Residential	Undeveloped
EAST:	R-4 Multi-family Residential	Residential
WEST:	R-4 Multi-family Residential	Residential
Description of surrounding land uses: The property is located on West Hiawatha Street, which is a paved, city-maintained street. Parcels to the east and west contain residential development. The property to the south is approved for townhouse development. The property to the north (across Hiawatha Street) is undeveloped.		

CONSISTENCY WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

The property is designated for residential use on the existing and future land use maps in the 2022 Candler County / Metter Comprehensive Plan. The property is located in the *Neighborhood/Subdivision Residential Development* Character Area, which includes provisions for small-scale commercial activity centers at suitable locations within walking distance of residences.

ANALYSIS:

According to Zoning Ordinance *Section 11.04 Conditional and Temporary Uses*, “Conditional Uses, as listed in Article VI, are declared to possess characteristics, which require certain controls in order to insure compatibility with other uses in the district within which they are proposed for location.”

Pursuant to section 12.021, City Council may authorize special exceptions by the granting of conditional use permits upon a finding that:

- a. The special exception or conditional use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of the environment or of other property in the immediate vicinity nor diminish and impair property values within the surrounding neighborhood;*

The proposed business will be required to obtain the necessary building permit, occupational tax certificate, and professional licensing before beginning business operations.

- b. The proposed conditional use will not increase local or state expenditures in relation to cost of servicing or maintaining neighboring properties;*

Staff anticipates no additional local expenditures to support the operation of this business.

- c. The establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development of surrounding property for uses predominant in the area; and*

The proposed business will not affect any existing or proposed development in the area.

- d. The location and character of the proposed conditional use is considered to be consistent with a desirable pattern of development for the locality in general.*

The proposed salon is small in scope and is consistent with development in the area.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

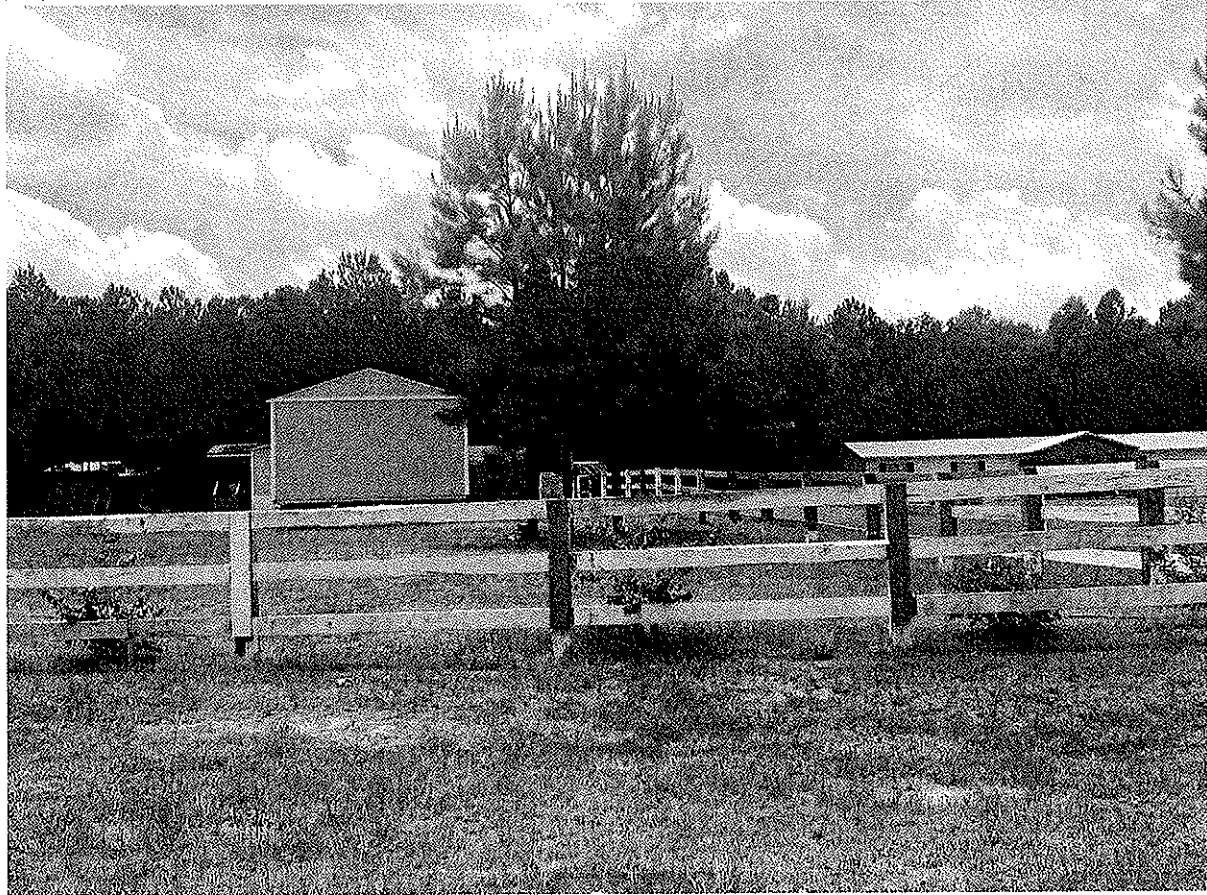
Staff has reviewed the application for conditional use to operate a salon (beauty shop) in an accessory building at 1095 West Hiawatha Street, and recommends approval with the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall meet all building permit requirements for improvements to the accessory building and begin renovations within six months after approval of the conditional use by the City Council.
2. The applicant shall obtain a City of Metter Occupational Tax Certificate prior to the start of business operations. The license shall be maintained by annual renewal.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission voted unanimously on June 11, 2024 to recommend APPROVAL of this request, including the conditions recommended by staff:

1. The applicant shall meet all building permit requirements for improvements to the accessory building and begin renovations within six months after approval of the conditional use by the City Council.
2. The applicant shall obtain a City of Metter Occupational Tax Certificate prior to the start of business operations. The license shall be maintained by annual renewal.



**MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024
5:15 P.M.**

A Planning Commission meeting was held at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

John Jones, Jr., Chairman, Planning Commission
Harold Boston, Jr., Planning Commission Member
Alex Spivey, Planning Commission Member
Martha Cannady, Planning Commission Member
Cliff Hendrix, Public Works Director/Building Official
Angie Conner, City Clerk
Teresa Concannon, Planning Director

Guests

Jaqueline Ziranda Diaz
Martin Perez
Bill Mercer

Call to Order and Welcome

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Agenda

Chairman Jones presented the agenda. Mr. Boston made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Spivey seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Minutes

Ms. Cannady made a motion to approve the minutes from April 9, 2024 and April 23, 2024. Mr. Boston seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Purpose

The purpose of this meeting is to hear public comments for and/or against a request submitted by Jacqueline Ziranda Diaz for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a mini beauty salon to operate at 1095 West Hiawatha Street.

Conditional Use Request

Ms. Diaz is requesting a conditional use permit to allow a mini beauty salon to operate at 1095 West Hiawatha Street. She has an accessory building that will need plumbing and electricity. It will have a little nail station. It will be used for a small beauty salon. She will be doing hair and nails in a 16 X 48 accessory building located on the rear of the property. Ms. Diaz said that she would like to add a bathroom and porch to the building. Currently it is not served with water.

City staff has reviewed the application for conditional use to operate a salon (beauty shop) in an accessory building at 1095 West Hiawatha Street, and recommends approval with the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall meet all building permit requirements for improvements to the accessory building and begin renovations within six months after approval of the conditional use by the City Council.
2. The applicant shall obtain a City of Metter Occupational Tax Certificate prior to the start of business operations. The license shall be maintained by annual renewal.

Ms. Diaz is not the owner of the property but does own the building in question. Mr. Bill Mercer is the property owner. Mr. Mercer was present and said he had no objections.

There should be plenty of room for parking. The business will be by appointment only.

After no further discussion, Ms. Cannady made a motion to approve the conditional use permit based on staff recommendations. Mr. Boston seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The next step is a public hearing and then the council meeting. Both will be held on Monday, July 8, 2024, starting at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Angie Conner, City Clerk

Please download the form and open it with **ADOBE READER** in order to submit it via email! An active email account is required.

**CITY OF METTER
CITY PARK APPLICATION**

RECEIVED

JUN 24 2024

Date: 6/19/2024

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Applicant Name: Jessica Gonzalez

Applicant Address : 210 S. College Street, Metter, GA 30439

Telephone #: 912-512-2735

Email Address: jgonzalez@metter.org

Name of Organization: Communities in Schools of Candler County

Name of Private Citizen/Chairman: Kathy Dixon

RENTAL INFORMATION

Date of Rental: October 19, 2024

Time Requested for Use of Park: 8:00 am am/pm until 5:00 pm am/pm

Expected Number of Persons in Attendance: 200

PARK(S) TO BE USED:

☒ William 'Billy' Trapnell Downtown West Park

☐ Lee St. Park

☒ Downtown Central Park

☐ Jaycee Park

☐ Downtown East Park

☐ Boston Park

☐ East Lillian St. Pavilion Park

I, Jessica Gonzalez, request permission to be allowed use of a City Park for the following reasons:

Harvest Festival

We will have foodtrucks and vendors in Central park. There will be games in West park. I also plan to have inflatables on Rounfree St.

*If our organization is going to be selling food, other than baked goods, it is my understanding that I must provide a letter of approval from the Candler County Health Department prior to a permit being approved.

*If our organization is going to be giving food away, it is my understanding that I do NOT need a letter of approval from the Candler County Health Department.



**CITY OF METTER
CITY PARK APPLICATION**

RECEIVED

JUN 12 2024

Date: 06/12/24

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Applicant Name: Brianna Dillon

Applicant Address : 11 N Kennedy St Metter, GA

Telephone #: 9126852159

Email Address: metterchamber@gmail.com

Name of Organization: Metter-Candler Chamber of Commerce

Name of Private Citizen/Chairman: Brianna Dillon

RENTAL INFORMATION

Date of Rental: 08/03/24

Time Requested for Use of Park: 12 p.m. am/pm until 7 p.m. am/pm

Expected Number of Persons in Attendance: 250

PARK(S) TO BE USED:

☒ William 'Billy' Trapnell Downtown West Park

☐ Lee St. Park

☒ Downtown Central Park

☐ Jaycee Park

☐ Downtown East Park

☐ Boston Park

☐ East Lillian St. Pavilion Park

I, Brianna Dillon, request permission to be allowed use of a City Park for the following reasons:

The Chamber's Annual Food Truck Festival. We plan to have food trucks lining the perimeter of West Park and will use Central

Park as overflow. Food vendors with tents will be set up in West Park.

The event will take place from 4-7 p.m. We will need picnic tables and trash receptacles from the City.

Request to close Rountree Street

***If our organization is going to be selling food, other than baked goods, it is my understanding that I must provide a letter of approval from the Candler County Health Department prior to a permit being approved.**

***If our organization is going to be giving food away, it is my understanding that I do NOT need a letter of approval from the Candler County Health Department.**

City of Metter, Ga Police Department



May 3, 2024

Alicia LaBoon/Rob Bryan

T-Mobile Government Account Executive

Ph: 678-458-2477/912-536-7463

E-mail: Alicia.LaBoon1@T-Mobile.com/Robert.Bryan39@T-Mobile.com

Pricing Proposal

Service Plans	Monthly Price	Qty.	Total Monthly Cost
Government Connecting Heroes Advanced -Unlimited Talk, Unlimited Text, Unlimited Data, and 41GB of Mobile Hotspot per month (no overage charges)	\$28.90	8	\$231.20

Hardware Costs	One-time Price	Qty.	Upfront Charges
iPhone 13 128GB 5G	\$0.00	8	\$0.00

Pricing Summary	Total Monthly Cost
Service Plans Sub-Total	\$231.20
Total Annual Cost	\$2,774.40

Limited time offer; subject to change. Qualifying business account, service & credit required. Quoted prices in this proposal do not include an estimate on taxes, fees, and/or surcharges. 24 month agreement for subsidized equipment

For customers participating in an Equipment Installment Plan, device pricing is an example of pricing for well-qualified customers only and does not represent an offer to provide financing. **Contact us before canceling wireless service to discuss the availability of continued device payments, or credits stop & remaining balance at full price is due.**

Promotional offers apply after all requirements are met and may be fulfilled via monthly bill credits appearing after 1-2 bill cycles. View individual promotional offer details and requirements at www.T-Mobile.com/PromotionalOffers. Promotional offers may end at any time; promotional pricing may become unavailable before the expiration date of this Wireless Service Proposal.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

CISGA Rural Schools Innovation Consortium and City of Metter

MOU PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to document the collective commitment of all parties to support evidenced-based full-service community school (FSCS) models in the participating Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and local school sites in accordance with the U.S. Department of Education's definition for FSCS as a public school that (a) Participates in a community-based effort to coordinate and integrate educational, developmental, family, health, and other comprehensive services through community-based organizations and public and private partnerships; and (b) Provides access to such services in school to students, families, and the community, such as access during the school year (including before- and afterschool hours and weekends), as well as during the summer.

CONSORTIUM VISION, VALUES & GOALS

Community Schools leverage community partnerships and resources so schools become hubs of support and opportunity for students, families and community members. By working with the community in this way, schools become better equipped to tap into the unique talents and gifts of every student, teacher, and staff member in our district, and can better break down barriers to student achievement. Evidence-based FSCS include four pillars: Integrated Student Supports, Expanded and Enriched Learning time and Opportunity, Active Family and Community Engagement, and Collaborative Leadership and Practice. FSCS coordinate a variety of pipeline services to meet the specific needs of local school communities including: High-quality early childhood education programs; High-quality school and out of school time programs and strategies; Support for a child's transition to elementary school, from elementary school to middle school, from middle school to high school, and from high school into and through postsecondary education and into the workforce; Family and community engagement and supports; Activities that support postsecondary and workforce readiness; Community-based support for students who have attended the schools in the area served by the pipeline; Social, health, nutrition, and mental health services and supports; and Juvenile crime prevention and rehabilitation programs.

The CISGA Rural Schools Innovation Consortium members share a *vision for inclusive and thriving rural communities that offer access to an excellent education that embraces the whole child, leverages community assets to remove barriers for academic success, supports economic opportunity, and improves quality of life for all residents.*

Our shared core values are: 1) all partners are necessary to improve educational outcomes for students; 2) integration is crucial to the success of the strategy; and 3) leadership and accountability is shared across all partners and stakeholders.

Our shared goals are:

- Goal 1: Increase students achieving academically.
- Goal 2: Promote and Maintain a Safe and Supportive Culture and Climate

- Goal 3: Increase social, health, and mental health services and supports for community school students and families
- Goal 4: Increase family and community engagement and support
- Goal 5: Improved Systems for Sustainable Support & Increased coordination of services for students, their families, and community members

PARTICIPATING LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES & SCHOOLS

With Communities In Schools of Georgia (CISGA) as the backbone organization and fiscal agent, the Rural Schools Innovation Consortium is designed to support the needs of students and families in 15 targeted school sites. This includes:

LEA	FSCS School Sites
Candler County School District	Metter Elementary School Metter High School

Partners are committed to reflecting the needs of each of these communities and their stakeholders through the establishment of this Consortium.

All partners agree to broadly support the planning, developing, coordinating, providing, and evaluating pipeline services for students schoolwide in school sites targeted by the Consortium. Partners will also be actively involved in promoting the community school initiative, including assessing needs and progress of school and community partners, participating in the identification and coordination of resources, and developing a results-based plan designed to improve the community school conditions for learning that are anchored in the four pillars: integrated student supports; expanded and enriched learning time and opportunities; active family and community engagement; and collaborative leadership practices. This includes sustainability planning to ensure the continued success of the program as appropriate.

SPECIFIC PARTNER ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Specific roles and responsibilities of individual partners or groups of partners are listed below.

Communities In Schools of Georgia (CISGA) agrees to support the Consortium through:

- Establishment and management of a broadly representative consortium, committed to reflecting the needs of the community and its stakeholders
- Take the leading role in planning, developing, coordinating, providing, and evaluating pipeline services for students schoolwide in school sites targeted by the Consortium
- Data collection and disclosure
- Fiscal management of Consortium revenue and expenses

- Sustainability planning, including: scheduling, coordinating, and marketing Community School visits for the purpose of engaging potential funders and key stakeholders to provide support for students in LEA/school sites targeted by the Consortium
- Communication to community and donors of the needs, priorities, and changing conditions of the community, School/District, and the way in which support of Consortium partners can address these needs
- Management and coordination across Communities In Schools of Georgia affiliates and subsidiaries working in the Consortium
- Management of the CISGA Rural Schools Innovation Consortium
- Provide all necessary training and technical support, monitoring and supervision to support local CIS affiliates/subsidiaries in successfully implementing the evidenced-based FSCS model
- Facilitation of a learning community across participating Communities In Schools affiliates and subsidiaries
- Satisfying all necessary reporting and communications functions for the Consortium

The affiliates and subsidiaries for **Communities In Schools of Georgia in Berrien County, Troup County, Ben Hill County, Dublin City, Laurens County, Twiggs County, and Candler County** will each serve as the local lead partner in establishing FSCS in each of the target schools using the evidenced-based FSCS model and agree to support the Consortium through:

- Hire and manage the full-time Community School Site Coordinator
- Conducting annual review of job description of Community School Site Coordinator and performance review of Community School Site Coordinator with participation of School Districts
- Data collection and disclosure
- Communication to community and donors of the needs, priorities, and changing conditions of the community, School/District, and the way in which support of Consortium partners can address these needs
- Management of the local **School Support Team**, which should be broadly representative of all stakeholders including administrators, teachers, counselors, and/or support staff that bring a wide range of experience and expertise to the table. As a team, they analyze data and select alternative strategies to assist students. For additional information, please see “SCHOOL SUPPORT TEAMS: ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES” below.
- Identification and coordination of school and community resources as appropriate to support FSCS model, including funding
- Management of stakeholders and partners across school sites, including applicable members of the Consortium, to coordinate service delivery and engagement of students and families through their local FSCS County/District Level Steering Committee

With regard to the school sites included in this Consortium, principals and the school districts of **Candler County School District** agree to serve in and support the Consortium through:

- Active leadership by the school Principal to strengthen relationships and foster shared leadership model among the Community School Site Coordinator and stakeholders through the steering committee (e.g., leadership teams at school and/or county/district level)
- Engagement of school district leadership and service coordinators (Title I, etc.) in the Consortium as appropriate, including providing expertise and advice on best practices in implementing FSCS models and/or local context on county and school district needs, aligned with School Improvement Plans, and coordination of funds as appropriate
- Feedback to CISGA and Consortium on quality of services and updated information as needs facing students and families within targeted schools evolve
- Timely production of all School Improvement and Strategic Plans as requested for the purpose of developing Results-Based Plans for the Consortium
- Assistance with annual data collection (data associated with performance goals, including student performance/academic data as appropriate)
- Participation in annual performance review of Community School Site Coordinator (conducted by the local Communities In Schools supervisor)
- Dedicated office space, desk, computer, phone, and related supports for the Community School Site Coordinator
- Establishment of a site-based Leadership Team (involving educators, parents, and community members)
- Support to communicate with Consortium, parents, and community (email, newsletters, district-wide announcements, etc.)
- Support of teachers in after-school hours/events
- Release time for principals, faculty and staff to participate in training and regular meetings, as scheduled and appropriate
- Active involvement in promoting Community School initiative: assessing needs and progress of school and community, participating in resource development and developing a results-based plan anchored in the four pillars: Integrated student supports; expanded and enriched learning time and opportunities; active family and community engagement; and collaborative leadership practices
- Recognition of the role of Community School Site Coordinator
- Agreement to permit and participate in at least two tours/visits per year
- Agreement to recommend at least one presentation to School District's Board of Directors year, in collaboration with key district staff members and Consortium staff regarding implementation of the Community School initiative
- Space, AV equipment and hospitality for training sessions as needed
- Identification and coordination of school and community resources as appropriate to support FSCS model, including funding as appropriate

In addition to the partners listed above, below is a summary of additional Consortium partners and services to be delivered for students of the targeted FSCS sites:

SCHOOL SUPPORT TEAMS: ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

In each of the targeted school sites, the **School Support Team** will be managed by the Communities In Schools of Georgia affiliates/subsidiaries. The Community School Site Coordinator is responsible for overseeing the School Support Team.

- **Roles & Responsibilities of the School Support Team Members:** The School Support Team will work to plan supports, identify and facilitate direct service provision to students, and help with implementation of the Consortium model within the schools. They will champion the Communities In Schools model within the school and help to plan, monitor progress, improve coordination, remove barriers, and other activities as necessary and requested.
- **Recommended School Support Team Members:** Principal, Parent Liaison, Assistant Principal, Counselor, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) leader, Lead Teachers, Social Worker, Therapist, Curriculum Specialist, Community Members, Partners (as appropriate Social Services, Business, Community, Philanthropy, Education, etc.), Parents/Families, and Students
- **Roles & Responsibilities of the Community School Site Coordinator:** The Community School Site Coordinator is responsible for engaging the team in every aspect of the CIS work in the school, including the needs assessment, planning, services, monitoring, reporting, and other activities. The Community School Site Coordinator meets with the team regularly and reports progress toward goals and program implementation. Having the support team ensures that CIS is integrated into the school operations and that plans mesh well with school improvement goals, etc.

PRELIMINARY MOU

By signing, Consortium partners acknowledge that this is a preliminary Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Consortium. We further agree that the activities of the Consortium will encompass our work together, consistent with, and in support of, the goals of the school improvement plan, and that we will develop a more complete MOU in the second year of our funding, to meet the specific needs of our programs and our coordination needs.

City of Metter

Mayor _____ Date _____

Communities In Schools of Candler County

Executive Director _____ Date _____

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY AS
SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSAL

THAT WHEREAS, from time to time the City will have personal property that becomes obsolete, broken, or worn out, and is replaced by newer equipment, or is seized due to criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, said personal property must be disposed of according to OCGA 36-37-6, in order to free up space for the newer equipment and/or to recoup any salvage value; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has submitted a request to dispose of such personal property, and the Mayor and City Council wish to dispose of it;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Metter, Georgia this 8th day of July 2024, as follows:

Section 1. That the property listed below is hereby declared surplus and authorized to be disposed.:

- a) A 2000 Chevrolet 1500 pickup truck VIN NO. 1GCEC14T3YE375189 that is assigned to the Street and Lane Department. It has 124,076 miles.
- b) A 2008 Chevrolet 2500HD pickup Truck VIN NO. 1GBHC24K08E113080 that is assigned to the Wastewater Department. It has 137,954 miles.

Section 2. That the HR/Purchasing Manager is hereby authorized to have said surplus property advertised in the legal organ of Candler County, the *Metter Advertiser*, and placed on the Govdeal.com website for this disposal.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall be and remain in full force and effect from and after its date of adoption.

Adopted this 8th day of July 2024.

CITY OF METTER, GEORGIA

By: Edwin O. Boyd, Mayor

Attest: Angie O. Conner, City Clerk

FROM THE DESK OF CLIFF HENDRIX
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

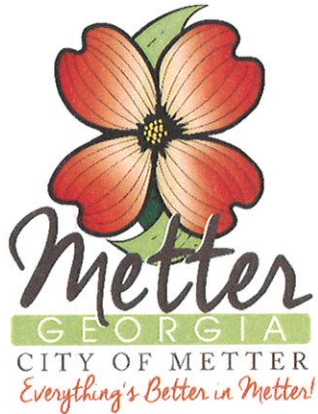
City of Metter
P.O. Box 74
Metter, Georgia 30439
Telephone: 912-685-7845 Fax: 912-685-2648 e-mail- chendrix@cityofmetterga.gov

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Cliff Hendrix, ACPWP-M
Subject: Surplus of equipment
Date: July 03, 2024

Please find items that I would like to have declared surplus and sold on Govdeals.

1. A 2000 Chevrolet 1500 pickup truck VIN. NO. **1GCEC14T3YE375189**
that is assigned to the Street and Lane Department. It has 124,076 miles.
2. A 2008 Chevrolet 2500HD pickup truck VIN NO. 1GBHC24K08E113080 that is assigned
to the Wastewater Department. It has 137,954 miles.

Cc: Missy Edenfield



Angie Conner
City Clerk
P O Box 74
49 South Rountree Street
Metter, GA 30439
912-685-2527
aconner@cityofmetterga.gov

Date: June 28, 2024
To: Mayor & City Council
From: Angie Conner, City Clerk
RE: City Auditor Bids

The City recently solicited proposals from qualified firms of certified public accountants to audit the City's financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, with the option of auditing the City's financial statements for the two subsequent years. On June 24, 2024, the City held a bid opening at which three (3) proposals were received. All proposals were reviewed by City Manager Carter Crawford, City Clerk Angie Conner, and HR-Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield. Proposals received are as follows:

- 1.) CKH CPA's & Advisors, LLC, Atlanta, GA
Financial Audit \$20,240 Single Audit \$2,220 Combined Total \$22,460
- 2.) Lanier, Deal, Proctor & Bloser, CPAS, Statesboro, GA
Financial Audit \$24,900 Single Audit \$4,500 Combined Total \$29,400
- 3.) McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Company, Macon, GA
Financial Audit \$27,000 Single Audit \$7,500 Combined Total \$34,500

Proposals are at City Hall for your review should you wish to review them prior to the council meeting.



METTER POLICE DEPARTMENT
JUNE 2024 STATS

		Jun-24	LAST MONTH	LAST YEAR
CITATIONS ISSUED		81	86	97
WARNINGS		78	69	146
ARRESTS		11	11	10
ACCIDENTS		15	12	11
INCIDENT REPORTS		57	52	42
	Cleared by Arrest	14	7	11
	Exceptionally Cleared	3	3	2
	Unfounded	10	6	5
	Felony Cases	14	17	4
	Misdemeanor Cases	34	25	33
	Fowarded to Investigations	24	25	22

Total Number of Crashes: 15

Accidents with Injuries: 2

Accidents with Fatalities: 0

FREQUENCY

Monday: 1

Tuesday: 2

Wednesday: 2

Thursday: 3

Friday: 3

Saturday: 3

Sunday: 1

00:01 - 08:00 Hours: 2

08:01 - 16:00 Hours: 8

16:01 - 24:00 Hours: 5

00:01 - 06:00 Hours: 2

06:01 - 12:00 Hours: 4

12:01 - 18:00 Hours: 7

18:01 - 24:00 Hours: 2

Top Contributing Factors (top 4 listed)

26 - OTHER (2)

37 - (1)

11 - CHANGED LANES IMPROPERLY (1)

18 - IMPROPER BACKING (1)

Most Frequent Crash Locations and Quantity:

Traffic Conditions Complaint / Request Locations:

Speed Buggy Locations:

Traffic Citation Analysis Period: 6/1/2024 12:00:00 AM to 6/30/2024

Total Citations Issued: 0

Top Citations Issued (top 4 listed)

Previous Month's Enforcement Activities:

Analysis Prepared By: **ANDERSON, ELECIA TATUM on 7/1/2024**

Disseminated To:

Comments:

CRASH LOCATION REPORT

Metter PD

For Crashes occurring between 06/01/2024 and 06/30/2024

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ACCIDENT#	ROAD OF OCCURRENCE/LOCATION	AT INTERSECTION WITH	ACCIDENT DATE	TIME
2024-06-00043			6/13/2024	09:35
2024-06-00045			6/13/2024	16:54
2024-06-00048			6/14/2024	12:54
2024-06-00087			6/27/2024	10:54
2024-06-00088			6/28/2024	00:00
2024-06-00040	300 SW BROAD STREET (PARKER'S		6/12/2024	16:14
2024-06-00054	300 SW BROAD STREET (PARKER'S		6/16/2024	13:25
2024-06-00051	GA HIGHWAY 46 EAST (SE BROAD		6/15/2024	14:27
2024-06-00050	GA HWY 121 NORTH	GA HWY 46 EAST	6/15/2024	10:55
2024-06-00030	GA HWY 121 SOUTH		6/8/2024	21:54
2024-06-00074	GA HWY 121 SOUTH	I16 WB MM104 ON RAMP	6/21/2024	14:51
2024-06-00068	JAY'S TRUCK STOP		6/19/2024	21:30
2024-06-00010	MCDONALS		6/3/2024	10:57
2024-06-00018	ONE STOP LIQUIOR STORE		6/4/2024	16:42
2024-06-00014	S.W. BROAD STREET		6/4/2024	02:35

TOTAL CRASHES ON REPORT: 15

Statistical Counts Report

For records with dates between 6/1/2024 and 6/30/2024

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Incident Reports Created	<u>ALL</u> 57	<u>INCIDENTS</u> 40	<u>MISC.</u> 9	<u>FAMILY VIOL.</u> 8
Incident Reports Cleared	<u>ALL</u> 27	<u>BY ARREST</u> 14	<u>UNFOUNDED</u> 10	<u>EXCEPTIONALLY</u> 3
Property Involved			<u>STOLEN</u> \$7,790	<u>RECOVERED</u> \$5,000
Incident Type Level			<u>FELONY</u> 14	<u>MISDEMEANOR</u> 34
Investigative Files Opened				24
Investigative Files Assigned				24
Investigative Files Cleared				9
Drug Related Investigative Files Opened				0
Drug Related Investigative Files Cleared				0
Arrests / Booking Records				11
Citations Issued				81
Warnings Issued				78
Ordinance Violations				1
<u>Court Services</u>			<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>SERVED</u>
Civil Papers			0	0
Subpoenas			0	0
Warrants			0	5
Accident Reports		<u>ALL</u> 0	<u>CRASH</u> 0	<u>PRIV PROP</u> 0

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS REPORT

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PATROL

Officer Name	Accident Reports	Incident Reports	Warrants Served	DUI Arrests	Misd. Arrests	Felony Arrests	Drug Arrests	Citations	Warnings	Civil Papers	Calls	Security Checks	Mileage (Act Log)	Traffic Stops
BIRD, T 205	2	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	Calls	0		TrafficStop
BROWN, B 207	1	4	0	0	1	1	0	3	9	0	Calls	277	1914	TrafficStop
CARTER, J 212	6	7	3	0	1	0	0	58	40	0	Calls	0	1436	TrafficStop
HADVAB, M 209	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	19	0	Calls	281	1298	TrafficStop
LEWIS, D 202	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	Calls	0		TrafficStop
NELSON, T 206	1	4	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	Calls	445	1374	TrafficStop
PLATT, T 203	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Calls	340	1003	TrafficStop
STOREY, K 204	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Calls	0		TrafficStop
WILLIAMS, C 208	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	Calls	320	588	TrafficStop
WILLIAMS, K 213	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	9	9	0	Calls	104	601	TrafficStop
DIVISION TOTALS	15	40	3	0	8	2	0	82	78	0	0	0	0	0

Metter Municipal Court
Remittance Report

FROM:

Metter Municipal Court
805 East Lillian Street
Metter, GA 30439

This report reflects Fees collected for the period June 01, 2024 to June 30, 2024.

Cases	Category	Amount
114	Traffic Citations	\$12,582.33
2	Accident Report	\$10.00
1	Background Check	\$20.00
Sub Total		\$12,612.33
+ Administrative Fees		\$0.00
Total Due City		\$12,612.33

To the best of my knowledge and belief this is a correct amount for the period stated above which is due to City.

	July 01, 2024	\$12,612.33
Cherie Snyder, Clerk	Date	Amount

**JAIL FUND
REMITTANCE REPORT**

Remit to:

Candler County Jail Fund
City
Metter, GA 30439

From:

Metter Municipal Court
805 East Lillian Street
Metter, GA 30439
(912) 685-5437

This report reflects Fines and/or Bond Forfeitures for the period: 06/01/2024 to 06/30/2024

Type	Eligible Citations	Total Due
Bond Forfeiture	7	91.40
Traffic Fines	79	1107.51
	86	1,198.91

To the best of my knowledge and belief this is a correct amount for the period stated above which is due the Jail Fund

	Cherie Snyder, Clerk	7/1/2024
(Signature of Individual Filing Report)	Printed Name, Title	Date

	1,198.91
Check No.	Amount



SHERIFF JOHN MILES

CANDLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
P.O. BOX 693 • METTER, GEORGIA • 30439

CITY OF METTER MONTHLY INMATE REPORT

BOOKING ID	Intake Date	Name	Cust Date	Days	R
C24-0286	06/03/2024	GUSTAVO DONIS	06/03/2024	1 Day(s)	06
C24-0292	06/07/2024	EARL HAMILTON	06/07/2024	1 Day(s)	06
C24-0299	06/12/2024	JARON CUSACK	06/12/2024	1 Day(s)	
C24-0320	06/26/2024	JONATHAN HILTON BIGGERS	06/26/2024	1 Day(s)	06
Total		4			

CURRENTLY IN JAIL

BOOKING ID	Intake	Name	Cust Date	Days	R
C24-0299	06/12/2024	JARON CUSACK	06/12/2024	1 Day(s)	

<u>Metter Animal Shelter Monthly Report 2024</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
# Of dogs from the City of Metter	2	8	12	14	16	4	
# Of dogs from Candler County	30	21	11	17	25	15	
Total # of dogs	32	29	23	31	41	19	
# Of cats from the City of Metter	8	4	5	6	16	19	
# Of cats from Candler County	12	5	2	17	27	53	
Total # of cats	20	9	7	23	43	72	
# Of owner reclaimed	2	3	7	5	2	2	
# Of calls responded to	46	44	35	53	66	59	
# Of dogs surrendered by owner	0	2	2	8	12	2	
# Of dogs adopted	7	9	6	9	6	3	
# Of dogs euthanized	4	4	3	6	16	9	
# Of dogs deceased at shelter	0	0	0	0	0	1	
# Of dog bites reported	1	2	1	8	2	3	
# Of cats surrendered by owner	11	0	0	1	8	22	
# Of cats adopted	13	4	5	3	11	3	
# Of cats euthanized	7	3	1	2	4	4	
# Of cats deceased at shelter	0	0	0	0	2	0	
# Of cat bites reported	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Rescue transfer for dogs	18	17	17	10	12	10	
Rescue transfer for cats	3	0	0	10	0	81	

Metter Fire Rescue Response List

Jun-24

Call Type and Jurisdiction

Jun-24

	Structure	Vehicle	Res.	Brush	Inv.	Alarm	Heli.	Haz.	Service	Med.	Other	Total
City	1	1	2	2	0	5	11	0	4	8	3	37
County	1	3	1	10	0	8	0	0	1	4	0	28
Total	2	4	3	12	0	13	11	0	5	12	3	

Total Calls	65
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Total calls 67 2 Mutual aid Given to Emanuel County

Jun-23

	Structure	Vehicle	Res.	Brush	Inv.	Alarm	Heli.	Haz.	Service	Med.	Other	Total
City	1	0	4	2	1	0	12	0	1	4	0	25
County	1	1	5	5	0	3	1	0	1	6	0	23
Total	2	1	9	7	1	3	13	0	2	10	0	

Total Calls	48
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Total Calls 49 (1 mutual aid Given to Bulloch County)

REPORT CITY OF METTER

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

MONTHLY AND FY 2024 YEAR END REPORT

JUNE 01 TO JUNE 30, 2024

A. Water and Sewer Department:

Items	Current Month	Last Month	This Month Last Year	YTD CITY FY2024
1. Total number of work orders.	227	250	303	2,058
2. Turn on-New Customers.	10	12	32	281
3. Turn off-Final Billing.	18	19	32	281
4. Reconnect.	31	70	58	591
5. Check for leaks.	05	10	13	99
6. Turn off-non-payment.	58	80	76	748
7. Sewer Problems.	02	05	02	65
8. Discolored Water Calls	04	00	01	248
9. Service calls.	34	29	16	319
10. Busted water mains	05	00	00	13
11. Water taps.	00	01	04	12
12. Sewer taps.	00	00	01	14
13. Meters damaged by customers	03	01	00	34
14. Utilities Protection Center Locate Tickets.	42	16	68	430
15. Water Meters Tested for Calibration	08	07	00	25

B. Roadways and Walkways/Sanitation Department:

Items	Current Month	Last Month	This Month Last Year	YTD CITY FY2024
1. Total number of work orders.	36	66	49	705
2. Amount of junk picked up.	10.06 tons	39.58 tons	23.81 tons	278.90 tons
3. Number of poly carts repaired or replaced.	07	26	15	179
4. Amount of Garbage took to landfill.	82.7 tons	133.26 tons	155.35 tons	1,624.33 tons
5. Amount of yard waste picked up.	31.63 tons	68.03 tons	126.33 tons	818.33 tons
6. Number of potholes repaired.	00	04	03	21
7. Number of tires picked up.	21	29	68	385

C. Building Inspection Department:

Items	Current Month	Last Month	This Month Last Year	YTD CITY FY2024
1. Number of Building Permits issued.	03	02	02	34
2. Number of Electrical Permits issued.	00	00	03	14
3. Number of Mobile Home Permits issued.	00	00	01	04
4. Number of Sign Permits issued.	00	00	01	08
5. Number of Land Disturbing Permits issued.	00	00	00	04
6. Number of Fence Permits issued.	02	02	00	07
7. Number of Nuisance Letters sent out	02	02	05	09

D. Projects:

1. The 2021 TIA Projects for paving of E. Hiawatha St. (100% complete) and sidewalks (100% complete) for S. Lewis St.
2. The Sewer Rehabilitation Project is about 99% complete.
3. The Water/Sewer and Road Project on W. Lytell St. into the Industrial Park. The Water/Sewer part is about 85% complete.
4. There were four new benches added to the Splashpad area, new mulch put in the playground area at Jaycee Park and a new picnic table installed.
5. There was a new picnic table installed at the Walking Trail on Lytell Street Park.
6. The new shop project is 40% complete. The building is scheduled to be delivered on July 12 to be erected.
7. The 2024 LMIG Project is 95% complete.
8. The Caboose at the Depot has been painted.
- 9.

We have received approval from GDOT for our TIA2 Local Government Application we submitted for the next round of TIA money. The following streets are included in the Band 1 Projects:

PI# 0018464, Preston St	PI# 0018465, Moffit St
PI# 0018466, Hickory St	PI# 0018467, Doctors St
PI# 0018468, Holly Dr	PI# 0018469, Hope St
PI# 0018470, Bragdon St	PI# 0018471, Brannen St
PI# 0018472, N Kennedy St	PI# 0018473, E Turner St







ADMINISTRATION REPORT
JULY 2024 MEETING
BY: Angie Conner, City Clerk

A. Permits and Applications:

June Applications

Building Permit

1. Mike Holt – 901 McCranie Dr. – Approved
2. Rowshi Craven – 1302 S. Lewis St. – Under Review

Sign Permit

1. Gisselle Aragon/Hadden Properties – 44 N.W. Broad St. - Approved

Carport/Utility Building Permit

1. Kevin Davis – 900 Cedar St. - Approved

Electrical Permit

1. Brie Scansaroli – 305 S. Rountree St. - Approved

Park Permit

1. Chamber of Commerce – Food Truck Festival – 8/3/24 – Under Review
2. Communities in Schools – Harvest Festival – 10/19/24 – Under Review

June Building Rental

Depot - \$750.00

Community Center - \$625.00

Debit/Credit Card, E-Checks (Payments made with cards in City Hall and Online)
June 2024

Number of Transactions – 516

Total Amount - \$45,428.26

Online Payments for Fiscal Year 2024 - \$571,373.88

Tasks

- Assisted City Manager and Finance Manager with the proposed FY 2025 budget. Ran advertisements for public hearing.
- Organized and attended Planning Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024.
- Attended a Department Head meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

- Attended a webinar on LWCF Funding through DNR.
- Organized and attended the swearing-in of Angela Mims to the Housing Authority.
- Missy completed the DCA Wage and Salary Survey.
- Registered participants for the Planning and Zoning seminar held in Vidalia, GA.
- Held bid opening for audit services on Monday, June 24, 2024.
- Organized and attended a called meeting held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024.
- Met with other staff members on the implementation of the short-term rental ordinance.
- Shauna and Missy are continuing to train in Financial Management.
- Submitted the Mayor and Council Personal Financial Disclosure Statements to the State Ethics Commission website.
- Preparing to close FY 24 and open FY 25.
- Prepared advertisement for Interim City Manager. Waiting on approval from council before running the ad.