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# *City of* **Dunwoody** *Georgia*

## City Council Retreat Update (Retreat Date March 2022)

August 2022

# Today's Purpose

- Update on the follow up actions on topics discussed during the March 2022 Dunwoody City Council retreat.

# Finance

- General Fund Millage Rate
  - Five-year operating forecast developed and presented at a series of town halls in May.
  - Proposal to increase the General Fund millage rate to the cap created by the city's founders passed on July 11.
  - Rate increases and planned use of fund balance allows no additional increase through 2024 based on current forecasts.

# Finance

- Special Tax Districts
  - Special Tax Districts for Parks and/or Public Safety proposed so that a special levy could be proposed at a future date.
  - Council will be brought items to create those in the second half of the year, effective in 2023.
  - Note: Having a district does not mean a tax must be levy, that tax would have to be voted on separately in the summer of 2023.

# Finance

- Bonded Debt

- Multiple town halls, discussion items, and committee meetings held on whether to issue bonded debt in 2022.
- Plan will now focus on 2023 decision.
- Next step will be to discuss timeline and needed actions for potential November 2023 citizen vote.

# Finance

- ARP Funding

- Grant Committee recommended and City Council approved ARP budget.
- Distribution of ARP Grant funding will be done by staff saving city additional administrative dollars.
- First list of qualified agencies approved on July 25.

# Police

- Department Assessment

- Staff posted an RFP and recommended a firm to assess the city's public safety efforts.
- Firm to be approved by City Council on August 8. Work to begin immediately.
- Time line about eight months after approval.

# Police

- Public Area Lighting
  - Police and Public Works reviewed the city areas to see where underserved areas could see improvement with public lighting efforts.
  - Plan to bring locations to Council in the next 60-90 days.



# **Police**

- **Additional License Plate Readers (LPR)**
  - Police reviewed and City Council approved an expansion plan on license plate readers on June 13.
  - The vendor is working with Public Works and Police to identify locations and install the new LPRs. To be completed by year end.

# **Police / Com Development / Legal**

- **Nuisance Commercial and Business Policy**
  - Police and Community Development to review other cities and propose example to City Council.
  - Legal is preparing an advisement to Council concerning options in this area. Deliverable within 3Q.

# Police

- License Mental Health Clinicians

- Police worked on a proposal with View Point Health (a State agency) and was adopted by City Council on May 23.
- Clinician started working on July 18. Working on administrative setup and familiarizing with community.

# **Police**

- **County Emergency Medical Services**
  - County staff will appear before City Council on August 8 in conjunction with an ask to ratify the status of the Service Delivery Strategy.
  - Multiple issues concerning this may need to be followed up throughout the year.

# **Public Works**

- **Comprehensive Bike Ped Plan**
  - Core trail plan for two east-west and north-south corridors being developed. Consultant working on plan to be presented in September and adopted in October.
  - Discussions on bonds have led to the development of a subsequent plan that is citywide.

# Community Development

- Corridor Walk About
  - Originally scheduled for June 3, but will be rescheduled for late in the year.

# **Econ Dev / Com Dev/ Public Wrks**

## **Dunwoody Village Action Plan**

- Consultants began work on Post Office Sidewalk and Street Grid in May.
- City met with Regency on July 29th.
- Will address comments from Regency and consultant will develop a rough cost estimate.
- Plan will be brought to the City Council for discussion before the end of the year

# **Economic Development**

- **Joint City Council / Development Authority**
  - Held on May 19.
  - Discussion centered on short-term goals for collaboration between City Council and Development Authority.
  - Agreed that Perimeter Center and Dunwoody Village should be the focus.
  - Follow up meeting is tentative in the fall to discuss Dunwoody Village.



# **Economic Development**

- **Create Dunwoody**

- The Create Dunwoody Board and Funding Partners continue to discuss re-imagining the organization to expand the current mission. Expect final agreement this fall.

# **Economic Development**

- **Public Art Location**

- City staff updated various collateral, including city's GIS map to include public art. Completed in April.

# Parks

- Sewer at Vermack

- Council asked staff to look in to installing sewer at Vermack ahead of development.
- Staff reported back to Council in April that it be delayed until a master plan is approved as the plan could cause it to be moved after installation.

# Parks

- Naming Public Parks

- Council asked staff to look into a policy of naming public parks.
- Naming campaign ended July 31.
- Options for park names will be brought to Council for approval in August.

# Parks

- Scott Candler Site

- Council asked staff to look in to using part of the Scott Candler Water Treatment Facility as a park.
- Staff consulted with county leadership in April. Security issues are paramount and while well meaning, this approach is not feasible.

# Parks

- **Austin and Vermack Plans**
  - Staff was asked to bring forward master plans for Austin and Vermack.
  - Council members have given additional input based on community feedback.
  - In conjunction with a possible 2023 bond, staff will present modified Austin and Vermack for approval in September along with a modify selection of Brook Run projects.

# **Com Dev / Public Works / Legal**

- **MARTA Bus Shelters / Advertising**
  - City has MARTA agreements which will expire in December 2022.
  - Will work with County in second half of 2022 for