

Meeting Minutes

City of Newnan

Downtown Development Authority

Wednesday, November 12th, 2025

8:00 am – Newnan City Hall

25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room

Members Present: Ashley Beck, Keith Brady, Valerie Dumas, Roger Miles, Martha Ann Parks, Casey Smith

Members Absent: Graylin Ward

Staff Present: Abigail Strickland, Jesse Branch

Visitors Present: Courtney Brandon

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am.

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed by the Authority. Keith Brady made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the previous meeting as presented to the Authority. Martha Ann Parks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Abigail Strickland presented the Financial Report to the Authority, noting the following account balances:

- i. BOZ primary: \$29,294.22
- ii. MMI: \$90,030.12
- iii. YTD Income: \$89,611.95
- iv. YTD Expense: \$82,137.53
 1. Net Income: \$7,474.42

Abigail Strickland noted there are several outstanding expenses to clear including the check for the Boys & Girls Club from the Sunrise on the Square proceeds.

Keith Brady reported for the nominating committee, which was composed of himself, Roger Miles, and Ashley Beck. The committee met and selected Casey Smith to serve as Chair, Valerie Dumas to serve as Vice Chair, and Graylin Ward to serve as Secretary/Treasurer for the Authority. Ashley Beck made a motion to accept the proposed positions as presented. Roger Miles seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Abigail Strickland presented the 2026-2028 Work Plan to the Authority, which was originally proposed at the last meeting. Abigail noted that as a reminder, the main goals of the plan include business activation, pedestrian safety, placemaking and visitor experience, and connectivity. Ashley Beck questioned if the Authority would have a planned work session to assign tasks to each member. Abigail Strickland noted that if the Authority wants to host a work session in 2026, we can find a date that works best for everyone. Martha Ann Parks made a motion to adopt the 2026-2028 Work Plan. Valerie Dumas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Abigail Strickland noted that City Staff created a task force to address the pedestrian safety concerns, which recently met to discuss potential solutions. Abigail presented their top findings to the Authority, which includes: hiring a firm that specializes in pedestrian safety studies, working with GDOT to create pedestrian scrambles at major intersections downtown, and launching a specialized downtown safety campaign. Abigail noted that the City's Engineering Department is already in the process of re-striping the crosswalks. Abigail also noted that once the City budget is approved in the new year, the Authority can consider hiring a firm to conduct a study.

Abigail Strickland noted that the Authority will need to meet soon in order to sign the lease and inducement resolution for the 57 East Broad property. This meeting will likely take place in December.

Abigail Strickland noted that the Authority will be meeting at its regularly scheduled meeting in December to maintain its meeting requirements for the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26am.

**Next Meeting:
Wednesday, December 10, 2025
8:00 am – Newnan City Hall
25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room**