

Meeting Minutes

City of Newnan

Downtown Development Authority

Wednesday, May 5th, 2026

8:30 am – Newnan City Hall

25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room

Members Present: Ashley Beck, Ryan Brooks, Valerie Dumas, Roger Miles, Casey Smith, & Jim Thomasson

Members Absent: Graylin Ward

Staff Present: Abigail Strickland, Hasco Craver, Catherine Carswell, Meg Kelsey, Cleatus Phillips, City Attorney Brad Sears

Visitors Present: Clay Neely, Tom Crymes, Cait Haygood (Virtual), Amber Pelot (Virtual)

The meeting was called to order at 8:31am.

Casey Smith welcomed Ryan Brooks to the Authority. Ryan Brooks was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Martha Ann Parks. City Attorney Brad Sears swore in Ryan Brooks.

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed by the Authority. Valerie Dumas made a motion to accept the April meeting minutes as presented to the Authority. Roger Miles seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

- i. BOZ primary: \$5,164.87
- ii. MMI: \$85,073.24
- iii. YTD Income: \$10,362.40
- iv. YTD Expense: \$17,261.50
 1. Net Income: -\$6803.95

Abigail Strickland provided an update regarding the Downtown Pedestrian Safety, Walkability, & Multimodal Transportation Study. A total of seven firms submitted an RFQ and of those the Authority decided to interview Kimley-Horn, TSW, & GMC. After conducting interviews and evaluating proposals, the review committee recommended awarding the contract to TSW. Roger Miles made a motion to award the contract to TSW for the study. Ashley Beck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Authority entered into closed session as allowed by O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4 and pursuant to advice by the City Attorney, for the purpose of discussing real estate and that we move, in open session to adopt a resolution authorizing and chairperson to execute an affidavit in compliance with O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4, and that this body ratify the actions of the Authority taken in closed session and confirm that the subject matters of the closed session were within exceptions permitted by the open meetings law.

Motion by Valerie Dumas to exit executive session. Roger Miles seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion by Roger Miles, seconded by Valerie Dumas to authorize the Chairman Casey Smith to execute the affidavit stating that the subject matter of the closed portion of the Authority was within the exceptions provided by O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b).

Jim Thomasson made a motion to direct staff and City Attorney to draft proposed amendments to agreements related to 57 E. Broad St project for review. Valerie Dumas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38am.

**Next Meeting:
Wednesday, June 10th, 2026
9:00 am – Newnan City Hall
25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room**