



MAYOR

Rick E. Roquemore

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Michael Parks

CITY COUNCIL

Robert L. Vogel III

Taylor J. Sisk

Jamie L. Bradley

Joshua Rowan

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

JANUARY 23, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1 Auburn Way

Auburn, GA 30011

Present: Mayor:	Richard Roquemore
Council Member:	Robert L. Vogel. III
Council Member:	Taylor J. Sisk
Council Member:	Jamie L. Bradley
Member Absent:	Joshua Rowan

City Staff in Attendance: Michael Parks, Chief Hodge, Staci Waters, Brooke Haney, Iris Akridge, Marc Pharr

Also in Attendance: Jack Wilson

Mayor Roquemore called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

SWEARING IN FOR MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

WORKSHOP ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Item 1: Council Reports and Announcements

Mayor Roquemore asked for Council Reports and Announcements.

Council Member Josh Rowan asked to amend the agenda to open citizen comments.

Council Member Jamie Bradley asked to add a discussion of Warming Stations to the agenda.

Mayor Roquemore made a statement about the furniture from the Old City Hall.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Roquemore asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing regarding the Statewide Homestead Exemption Opt Out

Motion: Made by **Council Member Vogel** to open the public hearing.

Second by Council Member Rowan

Mayor Roquemore asked for any discussion, there was none. Votes were taken with all members present voting yes.

Item 2: Statewide Homestead Exemption Opt Out

Mayor Roquemore asked for Jack Wilson, City Attorney, to present the Statewide Homestead Exemption Opt Out.

Jack Wilson: Presented the Statewide Homestead Exemption Opt Out.

Mayor Roquemore opened the floor for ten minutes for public comments in favor of the change of the Statewide Homestead Exemption. There were none.

Mayor Roquemore opened the floor for ten minutes for public comments in opposition to the change of the Statewide Homestead Exemption. There were none.

Mayor Roquemore asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Rowan** to close the public hearing.

Second: by **Council Member Sisk**

Mayor Roquemore asked for any discussion, there was none. Votes were taken with all members present voting yes.

Item 3: Employee Service Award for 2024

Michael Parks Presented

Item 4: LMIG

Iris Akridge Presented

Item 5: Weapon Transition

Chief Hodge Presented

-Placed on February 13, 2025, Council Business Agenda

Item 6: Arista Billing

Michael Parks Presented

-Placed on February 13, 2025, Council Business Agenda

Item 7: Generac Extended Warranty

Michael Parks Presented

-Placed on February 13, 2025, Council Business Agenda

Item 8: Council Meeting Recordings

Michael Parks presented

-Placed on February 13, 2025, Council Business Agenda

Item 9: Candidate Qualifying Date and Fees for 2025 Election Cycle

Brooke Haney presented

Item 10: Charter Amendment Posts

Jack Wilson Presented

-Placed on February 13, 2025, and March 13, 2025, Council Business Agenda

Item 11: Warming Stations

Michael Parks presented

-Placed on February 13, 2025, Council Business Agenda

VOTING ITEMS

Mayor Roquemore asked for a motion to approve the LMIG.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Sisk**

Second: by **Council Member Rowan**

Mayor Roquemore asked for any discussion, there was none. Votes were taken with all members present voting yes.

Mayor Roquemore asked if there were any citizen comments.

David Kelly, 316 Wyngate, Auburn, GA 30011
Warming Station

Joellen O’Gallagher, 775 Baskin Circle, Winder, GA 30680
Warming Station

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Roquemore stated that there was a need for an executive session to discuss Pending Litigation and Potential Litigation Matters.

Mayor Roquemore asked for a motion to go into Executive session.

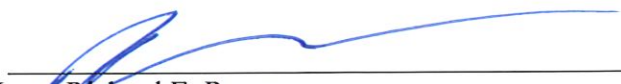
Motion: Made by **Council Member Sisk** to go into Executive session.

Second: Made By **Council Member Bradley**

Mayor Roquemore asked for any discussion. There was none. Votes were taken with all members present voting yes.

After the Executive Session, the City Attorney reported that during Executive Session the Council met to discuss potential litigation, pending litigation, and personnel matters as allowed by the Open Meetings Act. There were no votes taken and no evidence received in the Executive Session. The original affidavit and resolution have been signed and delivered to the staff to be included within the minutes of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Read and approved this 13 Day of February 2025 Attest:



Mayor Richard E. Roquemore