



Blakely City Council Agenda

January 4, 2022, City Hall, 6:00 P.M.

- I. Call To Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge Of Allegiance
- II. Swearing in of Council Members Hutchins & Clenney
- III. Recognition of 3 new Blakely police officers: Trakendra Mitchell, Darryl Gilliland, & Dana Ogden
- IV. Recognition of Blakely/Early County Youth Football League B Team Super Bowl Champions
- V. Employee of the month
- VI. 2021 Employee of the year
- VII. Approve Minutes
 1. Minutes December 7, 2021
 - i. Work Session
 - ii. Regular Session
 2. Minutes December 16, 2021 Budget Hearing
- VIII. Citizens And Delegations
- IX. Administrative Committee
 3. Will Caudill – Updates
 4. Matt Hromalik - E911 Updates
 5. Charlie Wade – Boom Mower Quotes
- X. City Attorney's Report
 6. Second Reading & Adoption of Budget Ordinance
 7. Second Reading & Adoption of Change to Alcohol Ordinance
 8. Renew Chamber of Commerce Agreement
 9. Renew Court Square Development Agreement
 10. CDBG Resolutions
- XI. City Clerk's Report
- XII. New Items Proposed By Mayor And City Council
 11. Appoint Mayor Pro Tem
 12. Rezoning of Huddle House Property
- XIII. Public Comments
- XIV. Executive Session
- XV. Adjournment

OATH OF OFFICE

I, AL HUTCHINS, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will properly perform the duties of the office of City Council in and for the City of Blakely, to the best of my knowledge, skill, and ability; that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due to the State of Georgia or any political subdivision or authority thereto; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state, which I am by the laws of the State of Georgia prohibited from holding; that I am qualified to hold the office which I am about to enter according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia; that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Georgia; that I have been a resident of the district from which elected and the City of Blakely for the time required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and the Charter of the City of Blakely, so help me God.

AL HUTCHINS

Attested to and certified by:

Honorable Travis Wimbush
Mayor, City of Blakely

OATH OF OFFICE

I, BRAD CLENNEY, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will properly perform the duties of the office of City Council in and for the City of Blakely, to the best of my knowledge, skill, and ability; that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due to the State of Georgia or any political subdivision or authority thereto; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state, which I am by the laws of the State of Georgia prohibited from holding; that I am qualified to hold the office which I am about to enter according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia; that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Georgia; that I have been a resident of the district from which elected and the City of Blakely for the time required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and the Charter of the City of Blakely, so help me God.

BRAD CLENNEY

Attested to and certified by:

Honorable Travis Wimbush
Mayor, City of Blakely



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Work Session

December 7, 2021, City Hall, 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Wimbush started the work session stating that this work session was to go over the department's budgets. Mayor Wimbush requested that the work session start with the small departments and would work up to the larger departments.

The Department Heads went over with the Mayor and Council significant changes in their budgets. There was discussion between the Mayor, Council and Department Heads regarding items in their budgets and capital items that may be needed or requested in their budgets for the following year.

Travis Wimbush, Mayor



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December 7, 2021, City Hall, 6:00 P.M.

- I. Call To Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge Of Allegiance
Let the record show that Mayor Travis Wimbush called the meeting to order. Mayor Travis Wimbush, Councilmember Margaret Davis, Councilmember Al Hutchins, Councilmember Ray Jarrett and Councilmember Brad Clenney were all present. Also present was the City Attorney Tommy Coleman and City Clerk Melinda Crook. There was moment of silence for those lost to COVID 19. Brother Jason gave the invocation. The Mayor and Council led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Employee of the month
Thomas Tye was named employee of the month. The Mayor commented of the different departments Thomas has assisted in and how when help was needed on the back of a garbage truck, Thomas was there to help.
- III. Approve Minutes
A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Hutchins to approve the minutes from the Work Session, Regular Session and Special Called meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present
- IV. Citizens And Delegations
- V. Administrative Committee
Will Caudill – Updates
Chief Will Caudill gave his monthly report of November activity. Councilmember Hutchins questioned the robbery on N. Main St. to which Chief Caudill stated it was an armed robbery and that the Police Dept is following up on leads and had posted a video on their Facebook page. Chief Caudill stated that police officers would be checking in on businesses more during the holiday season. Chief Caudill then informed the Mayor and Council that three cadets were close to graduation and that he was going to send two more to the Bainbridge academy January 31st. He then stated that there were still two vacancies. Chief then asked the Mayor and Council to consider roll over of leave. He stated that there were about four staff members that would loose around 369 hours between them. Councilmember Jarrett questioned the same issue in other departments and questioned rolling leave over across the board.

Matt Hromalik - E911 Updates
Lequiesha Mincey gave the November activity report. She then stated that they had two new employees starting in the next few weeks.



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Building Official – Conditional Use Damascus Street

The Building Official, Mark Hawkins, informed the Mayor and Council that Ms. Latasha Foster had recently purchased a new home on Damascus St and would like to transfer her daycare business to her new home which is also in a residential neighborhood. He stated that Ms. Foster is going through all the processes to stay in compliance with the state. Councilmember Jarrett asked Mark Hawkins if he was good with the application, to which Mark stated that he was and that she had done the things at her home to be in compliance. A motion was made by Councilmember Hutchins and seconded by Councilmember Davis to approve the conditional use for Ms. Foster, on Damascus St, for her daycare business. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

VI. City Attorney's Report

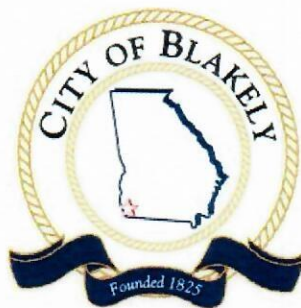
First Reading of Budget Ordinance - The City Attorney Tommy Coleman read the Budget Ordinance constituting the first reading

Pole Attachment Agreement with Georgia Power

The City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated that this is a standard agreement and was sent by ECG and that he had read the agreement and was good with it. A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Hutchins to approve the Pole Attachment Agreement with Georgia Power. The Mayor informed the Council that if they had any further questions about the agreement they could get with Stephen Welch in the Electric Dept. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

Georgia Public Web 4th Amendment to Telecommunications Project Contract

The City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated that this was a big deal and would involve a good deal of funds for the City. He briefly explained the history of GA Public Web. He stated that it was a spinoff of MEAG. He stated that GA Public Web has a deal for 55 million dollars of which the City will get a piece at 1.54% which would approximately be \$849,500. He stated that he had all the documents and had signed and the Mayor would need to sign. He then stated there was a Resolution along with the documents for the Council to approve. He stated this was the fourth amendment. Councilmember Jarrett questioned a time frame to which the City Attorney stated that it would take a while into next year. Councilmember Jarrett then questioned if it would be a single payment or multiple to which the City Attorney stated a one-time payment once the deal is closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Hutchins to approve the Resolution and authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to sign all necessary documents. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present



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First reading of Change to Alcohol Ordinance

The City Attorney Tommy Coleman that this was amendments to the on-premise consumption of distilled spirits restaurant's that sell over 50% of food. He stated that he and Chief Caudill had several conversation and he believed that they had made the proper amendments of which he had made a mistake. He stated that this amendment clarified closing time of which alcoholic beverages could not be sold. He stated that it went on the clarify about the correct licenses and went on to clarify about the proof of food sales from a certified CPA. He then read the ordinance heading therefore constituting a first reading.

The City Attorney Tommy Coleman spoke on the Verizon communication agreement regarding placing an antenna on the City water tower. He stated that they were offering to pay \$19,000 per year. He stated that there are some things to consider such as that they would get the lowest rate that the City would charge anyone on the tower. He stated that this could not be done due to the agreement the City had with Diverse. He then stated that they also want to put a building at the base of the tower, and they then have 24/7 access to the building with a truck to work on their equipment. He presented a plan of the area to get clarification of which was proposed, and which was existing. He stated he just wanted everyone to understand about the building. He stated that they would have to do an environmental study of the property and that this would be a five-year agreement and could be renewed for four five-year terms. He stated that no papers have been signed and that it was a long-complicated contract. He stated that the first part would be a memorandum of understanding. Councilmember Jarrett questioned Kenneth Jones if there were any other pieces of equipment were up on the tower that this might interfere with. The City Attorney stated that they claim that they would not interfere with any other services. Councilmember Jarrett questioned if the City Attorney had worked with any other cities on an agreement like this. There was some more discussion between the City Attorney and the Council. The Mayor stated that he was going to have ECG review the agreement and get a representative from Verizon and from ECG to a work session for further discussion to make sure that the agreement is put together in the best interest of the City.

The City Attorney Tommy Coleman spoke on the reapportionment. He presented a map. He stated that the map is of the existing districts as Atlanta has the information. He asked that the Mayor and Council review. He stated that he felt that the City's districts are within the margin that Dept of Justice says is okay. He stated that he felt that they would send another plan to get the margins closer but that there probably would not be a dramatic change.

VII. City Clerk's Report

The City Clerk gave the Mayor and Council monthly financial reports. She then gave a power point presentation of the monthly financials for the public



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VIII. New Items Proposed By Mayor And City Council

2022 Meeting Dates

The Mayor asked the Council to review the calendar of the 2022 meeting dates. A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to approve the 2022 meeting dates as presented. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

2022 Holidays

The Mayor stated that there are presently 10 approved holidays. He stated that he had been approached by several employees regarding adding Juneteenth as a holiday. He stated that the State of Georgia is now acknowledging Juneteenth as a holiday. Councilmember Hutchins questioned that since Juneteenth falls on a Sunday would it be observed on a Monday. The Mayor reminded the Council the current holiday procedures. Councilmember Jarrett questioned the actual date of this holiday to which the Mayor stated the 19th of June. The City Attorney asked the Mayor if he would like the Personnel Policy changed to reflect the holiday addition. A motion was made by Councilmember Hutchins and seconded by Councilmember Davis to approve adding Juneteenth as a paid holiday. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

The Mayor asked the Council if they were in agreement for the observance of January 1st to be on December 31st and Juneteenth be observed on Monday since it falls on a Sunday. Councilmember Hutchins questioned July 4th being on a Monday and how a four-day work week would be done. The Mayor stated that citizens would just have to be notified of a different schedule but the same amount of time would be worked by the employees. An employee questioned how it would be observed if a holiday fell on a Friday with a four-day work week. The Mayor stated that the observance would be pushed back a day and the work to be completed would be pushed back a day as well with notification put out to the citizens of the changes in the schedules. A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Davis to approve the holiday changes as discussed. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

Reappointments to SWGRC

The Mayor asked Councilmember Hutchins if he chose to stay on the SWGRC board. Councilmember Hutchins reminded the Mayor and Council that another representative of the City could be chosen. The Mayor stated that the non-public has to be approved by the County as well. A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Davis to reappoint Councilmember Hutchins and Freddie Speight to the SWGRC board. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present



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Renewal of Alcohol Licenses

Chief Caudill addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the list he had received from Trudie Evans. He stated that South Main Foods, Hasan Yousef, had received a citation from the GA Dept of Revenue plus the state agency for furnishing a minor with alcohol. He stated that the City of Blakely has not issued any citations to business this year. He stated that the citation has been paid. He stated he has some concern on the liquor by drink of distilled spirits. He stated that The 4th Out has reapplied and the only one so far that has provided documentation on food sales. He then stated that he would be opposed to CoCo's Lounge liquor by the drink and he has questions on Gold Rush because they were not showing on his list as having liquor by the drink license but were on the renewal and that there are questions if there was payment last year for this license by Gold Rush. He then stated the only other one was Johnny's Grille and that would fall under the new Ordinance and not have to provide the documentation at this time. The Mayor stated that per the documentation and the Ordinance the suggestion is that only The 4th Out and Johnny's Grille be approve for the on premise consumption liquor by drink of distilled spirits and not CoCo's Lounge or Gold Rush. Councilmember Hutchins questioned about getting a letter out to the ones who have not provided the information. A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to table renewal of the on-premise consumption liquor by drink of distilled spirits for those businesses that have not provided sale of food documentation and to approve The 4th Out and Johnny's Grille. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmember's present. The Mayor asked the City Attorney to clarify that the businesses could continue to operate under their current license until December 31st to which the City Attorney stated until the Mayor and Council took action.

Chief Caudill reminded the Mayor and Council that they had only approved the on-premise liquor by drink of distilled spirits license and not those establishments that held beer and wine. The Mayor asked Chief if the Council needed to deal with one that they had spoken about which was the pool hall due to the license being held by a present employee. He stated that this is a conflict with the City Ordinance. The Mayor asked if services would be disrupted while paperwork was being processed for a name change or if a change could be made in the Ordinance to not exclude a City employee and that there were no issues at the business. The Mayor stated that this person had the license prior to becoming an employee and that there have been no issues since they held the license and it would be simpler and easier to change the Ordinance. Chief Caudill reminded the Mayor and Council that the Ordinance already provides for another person to be named to hold the license. Chief Caudill stated that he would be hesitant if there was a issue regarding investigating a fellow employee and who he would get to investigate if there was an issue because this is a City Ordinance. The Mayor questioned if the renewal could proceed since there is no violations. A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to approve the beer and wine licenses as presented. Councilmember Hutchins questioned a pool hall on GA Pine to which Chief Caudill



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stated that there was and that it falls on him to deal with this. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

Mr. Moore resigning from the Planning Commission

The Mayor asked the Council to present a name to present for the Planning Commission due to Moore stepping down. A motion was made by Councilmember Hutchins and seconded by Councilmember Davis to approve Ms. Kimberly Hope Flemming to the Planning Commission. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

Sale of plot to Birdsong - To be taken up in Executive Session

List of Streets for Resurfacing

The Mayor asked the Council to table E. South Blvd work to allow time to see if there are Federal Funds due to the cost that would likely deplete the existing funds the City has for road work. He would like the Council to submit streets in their districts that are desperate need of repair and the total cost of repairs for these streets. Councilmember Hutchins questioned how long the streets needs to be. The Mayor stated that around \$400,000 to \$500,000 had been set for E. South Blvd and that amounts could be allotted per district for the streets most in need of repair. Councilmember Hutchins stated S. Howell St, E. Butler, Councilmember Clenney brought up E. Flowers Drive as it intersects with River St and as it comes to the intersections of Church St. and River at the Baptist Church, Councilmember Jarret brought up Westview and Redbud. The Mayor stated that he would be the distance of these street and cost and would do the work as the money allows and if it would go over roll the streets into the next year and prioritize the streets that funds will allow.

Bids for Civic Center

Lane Davis came before the Mayor and Council to present bids for the work on the Civic Center. Lane stated that he had contacted Mr. Singleton regarding an update on his estimate since it expired August 31st. He stated that the original bid was \$21,304.27 and the updated bid was \$24,508.61 which is for metal building part, Jonathan Ebersole on concrete which are \$6,500 and the A/C slab for \$1,326.00 for a total of \$32,334.61 vs the bid from Mulkey Brothers for \$65,100. A motion was made by Councilmember Hutchins and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to approve Mr. Singleton's bid with concrete and A/C slab in the amount of \$32,334.61. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

City of Blakely Health & Wellness Policy

A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to approve the Health & Wellness Policy. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present



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The Mayor discussed doing everything the same for employee of the year and Christmas meal. He asked that due to shift work allow a set amount for the Police, E-911 and Fire Department to coordinate their meal. He then stated that the employee of the year gets a gift of more value than the door prize gift. The Council agreed.

The Mayor stated the Council to consider \$1,000 bonus for full-time and \$500 for part-time employees through the ARPA funds, and is an approved expense. He reminded the Council of the hazard pay that had been previously given to public safety and the additional grant from Governor Kemp for public safety. He stated that all the employees that have work tirelessly through the pandemic. He stated this would be a one time approved ARPA expense. A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to approve a one time \$1,000 payment for full time employees and \$500 for part time employees through the ARPA funds.

The Mayor thanked all the employees who assisted with Christmas on the square and to Margaret for representing the City.

The Mayor spoke on the face mask policy. He asked the Council to consider a consistent policy to either keep the policy as presently in place or to make it voluntary. He stated that the only thing he ask is that it be enforced. Councilmember Jarrett would like to table and readdress in January due to the new variant.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Hutchins to roll over all departments annual leave the same as last year. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

Councilmember Hutchins spoke on the 10% penalty. The Mayor reminded the Council that the City has operated for two years without the 10% penalty and been under budget and to consider adjusting the disconnect penalty from \$25.00 to \$50.00 and only have one penalty. He brought to the Council attention the rising cost of natural gas and to consider senior citizens and those on fixed incomes and those adjustments they will have to make due to this cost. He stated that if the disconnect is double it would still increase the revenue while only having one penalty assessed.

IX. Public Comments

Brother Jason spoke to the Mayor and Council regarding the reinstatement of the penalty. He spoke of the utility bills that he sees and he hopes that the Mayor and Council have compassion on the City of Blakely citizens.



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Charlie Sol spoke on the penalty. He stated that for those that pay the utility bills don't have funds to pay their medical expenses. He spoke on the City poverty rate. He asked the Mayor and Council to help the citizens because they do not have the funds. He spoke of the possibility of saving money by not putting out the speed bumps. He spoke of children in the road and areas without speed bumps.

JB Jones spoke to the Mayor and Council about speed bumps in certain areas. He spoke of utility bills. He spoke of trash falling of trucks and not being picked up. He spoke of no speed limits signs and that something needs to be done in areas to protect kids.

Kenneth Jones thanked the Mayor and Council for the way they take care of the City employees with benefits and the way they look after the employees.

The Mayor informed the Council that resurfacing has started in the cemetery and Blankenship has started work on Deal and Dean St.

X. Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to enter into Executive Session for personnel and litigation (property.) The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to return to regular session.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to declare Birdsong property with the wells surplus property. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to adjourn the December 7th City Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

Travis Wimbush, Mayor



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Budget Public Hearing
December 16, 2021, City Hall, 6:00 P.M.

I) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Let the record show that Mayor Travis Wimbush called the Budget Public Hearing to order. Mayor Travis Wimbush, Councilmember Ray Jarrett, Councilmember Margaret Davis and Councilmember Brad Clenney were present. Councilmember Al Hutchins was not present. The City Clerk was also present. The City Attorney was not present

II) BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing opened at 6:00pm

III) PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public in attendance

IV) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Davis to adjourn the December 16th Budget Public Hearing. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

Travis Wimbush, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 21- _____

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, after careful consideration by the Mayor and members of the City Council, the City of Blakely intends to adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared and introduced a budget for approval, has provided for public advertising and a public hearing, and intends to adopt this proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, the City has further complied with O.C.G.A. § 36-81-5 which contains requirements established by the General Assembly of Georgia for the adoption of budgets by local governments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to operate the City as efficiently as possible and has drafted a budget intended to provide necessary services in the most cost efficient manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Blakely, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. The annual budget for the City of Blakely for the period beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto as “Exhibit A,” is adopted.

Section 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO ORDAINED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY OF BLAKELY

By: _____
Mayor, Travis Wimbush

(S E A L)

Attest: _____
Clerk, Melinda Crook

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF BLAKELY TO LIMIT THE TIME FOR GRANTING A LICENSE AFTER CONVICTION OF EITHER A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Blakely adopted Chapter 3 of the City Code to provide for the regulation of alcoholic beverages sold within the corporate limits of the City of Blakely; and

WHEREAS, the regulation of alcoholic beverages protects the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration the Council has determined to amend the ordinance regarding license qualification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blakely as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph i of Section 3.21 of Chapter 3 of the City Code of the City of Blakely is deleted in its entirety and a new paragraph i is adopted as follows:

“i. To any person who has been convicted of a felony unless ten years has elapsed since the completion of their sentence, or has been convicted of a violation of the laws or regulations of any state or political subdivision relating to the use or sale of drugs or alcoholic beverages within the last ten years, or who has been convicted of a misdemeanor involving the use of firearms, theft, violence, or a crime of moral turpitude within the last ten years. The forfeiture of bond or collateral or a plea of nolo contendere or a plea of guilty shall be considered a conviction for the purpose of this section.”

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

SO ORDAINED, this _____ day of _____, 2021.

CITY OF BLAKELY

By: _____
Mayor, Travis Wimbush

(S E A L)

Attest: _____
Clerk, Melinda Crook

**CITY OF BLAKELY, RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BLAKELY-EARLY
COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Blakely, Georgia, (the City) entered into an agreement with the Blakely-Early County Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber), dated May 3, 2011, but effective retroactively to January 1, 2011, providing financial assistance for certain activities therein described;

WHEREAS, paragraph 4 of the agreement provided for renewal and extension after December 31, 2011, by mutual agreement of the parties;

WHEREAS, the agreement has been mutually beneficial to the parties, who therefore desire to renew and extend the agreement for the calendar year 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE:

1. The contract of May 3, 2011, referred to above, is hereby renewed and extended for the calendar year 2022, and shall terminate at midnight of December 31, 2022, unless renewed and extended by mutual agreement of the parties.
2. All references in the agreement to the year 2011 are changed to read "2022", and all references to the year 2012 are changed to read "2022".
3. This renewal shall become effective retroactively to January 1, 2022, upon execution of the renewal by the last parties to execute it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have hereunto affixed their official signatures and seals this year and day shown opposite their respective signatures.

THE CITY OF BLAKELY, GEORGIA.

THE BLAKELY-EARLY COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By _____
Mayor

By _____
President

Attest _____
City Clerk

Attest _____
Secretary

(City seal)

(Chamber seal)

CONTRACT FOR PROMOTING TOURISM, CONVENTIONS AND TRADE SHOWS.

This is an agreement between The City of Blakely, Georgia (the City) as party of the first part, and Court Square Development, Inc., (Court Square), a private non-profit corporation, as party of the second part, for financing and promoting tourism, conventions and trade shows during the calendar year 2022.

WHEREAS the City, is levying an excise tax in the amount of 5% on hotels and motels (the Tax) pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 48-13-51(a)(3) (the Statute);

WHEREAS the Statute permits the City to contract with certain specified organizations for the utilization of the proceeds of the tax to carry out the purposes stated in the Statute;

WHEREAS Court Square is a private nonprofit corporation qualified under the Statute to contract with the City for the utilization of the tax proceeds, and the Mayor and Council of the City have determined that the most effective way to utilize a portion of the proceeds from the tax for the purposes specified in the Statute is by agreement with Court Square;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the payment of the sums herein provided, and of the mutual promises of the parties stated herein, it is agreed:

1. Commencing on the tenth day following the date of the first monthly collection of the Tax in the year 2022, and on the tenth day of each month thereafter during the term of this agreement, the City will pay to Court Square three percent (3%) of the amount of the Tax proceeds collected by the city during the preceding month.

2. Court Square agrees to deposit all such sums in a separate and special account and shall disburse funds from said account solely for the purposes stated in the Statute (promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows within the corporate limits of the City), and for no other purpose.

It is the intent and purpose of this agreement that, notwithstanding the actual date of execution, it shall be retroactive to the first day of January, 2022, and to

accomplish that purpose any payments of the Tax proceeds which would have become payable for the calendar months of 2022 prior to actual execution of this agreement shall be paid to Court Square in lump sum within ten day after execution of this agreement.

3. On or before the first day of the fourth month immediately following receipt of the first payment of proceeds from the Tax, and on or before the first day of each fourth month thereafter, Court Square shall make written reports to the City sufficient to show that the funds received during the preceding three months have been so deposited and have been utilized solely for the purposes stated in paragraph 1 above. If Court Square shall fail to make any such report when required by this agreement, or if any such report fails to establish to the satisfaction of the City, in its sole judgment, that the funds have been so deposited and used, or if Court Square breaches or fails to perform any provision or requirement of this agreement, the City may at its option terminate this agreement. Court square shall include in the report documentation the number of visitors to the museum or other facilities and programs operated by Court Square and shall delineate in the report those visitors who reside outside of Early County. The report shall list all activities conducted by Court Square that include non-residents of Early County.

4. This agreement shall be in effect for the period of one (1) year from the 1st day of January 2022 through the 31st of December 2022. This agreement shall terminate on December 31, 2022, but may be renewed by mutual agreement of the parties.

5. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this agreement, it is agreed that the City has no financial interest in the business of Court Square, and shall not be liable for any debts or obligations incurred by Court Square, nor shall the city be deemed or construed to be a partner, joint venturer or otherwise interested in the assets of Court Square or profits earned or derived by Court Square, nor shall Court Square at any time or times use the name or credit of the City in purchasing or attempting to purchase any equipment, or other thing or things whatsoever. Court Square in the performance of its operations and obligations hereunder shall not be deemed to be the agent of the City but shall be deemed to be an independent contractor in every respect and shall take all steps at its own expense as the City may from time to time request to indicate that it is an independent contractor. The City does not and will not assume any responsibility for the means by which or manner in which services by Court Square provided for herein are performed, but on the

contrary Court Square shall be wholly responsible therefore.

6. Court Square shall not transfer or assign this agreement or the license or any of the rights or privileges granted herein without the prior written consent of the City. Court Square hereby agrees to comply strictly with all ordinances of the City of Blakely, Georgia and the laws of the State of Georgia while performing under the terms of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have caused their official signatures and seals to affixed hereto as of the _____ day of _____, 2022.

THE CITY OF BLAKELY, GEORGIA

By: _____
Mayor

(SEAL)

Attest: _____
City Clerk

COURT SQUARE DEVELOPMENT, INC.

By _____
President

(SEAL)

Attest: _____
Secretary

**RESOLUTION
BY
THE CITY OF BLAKELY**

Matching Funds

WHEREAS, the City of Blakely are aware that any Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application totaling between \$300,000 and \$750,000 requires a local match at a rate of at least five (5) percent of the amount over \$300,000.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Blakely to commit a \$ _____ cash match, should the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the purpose of Sewer System Improvements be funded.

Adopted on the ____ day of _____ 2022.

Travis Wimbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melinda Crook, City Clerk

**A RESOLUTION ENTITLED A
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR
REQUIRED LOCAL MATCHING SHARE OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Blakely, Georgia and it is hereby resolved by authority of same.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have found it necessary to make certain public facility improvements in the interest of the community, and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have agreed and will submit a Community Development Block Grant Application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for financial assistance pursuant to this major development project, (Sewer Improvements) and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council understand that any grant award must be appropriately matched by local funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of Blakely, Georgia that the required local match will be provided by the City Government of Blakely, Georgia.

THIS ___ DAY OF _____ 2022.

Blakely, Georgia
Mayor and City Council

By: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

DCA Applicant Form 8

Applicant: City of Blakely

Original Amendment, Dated: _____

1 Name/Number	2 Itemized Unit Costs	3 CDBG Funds	4 [Reserved]	5a Match & Leverage	5b Source (Match & Lev)	6 Total Cost
P-03J-02	Sewer Facilities (See engineering report for detailed cost estimate)	\$641,700		\$300,000	City of Blakely CASH MATCH	\$941,700
T-03J-00	Engineering	\$63,300		\$40,287	City of Blakey CASH MATCH	\$103,587
				\$186,640	City of Blakely IN-KIND SERVICES Purchase of Ford F-550 Camera Truck	\$186,640
				\$397,713	City of Blakely IN-KIND SERVICES Purchase of Vacuum Camera Truck	\$397,713
				\$4,950	City of Blakely IN-KIND SERVICES Purchase of Power Boom Crane	\$4,950
A-21A-00	Administration	\$45,000				\$45,000
	Preliminary Engineering Report			\$5,000	Still Waters Engineering Report In-Kind Services VALUE	\$5,000
	Preparation of CDBG Application			\$5,000	Southwest GA RC In-Kind Services CDBG Application VALUE	\$5,000
				\$3,000	City of Blakely In-Kind Services VALUE	\$3,000
7a Subtotal						
7b Grand Total (if final page)		\$750,000		\$942,590		\$1,692,877

8. Additional Narrative for Match and Leverage Funds:

City of Blakely – Commitment of CASH MATCH \$340,287 towards, construction & engineering costs City of Blakely – Purchase of Ford F-550 Camera Truck for \$186,640
 City of Blakey Purchase - Vacuum Truck for \$397,713 City of Blakely – Purchase of a Power Boom Crane for \$4,950
 bCity of Blakely – \$3,000 for Annual Audit Report to cover the two (2) year Grant Program
 Still Waters Engineering – \$5,000 donating the value of Preliminary Engineering Report
 Southwest Georgia RC – \$5,000 donating the value of Grant Application **** (SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTIONS AND LETTERS OF COMMITMENT)**

**RESOLUTION
BY
CITY OF BLAKELY**

WHEREAS, City of Blakely will submit a 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the State of Georgia Department Community Affairs and,

WHEREAS, the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) has provided technical assistance and support to the City in identifying a project which demonstrates the greatest need and will most benefit low-to-moderate income residents in the City of Blakely.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City of Blakely Council Members have elected to use the services of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for the development and preparation of the City's 2021 Community Development Block Grant application and, the re-submittal of said grant if not funded;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Blakely Council Members have elected to use the services of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission as the grant writer and to administer said grant should it be awarded.

Adopted the ____ day of _____ 2021.

Travis Wimbush, Mayor
City of Blakely

ATTEST:

Melinda Crook, City Clerk
City of Blakely

**RESOLUTION
BY
CITY OF BLAKELY**

WHEREAS, City of Blakely will submit a 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the State of Georgia Department Community Affairs and,

WHEREAS, the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) has provided technical assistance and support to the City in identifying a project which demonstrates the greatest need and will most benefit low-to-moderate income residents in the City of Blakely.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City of Blakely Council Members have elected to use the services of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for the development and preparation of the City's 2022 Community Development Block Grant application and, the re-submittal of said grant if not funded;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Blakely Council Members have elected to use the services of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission as the grant writer and to administer said grant should it be awarded.

Adopted the ____ day of _____ 2022.

Travis Wimbush, Mayor
City of Blakely

ATTEST:

Melinda Crook, City Clerk
City of Blakely

Mayor Pro Tem

Must make a motion to open nominations, then take nominations and make a motion to close nominations. Then make a motion to appoint.

Mayor pro tem history

2010 = Andy Smith

2011 = Torre Mills

2012 = Charles Middleton

2013 = Andy Smith

2014 = Torre Mills

2015 = Al Hutchins

2016 = Frank Thornton

2017 = James Crozier

2018 = Charles Middleton

2019 = Al Hutchins

2020 = Ray Jarrett

2021 = Margaret Davis