



# CITY COUNCIL MANAGER'S REPORT

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City of Hogansville | David A Milliron, City Manager | 706.637.8629 | October 16, 2017

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**Mallard's Lake:** The City was provided with marketing materials for the 37 developed lots purchased out of bankruptcy. These lots are being marketed at \$20k per lot by Avalon Real Estate Partners, LLC. They are zoned R-1 and have a minimum lot size of 6,000 sq. ft., minimum lot width of 60 feet, 60-foot minimum front setback, eight-foot side setback, 25-foot rear setback, and a minimum dwelling size of 1,500 sq. ft. For more information, contact Alex Holt at 404-504-8791 or Daniel Candler at 404-504-8792.

## Personnel:

- Street Superintendent Billy Pate is leaving the City on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> and will be moving with his wife to California. The City Manager will serve as interim Public Works Director until further notice.
- The City Manager held a staff meeting with the Public Works staff on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> and the Police Department on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>
- New Hires:
  - Davis Cliett - Police Officer - Hired Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Jack Hollis - Police Officer - Hired Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Daryl Swann - Maintenance Worker I - Hired Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>
- Departures:
  - Dakota Skipper - Maintenance Worker - Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>

**Hummingbird Festival:** Several logistics meetings were held with organizers and key staff in preparation of this annual event, to be held from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Georgia Department of Transportation:** The Mayor, Council Members Norred and Strickland, together with the City Manager will meet on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 with GDOT District 3 Engineer Michael Presley and other state transportation staff. Topics for discussion include transportation needs and issues in Hogansville, meet and greet with key district personnel, roadside maintenance agreement for state highways, and a discussion of the draft 2018-2021 STIP (State Transportation Improvement Program) plan.

**Legal Update:** The Mayor and City Manager met with the City Attorney on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> to bring the City Manager up to speed about all current legal matters affecting the City. The City Manager is working on following up with several backlogged requests.

**Diverse Power:** The Mayor and City Manager met with the President/CEO of Diverse Power and other representatives on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss the maintenance agreement currently in place between the City and Diverse Power. The annual agreement is due to expire in less than eight months. Future economic development and other opportunities were discussed and the City Attorney is now researching a few key topics.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant:** The low-bidder (PF Moon & Company, Inc.) on the project has agreed to extend the current pricing by 50 days while financing of the project is secured. Factories will raise their material prices come January 1<sup>st</sup> so a contract would need to be in place by year-end so the contractor can submit an order to the factory by December 20<sup>th</sup>. The City Manager will follow-up with the Meriwether County Water & Sewerage Authority at its next regular meeting as joint owner of the project.

**213 Ware Street:** City Attorney contacted the property owner, which has agreed to have the property torn down within 10 business days.

**101 College Street:** The property owners engaged with Stability Engineering in Decatur, Ga., which performed a structural engineering assessment of the building. An elevation and building shoring plan has since been provided the City for its review and approval. City staff continue to monitor the building given the instability of some of the bricks.

**Boozer Street:** I reached out to the County Manager for assistance with storm water issues along Boozer Street. The City lacks the equipment to sculp the ditch lines for proper water flow. The County has agreed to re-sculp the existing ditch lines that have filled in over the past few years.

**Striping:** Peak Pavement Marking began last week on the priority striping list. Work should be finished early this week.

**PNC:** City Manager contacted realty services and informed them of the overgrown hedge at the bank building. They have agreed to address the issue.

**Property Line Setbacks:** Staff was asked to research property setbacks with respect to fences; past practice was to have homeowner install them at least one foot off property line; staff has been unable to find any ordinance that requires such and there is nothing in the international building code that addresses such; I have reached out to James Woods because I was told he at one point located or was aware of such and am awaiting his response; so if staff comes up empty-handed, we'll seek the will of the Council on if it wants to pursue a text amendment to address the issue (e.g. allow fences to be installed on the property line or to require a minimum setback).

**Boozer Street:** Met with county engineer today; Troup County has agreed to bring motor grader and better define existing ditch lines shortly after the Hummingbird Festival.

**Personnel Policies:** Staff was asked to look at a social media and nepotism policy; I am of the opinion such ought to be better incorporated into a personnel manual and therefore am working on a draft document I will share in the coming weeks to accept comments and suggestions from members of the Council and key staff. Once the document is in near draft form, the City Attorney can then review before formal presentation to the Council for consideration as adopted policy.

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