



City of Hogansville
City Council
Work Session Meeting Agenda
Monday, August 14, 2023 – 5:30 pm

Meeting will be held at Hogansville City Hall

Mayor: <i>Jake Ayers</i>	2025	City Manager: <i>Lisa E. Kelly</i>
Council Post 1: <i>Michael Taylor, Jr</i>	2025	Assistant City Manager: <i>Niles Ford</i>
Council Post 2: <i>Matthew Morgan</i>	2025	City Attorney: <i>Alex Dixon</i>
Council Post 3: <i>Mandy Neese*</i>	2023	Chief of Police: <i>Jeffrey Sheppard</i>
Council Post 4: <i>Mark Ayers</i>	2023	City Clerk: <i>LeAnn Lehigh</i>
Council Post 5: <i>Toni Striblin</i>	2023	* Mayor Pro-Tem

WORK SESSION – 5:30 pm

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Special Use Permit Renewal – Family Life Center
2. LCRR Update



08/14/2023

Meeting held at Hogansville City Hall, 111 High Street, Hogansville GA 30230

Work Session Meeting

Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Work Session to order at 5:38 pm. Present were Mayor Jake Ayers, Council Member Michael Taylor, Jr., Council Member Matthew Morgan, Council Member Mandy Neese, Council Member Mark Ayers, and Council Member Toni Striblin. Also present were City Manager Lisa Kelly, Assistant City Manager Niles Ford, Police Chief Jeff Sheppard, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh. City Attorney Alex Dixon was not present at tonight's meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Special Use Permit Renewal – Family Life Center

Dr. Jimmy McCamey addressed the Mayor and Council to give an update on the progress and ask for a Special Use permit renewal for the Family Life Center at 301 Pine Street. In 2019, the previous Council issued a Special Use Permit to the Family Life Center, which would house up to 32 kids ages 12-18 that are wards of the state in foster care for a short-term period of an average of 9 months. The kids would not be Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) kids and would have no violent criminal records. He explained that the previous council allowed the Special Use Permit with stipulations that he come back to renew the permit at one year and report the progress. Dr. McCamey was on the Agenda on March 16, 2020, but his presentation was postponed to a future Council Meeting due to COVID. He explained that the center will have 24-hour private security and that the kids will attend schooling at the Family Life Center with state certified teaching staff. Dr. McCamey said that there would be little to no help needed from local law enforcement. The only time local law enforcement would be called is if there is an incident regarding staff and a child or the incident is considered "critical incidents" as defined by DFCS protocol. Kids would be monitored at all times and would never leave the center without staff. All kids would go through assessments before being placed in the center. The assessments are completed by Dr. McCamey, residential managers, social workers, and therapists. Dr. McCamey has two other Family Life Centers, one in Talbotton, GA and one in LaGrange, GA. The Talbotton location houses up to 6 kids and the LaGrange location houses up to 13 kids. There is 1 staff member per 5 kids. The same will be true for the new location, 1 staff to 5 kids. Each staff member must go through 40 hours of training for full-time employees annually. Dr. McCamey would like for the Hogansville location to be his headquarters and would like to bring programs and services such as anger management and therapy. Phase 1 of the building is almost complete but is waiting on a 4" water tap to help with the water pressure needed for the sprinkler system.

Dr. McCamey also explained that he had received a substantial amount of money through a grant that is to be used for community services and would like to create a Family Resource Center, which would offer free lunches to Hogansville residents 65+ Monday through Friday. He would also like to start a soup kitchen on Saturdays for all Hogansville residents. Dr. McCamey talked about starting a GED program and offering educational services, anger management and other therapy types.

Council members expressed concern over the daycare next door to the center. Dr. McCamey said that there would be a privacy fence installed to keep Family Life Center residents separated from the daycare

and there would be 24-hour security, along with security surveillance cameras. He said that the kids would be closely monitored and never out of sight and are not allowed to roam the neighborhood.

Dr. McCamey was asked by Council if having the water pressure issues is the only thing holding him back from getting kids? He said that if the water issues are fixed, he could be up and running in about 90 days if he gets his permits from the City.

Staff explained that the water issues are being addressed, but they are waiting on the parts to come in. The water tower being erected on Pine Street will also help the water pressure issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jake Ayers adjourned the Work Session at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully,



LeAnn Lehigh

City Clerk