

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
CITY OF AUBURN, GA**

Jon Gomolak, *Chair*  
Mayda Brown, *Vice-Chair*  
Susan Long, *Secretary/Treasurer*  
Massa Williams  
Tina Nix  
Layla Contreras, *Social Media*  
Dakota Whaley

**MINUTES**

September 15, 2026  
6:15 PM

Room 130 – Training Room  
Auburn Municipal Complex  
1 Auburn Way

**CALL TO ORDER 6:15.**

Our meeting place was moved to training room from council chambers by another group needing it.  
Citizens Police Academy

**OLD BUSINESS**

August 4, 2026 minutes were approved.

**Action Taken: Motion made to approve August 4, 2026 Minutes.**

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| J Gomolak   | Yes                          |
| M Brown     | Yes (1 <sup>st</sup> Motion) |
| S Long      | Yes                          |
| M Williams  | Yes                          |
| T Nix       | Yes (2 <sup>nd</sup> Motion) |
| L Contreras | Yes                          |
| D Whaley    | Yes                          |

**NEW BUSINESS**

1 Update on new checking account.

An information packet from Michael Parks, City Manager, explained what procedures should be followed to separate ourselves from the city. October 1, 2026 is the transfer date.

Points discussed were:

How much do we have a need for a city attorney?

We do not have much need for an attorney every meeting. Over the next couple of months We will evaluate our need. We will get one to write contracts for any purchases.

WhistleStop Shops Utilities

We will take over the lease as soon as RGS releases them to us. We will then be responsible for paying for the utilities.

Why is The DDA checking account named A Fundraising Account?

Looking at various Banks and comparing Interest Rates

## 2 Full Budget Discussion/Line Items

Nothing to discuss right now. More Next month as we take control of this area.

## 3 Social Media Update

Layla shared the new number of followers on Social Media Accounts. She also mentioned that a citizen reached out asking for more information about Downtown Event through email. Research will be done to see if sending out a Monthly email is a possibility. A DDA Website is also being researched and discussed.

## 5 Event Opportunity Presentation

Mayda and Layla are planning a local Business Association Group for Auburn Businesses to network. The name discussed was the Terminus Trade Alliance. Possible Dues would be \$10 a month. Possible date: September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

## Announcements:

Mayda.: RGS Development Update WaterWorks on Main

The newest business to start construction is Coffee Camper.. They would like to be open by Thanksgiving.

Apex will be holding a 4 year anniversary on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 2026 12PM

Next meeting will be held Tuesday October 6, 2026

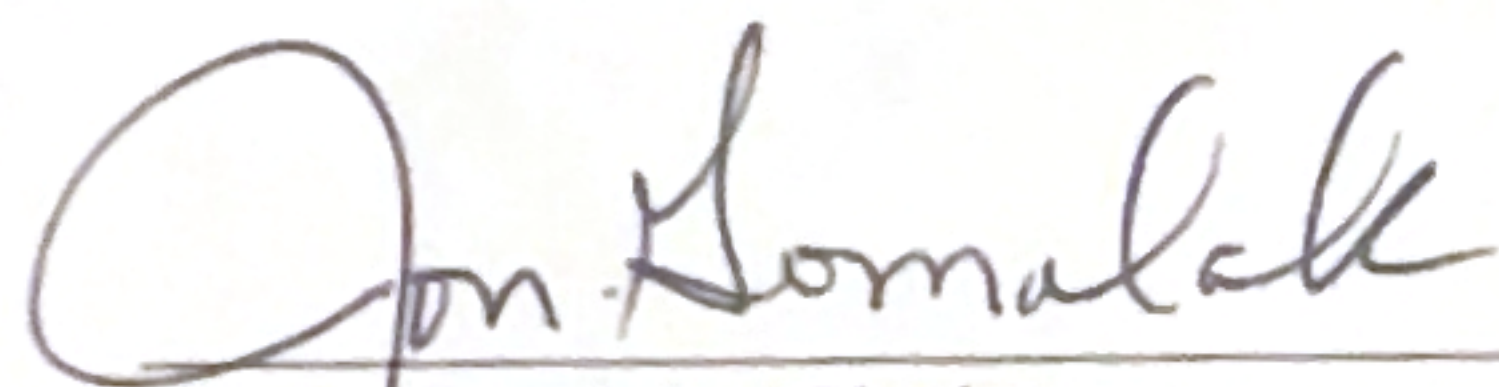
## ADJOURN

Adjourn and move on to Executive Session

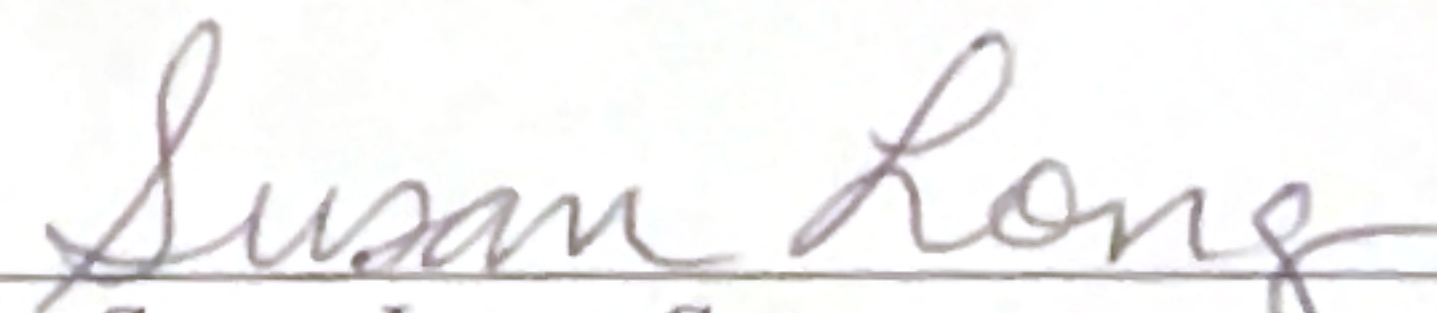
Action Taken: Motion made to adjourn and start the Executive Session.

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION Discussion of Real Properties



Jon Gomolak, Chair



Susan Long, Secretary