

City of Byron
Mayor and Council Minutes
December 9, 2024

The City of Byron Mayor and Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Michael Chidester and Council Members James Richardson, Rusty Adams, and Michael Chumbley were in attendance. Council Members Chris Hodges and Alan Dorsey were absent. City employees that attended were City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, City Clerk Telina Allred, Chief Wesley Cannon, Captain Bryan Hunter, Chief Court Clerk Dede Thibodeaux, and Fire Chief Josh Riley. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting and one (1) visitor. A representative from the Leader Tribune was also in attendance.

Mayor Michael Chidester called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, asked James Richardson to give the invocation, and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDED: Mayor Chidester asked that items #17 and item #20 be tabled until next month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meetings held on November 11 and November 20, 2024. Unanimous.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL No one to speak.

MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by James Richardson to approve the rehire of Judge Laurens Lee as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Byron with term to expire January 1, 2027. Unanimous.

REHIRING OF CITY ATTORNEY: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the rehire of Brian Causey as City Attorney for the City of Byron FY2025. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET FY2025: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution to adopt the General Fund Operating Budget FY2025 for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE SEVERAL FUNCTIONS OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of the same that Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof of this Resolution shall be the City of Byron's budget for the fiscal year 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administrative transfers of money are permitted as provided by state law, or city charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, such shall not affect other provisions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provision of application and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 9th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS OPERATING BUDGET FY2025: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to consider approving the following Resolution to adopt the Special Revenue Funds Operating Budget FY2025 for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA FOR THE FISCAL

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YEAR 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of the same that Exhibit “B” attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof of this Resolution shall be the City of Byron’s Special Revenues Budget for the fiscal year 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administrative transfers of money are permitted as provided by state law, or city charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, such shall not affect other provisions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provision of application and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 9th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DEBT SERVICE FUND OPERATIONG BUDGET FY2025: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the following Resolution to adopt the Debt Service Fund Operating Budget FY2025 for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEBT SERVICE FUND OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron,

Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of the same that Exhibit “C” attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof of this Resolution shall be the City of Byron’s Debt Service Fund Budget for the fiscal year 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administrative transfers of money are permitted as provided by state law, or city charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, such shall not affect other provisions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provision of application and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

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RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATING BUDGET FY2025:
Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution to adopt the Enterprise Fund Operating Budget FY2025 for the City of Byron. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE ENTERPRISE FUNDS OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of the same that Exhibit “D”

attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof of this Resolution shall be the City of Byron's Enterprise Funds Budget for the fiscal year 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administrative transfers of money are permitted as provided by state law, or city charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, such shall not affect other provisions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provision of application and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 9th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024.

BYRON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the reappointment of Harry Patel to the Byron Redevelopment Authority Board; term to expire December 31, 2027.

Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Rusty Adams to approve the appointment of Lisa Owens to replace Haley Pullium and to approve Darrell Lettice to replace Scott Hodges on the Byron Redevelopment Authority Board; both terms to expire December 31, 2027.
Unanimous.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENT: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by James Richardson to approve the appointment of Keeshia Massey to replace Louis Evans on the Planning & Zoning Board; term to expire September 13, 2024. Unanimous.

LMIG MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Multi-jurisdictional Local Maintenance Improvement Grant Memorandum of Understanding. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MULTI-JURISDICTION MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND HOUSTON COUNTY, WARNER ROBINS, CENTERVILLE, AND PERRY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the Mayor is authorized to execute a Multi-Jurisdiction Memorandum of Agreement with Houston County, Warner Robins, Centerville, and Perry in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" which by this reference is made a part of this resolution.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 9th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024.

RESOLUTION REGARDING MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH EGS: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Preventive Maintenance Agreement with Energy Generation Solutions, Inc., regarding the Police Department generators. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND ENERGY GENERATION SOLUTIONS, INC. REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OF MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE WORK FOR THE CITY OF BYRON GENERATOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement with Energy Generation Solutions, Inc. regarding the performance of maintenance and service work for the City of Byron generator and attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 9th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024.

RESOLUTION REGARDING LANDSCAPE CONTRACT: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a landscaping contract with Paulk Landscaping for year 2025. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING AGREEMENT WITH STEPHANIE T. WARD: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded Rusty Adams to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Stephanie T. Ward. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND STEPHANIE T. WARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement with Stephanie T. Ward in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit “A” which by this reference is made a part of this resolution.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 9th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING AGREEMENT WITH THE BYRON CVB: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Byron Convention & Visitors Bureau Authority. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND THE BYRON CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement with the Byron Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit “A” which by this reference is made a part of this resolution.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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RESOLUTION REGARDING AGREEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT TAX SOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Government Tax Solutions with an effective date of January 1, 2025. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND GOVERNMENT TAX SOLUTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement with Government Tax Solutions in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" which by this reference is made a part of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED this 9th day of December, 2024.

ORDINANCE (2024-11) REGARDING CHAPTER 40, SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE FOR WATER/WASTEWATER: TABLED.

ORDINANCE (#2024-12) REGARDING CHAPTER 8, ICC AND PROPERTY

MAINTENANCE CODES: Second reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2024-12) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 8-BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, SECTION 8.1-MINIMUM STANDARD CODES FOR CONSTRUCTION, OF THE CODE OF BYRON, GEORGIA, SO AS TO UPDATE AND AMEND SAME, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to adopt Ordinance #2024-12. Unanimous.

ORDINANCE (#2024-13) REGARDING CHAPTER 16, BUSINESS ADVERTISING: Second reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2024-13) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 16-ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE X.- PROPERTIES WHICH ARE PUBLIC NUISANCES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON, BY AMENDING, INSERTING, DELETING, MODIFYING, AND/OR ASSERTING IN THEIR PLACE THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF THE PLACEMENTS OF SIGNS ON PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by James Richardson to adopt Ordinance #2024-13. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION FOR SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE OF FEES: TABLED.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Rusty Adams to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 pm. Unanimous.

Telina Allred
Clerk of Council