

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**April 8, 2024**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024, 6 PM at the Pope Conference Center. Mayor Bruce Bailey presided.

Present were Mayor Bailey, council members, Anderson, Cullars, Fisher, Gunter, Hill and Mahoney.

Councilman Hill led the invocation and Councilman Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

On motion by Cullars, second by Gunter, and unanimously approved.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

On motion by Mahoney, second by Fisher, the council approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**MAYOR ACTION TOPICS:**

There were no action topics by the mayor.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION TOPICS**

Councilman Anderson highlighted new businesses including The Nest coffee shop and Slinky & Slade pet grooming shop, as well as new ownership of Palmer Equipment. He also highlighted the new splash pad to be constructed at Simpson Park. Councilman Fisher added that Councilman Mahoney is currently working to get lifeguards on board for the pool.

**COUNCIL ACTION TOPICS**

Councilman Mahoney recommended that the city be the fiscal agent for Work Source GA. Mahoney made the motion for Washington to become the backup candidate to Warren County. Second was made by Cullars, brief discussion was held to clarify that by doing so, Washington would in no way be obligated to become the fiscal agent without further discussion and voting by the council. Adam Nelson read motion: "Motion to approve proposed fiscal agent agreement with CLEO of LWDA contingent on Warren County's failure to approve agreement by April 19, 2024." Motion was read, seconded by Cullars and passed unanimously.

**CITY ADMINISTRATORS' TOPICS**

1. Recommendation to reappoint Casey Jackson to payroll development authority for three years. Discussion by Mahoney regarding no minorities on board and that a position should be created for a minority or replace Casey Jackson with a minority. Cullars made motion to table to a later date with second by Mahoney; passed unanimously.

2. Recommendation to amend code regarding Mayor/Council travel. Motion by Cullars; Second by Anderson. In discussion, deBin was asked to give his interpretation of reimbursement procedures. deBin stated that reimbursement would be made after returning from the travels. The city will continue to make reservations and pay for training fees that are part of customary conference fees. Upon return, the traveler must submit receipts and mileage reimbursement form. Motion by Mahoney, second by Gunter. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Cullars and seconded by Fisher to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter; passed unanimously.

Returned from executive session with no action taken; motion by Gunter to adjourn, second by Hill; passed unanimously.

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Bruce Bailey, Mayor

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Debbie Bazemore, City Clerk