SPECIAL CALLED JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CUMMING AND THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019
1:30 P.M.

FORSYTH COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, SUITE 220
SECOND FLOOR
110 EAST MAIN STREET
CUMMING, GA 30040

-AGENDA-

I. Call Meeting to Order- Mayor Troy Brumalow

II. Approve Agenda

III. Presentation from the Atlanta Regional Commission.

IV. Add-on: Board and City Council preliminary discussion regarding studying/reviewing the feasibility of jointly-owned infrastructure to achieve cost savings, to include possible partnership(s) involving a jointly owned and/or operated water reclamation facility and associated return lines to Lake Lanier.

V. Adjournment
There was a special-called joint meeting of the City Council of the City of Cumming and the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, January 31, 2019 at 1:30 P.M., in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room of the Forsyth County Administration Building. Pursuant to Section 10 of the Charter of the City of Cumming, notice was given and properly posted as required by law. All members of Council were present with the exception of Lewis Ledbetter. Mayor Troy Brumbalow called the meeting of the City Council to order.

II. Approve Agenda Mayor Troy Brumbalow requested to add to the agenda: Study on the Feasibility of a Joint Water Reclamation Facility Project between the City of Cumming and the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners. A motion was made by Linda Ledbetter and seconded by Christopher Light to amend the agenda to include the item requested by Mayor Brumbalow and adopt the remainder of the agenda as presented. The motion carried 4-0 with Councilman Ledbetter absent.

III. Presentation by the Atlanta Regional Commission Members of the Atlanta Regional Commission, Kerry Armstrong, Doug Hooker and Mike Alexander presented a very comprehensive presentation on the services available through the Atlanta Regional Commission. For Forsyth County and the City of Cumming to join the Atlanta Regional Commission approval from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs would be required. Upon DCA approval the Georgia General Assembly would have to approve. Forsyth County and the City of Cumming are currently a member of the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission.

IV. Add-on: Board and City Council preliminary discussion regarding studying/reviewing the feasibility of jointly-owned infrastructure to achieve cost savings, to include possible partnership(s) involving a jointly owned and/or operated water reclamation facility and associated return lines to Lake Lanier. The US Corp of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Division require the discharge of waste water back into Lake Lanier. Discussion was held on whether there would be any cost
savings on a joint project or joint discharge pipe instead of each entity being responsible for its own discharge into the lake. Through an Intergovernmental Agreement, and with approval from the EPD, the City of Cumming and the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners could make arrangements to share the cost of a single discharge into Lanier, combining flow from each entity’s service area water reclamation facility. It was suggested that the Forsyth County Water Director, Tim Perkins and Director of Utilities for the City of Cumming, Jon Heard discuss the scope and direction this project would need to proceed. Mr. Perkins stated that he and Jon could have their recommendation ready to present at the March 26, 2019 work session of the Board of Commissioners. Then the City Council and the Board of Commissioners could request a professional study at a later meeting, with each entity paying its portion of the cost.

A motion was made by Christopher Light and seconded by Chad Crane to authorize the initial discussion between Tim Perkins and Jon Heard on the feasibility of a Joint Discharge into Lake Lanier between the City of Cumming and the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, and the required scope for a study on the same. The motion carried 4-0 with Councilman Lewis Ledbetter absent.

V. Adjournment A motion was made Christopher Light, and seconded by Jason Evans to adjourn the Specially Called Joint Meeting of the City of Cumming and the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried 4-0 with Councilman Lewis Ledbetter absent.

Approved this 5th day of February, 2019.

Mayor

Councilman

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Attest:

City Clerk

Councilman