



## **City of Cumming Downtown Development Authority Called Meeting March 24, 2026**

### **I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – David Leathers, Chair**

The Downtown Development Authority of Cumming held a Called Meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2026 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held on the second floor, Gallery B of City Hall located at 100 Main Street, Cumming, Georgia 30040. The purpose of the called meeting was to consider matters as set forth in the below agenda. All interested persons were invited to attend. Present for the meeting were City Administrator Phil Higgins, Downtown Development Authority Members David Leathers, Kelly Lamb, Jason Evans, Rachel Mooney, Shakeeb Ali, and Whitney Barnhart, DDA Attorney Kevin Tallant and associate Riley Creamer, and DDA Clerk Alison B. Smith. Not present for the meeting was Carrie Patterson. All members and guests pledged allegiance to the American flag at the start of the meeting.

### **II. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes**

David Leathers requested a motion to adopt the previous meeting minutes. A motion was made by Kelly Lamb and seconded by Shakeeb Ali to adopt the minutes from the January 27, 2026 Downtown Development Authority Meeting. The motion carried 5-0.

### **III. Consider Agenda for Adoption**

David Leathers requested a motion to adopt the presented agenda for the DDA Meeting. A motion to was made by Rachel Mooney and seconded by Whitney Barnhart to adopt the agenda for the March 24, 2026 meeting. The motion carried 5-0.

### **IV. Executive Session**

David Leathers asked City Administrator, Phil Higgins, if Executive session was required. Administrator Higgins advised Executive Session was required.

The DDA Authority members returned from Executive Session. A motion was made by Whitney Barnhart to dismiss executive session and reconvene to regular session. The motion was seconded by Rachel Mooney. The motion passed 5-0.

#### **V. Discussion of DDA Bylaws**

City Attorney, Kevin Tallant, presented a consolidated sample of DDA bylaws from other municipalities for the DDA to review. In order to allow ample time for the DDA to read and evaluate the sample, all members agreed to review and plan to discuss in more detail at the next meeting. Administrator Higgins also provided a sample of bylaws that the members were reviewing.

#### **VI. City Center Update**

City Administrator, Phil Higgins presented the following updates for the Cumming City Center.

- The building located at the front of the property will be occupied soon by a Cajun Fusion restaurant. The establishment is presently working on a press release. Luckily, not many alterations are needed for the building so the transition is expected to be simple.
- The space formerly occupied by Roxy Moxy will be leased by sports retailer with golf simulator. They are scheduled to open by July 1, 2026.
- Pieces and Peaches will be moving in April 2026 into the space initially intended for 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment. The business will occupy multiple space including office space, Rugged Refined, Pieces and Peaches, and a children's boutique.
- Simple Man Distillery is still on schedule for a June 2026 opening.

- The apartments next to City Center have closed and construction has begun.

**IX. Adjournment**

No additional matters were presented for discussion. David Leathers asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Whitney Barnhart and seconded by Jason Evans to adjourn the March 24, 2026 meeting. The motion carried 5-0.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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**David Leathers, Downtown Development Authority Chairman**

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**Kelly Lamb, Downtown Development Authority**

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**Jason Evans, Downtown Development Authority**

*Not present at January 27, 2026 meeting*

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**Carrie Patterson, Downtown Development Authority**

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**Shakeeb Ali, Downtown Development Authority**

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**Rachel Mooney, Downtown Development Authority**

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**Whitney Barnhart, Downtown Development Authority**

Attest:

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**Clerk, Alison B. Smith**