



City of Cumming Downtown Development Authority Called Meeting June 23, 2026

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Jason Evans, Chair

The Downtown Development Authority of Cumming held a Regular Called Meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 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, Jason Evans, Rachel Mooney, Shakeeb Ali, and Whitney Barnhart, DDA legal associate Riley Creamer with Tallant Howell Law Firm, and DDA Clerk Alison B. Smith. Not present for the meeting were David Leathers and Kelly Lamb. All members and guests pledged allegiance to the American flag at the start of the meeting. Due to the absence of Chairman Leathers, Shakeeb Ali made a motion for Jason Evans to serve as Chairman Pro Tem for the meeting. The motion was seconded by Carrie Patterson and carried 5-0.

II. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

Jason Evans requested a motion to adopt the previous meeting minutes. A motion was made by Shakeeb Ali and seconded by Whitney Barnhart to adopt the minutes regular meeting from the March 24, 2026, Downtown Development Authority Meeting. The motion carried 5-0. Rachel Mooney made a motion to adopt the minutes from March 24, 2026, Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Whitney Barnhart and carried 5-0.

III. Consider Agenda for Adoption

Jason Evans requested a motion to adopt the presented agenda for the DDA Meeting. A motion to was made by Carrie Patterson and seconded by Whitney Barnhart to adopt the agenda for the June 23, 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 not required.

V. Discussion of DDA Bylaws

Administrator Higgins provided a sample of bylaws based off feedback from prior discussions. He requested all members review the provided document and plan to revisit at next meeting.

VI. Discussion of DDA Enhancements and Strategic Plans

Administrator Higgins discussed Enhancement and Strategic Planning Recommendations and how more information for this plan would be discussed soon.

VII. City Center Update

City Center Property Manager, Jennifer Archer, 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, Taven off the Green. They hope to open in mid-August.
- The Back Nine is holding a VIP event by invitation only for their new location. This is the space formerly occupied by Roxy Moxy.
- Pieces and Peaches hope to have their grand opening in the new location June 27.
- Jennifer is exploring an exotic car show in August and December.

IX. Adjournment

No additional matters were presented for discussion. Jason Evans asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Whitney Barnhart and seconded by Rachel Mooney to adjourn the June 23, 2026, meeting. The motion carried 5-0.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Not present on June 23, 2026, meeting

David Leathers, Downtown Development Authority Chairman

Not present on June 23, 2026, meeting

Kelly Lamb, Downtown Development Authority

Jason Evans, Downtown Development Authority

Carrie Patterson, Downtown Development Authority

Shakeeb Ali, Downtown Development Authority

Rachel Mooney, Downtown Development Authority

Whitney Barnhart, Downtown Development Authority

Attest:

Clerk, Alison B. Smith