



**CITY OF KINGSTON**  
**30 West Main St., Kingston, GA 30145**  
**COUNCIL MEETING – CITY HALL**  
**December 2, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**

The meeting began at 6:02 p.m. In attendance were council members, Louise Young-Harris, Allen Cochran, Mayor Elbert Wise, Kathleen Posey, Payton Silvers, Kelly Ensley, City Clerk, Attorney Elliott Noll, and Police Chief TJ Sosebee. There were thirty-one (31) attendees.

Don Jenkins lead the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### **SIGN IN PERMISSION TO SPEAK**

Patresha Northgraves spoke regarding Kingston Park Utilities contacting Brian Fulmer. The developer is to add lights to streets and no lights have been installed. Elliott Noll asked Kelly to send him an e-mail to contact Mr. Fulmer.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Allen Cochran made a motion to approve the previous minutes with Michael Abernathy comment stricken from the minutes. Louise Young-Harris seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Louise Young-Harris made a motion to approve the agenda. Payton Silvers seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

### **DDA UPDATE**

Patresha Northgraves spoke regarding the DDA having a Facebook page, website and Instagram. Also encouraged people to join the Christmas parade and activities on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Charlie Pecchio spoke about an architect firm to do a master plan for the city.

### **HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

Attorney Adam Kaye spoke regarding the facility, it is volunteer a place of refuge for people wanting to improve their life. This will be a safe and secure facility and an asset to the community. There will be an 8 foot privacy fence placed on the property. With jobs available to residents within the community.

Those speaking in favor of the Rehabilitation facility

Reed Whitecotton-spoke in favor of the facility, being a recovering addict. Mentioned how much help it would be for the community.

Beth Wilkey-spoke in favor because it acclimates patients to life. Stated it was easier to look to a stranger for help instead of family.

Mason Clements-a long term recovery patient and works with Evorra holdings now. They operate on strict guidelines and this will not damper what happens in the city.

Those speaking against the Rehabilitation facility:

Amy Hatfield-Disagrees with facility being next door to her home, stated it needed to be in a larger city.

Kayla Anchbacher-spoke there are no Google reviews on the company and on Indeed, the comments on the companies infrastructure were not good. States the facility would vastly effect smaller communities. Earnestine Jones-Wanted to know who holds them accountable to their application and is security on site.

Answer to Concerns:

Adam Kaye-Attorney- In addition to fencing, staff will take crisis intervention training. Fifteen minutes without direct line of site of an employee. Indigent care would include beds and scholarships to locals in need. They would also have to meet all health codes, fire marshal and State approvals.

Ben Thurston also spoke that there would be roughly 4 beds available for the Kingston community will have first serve for any help.

Kathleen Posey spoke regarding the application process and the need for municipal sewer.

Louise Young-Harris stated that someone from the Unified Zoning Board needed to come forward.

Jeanette Perkins-Graves spoke regarding the Zoning Board decision

Michael Abernathy spoke the Zoning Boards recommendation was approved with the conditions of an 8 foot privacy fence 25 foot from the property line, cameras an the Department of Community Affairs recommendations.

Kathleen Posey made a motion to table the decision until the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Louise Young-Harris seconded the motion. Allen Cochran stated to go ahead and vote. Motion was carried unanimously.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Wise thanked everyone for coming.

Wanda Penson and Judge Terry Wheeler presented Chief TJ Sosebee with a ten year service award.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:15 p.m. Louise Young-Harris made a motion to adjourn. Allen Cochran seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

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Mayor Elbert “Chuck” Wise, Jr.

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Kelly Ensley, City Clerk