



City of **Dunwoody** *Georgia*

Dunwoody 2024 City Council Retreat Direction and Deliverables

City Council

- Deliverable: Pre-agenda listing of items will be available to city council on the Monday before a meeting. (Started April 2024, continues.)
- Deliverable: Add updates as needed for capital projects to monthly city manager report, in lieu of creating formal presentations at the request of one council member. (Started April 2024, continues.)

Communications

- *Direction: As individual council members determine desire to, help develop template for district town halls focusing on simple question and answer. (Started Summer 2024 as Coffee with Council Members.)*
 - 7/12/24 - Harris/Lautenbacher
 - 7/27/24 – Lambert
 - 9/12/24 – Price/Seconder
 - 9/14/24 – Price/Seconder
 - Upcoming 3/29/25 – Harris/Lautenbacher
- Deliverable: Create messaging program to assist citizens in interacting with E-911. (Included in Summer 2024 Dunwoody Digest.)

Beautification

- Deliverable: Develop options available to the city in right of way to beautify commercial corridors and review for inclusion in 2025 budget. (Requested in 2025 budget, but funding issues.)
- Deliverable: Increase sign sweeps for code enforcement. (Started April 2024, continues.)

Community Development

- Deliverable: Review current film codes and report back to council should there need to be changes or amendments. (Reviewed July 2024, no recommended changes..)
- *Direction: As Unified Development Code (UDC) is written to ensure certain areas are included:*
 - *Sustainability;*
 - *Housing; and*
 - *Crime prevention by design. (Ongoing.)*

Compensation

- Deliverable: Develop 4.25% compensation adjustment to be presented to city council with an effective date late May/early June based upon pay calendar. (Done, Summer 2024. 4.9% to be done in 2025.)
- Deliverable: Review options, feasibility, and cost of providing post-employment benefits. (Will be presented at 2025 retreat.)

Economic Development

- *Direction: As developers approach the city, bring in council members as appropriate to solicit feedback earlier in the process. (Ongoing.)*
- Deliverable: Pull together a document that shows how Dunwoody is differentiated from other jurisdictions in its economic appeal. (Included Dunwoody Brand Messaging in quarterly Economic Development Update in October.)

Economic Development

- Deliverable: Review current incentive programs available for businesses in the city and report back to council should there need to be changes or amendments. (No recommended changes.)
- Deliverable: Develop a time frame for regular trends and insights to be presented, not necessarily at city council meetings, but also possibly other forums. (Economic Development, quarterly updates.)

Economic Development

- Deliverable: Review possibilities of Jett Ferry and Winter Chapel development plans.
 - Jett Ferry walkabout done April 2024.
 - Council could approve any incentives.
 - The City Council approved the new streetscape for Jett Ferry , Mt. Vernon, and Dunwoody Club Drive.
 - Zoning changed from Neighborhood Shopping to C-1 with conditions, November 2024.
 - Joint Council/Dev Authority/Planning Commission/ZBA schedule April 1,2025.

Finance

- Deliverable: Create multi-year timeline for review and re-write of all city financial policies. (Have discussed with Financial Advisor priority list, had to be worked in with existing duties.)
- Deliverable: Review and improve pro-forma General Fund model. (Always ongoing.)
- *Direction: Re-incorporate City 101 like presentation as part of the budgeting presentation process. (Budget presentation didn't lend itself to a full City 101, city council may want to consider it in outreach to non-engagement communities.)*

Parks

- Deliverable: Install playground at Waterford. (November 2024.)
- Deliverable: Install restrooms at Homecoming and Wildcat parks (September 2024.)
- Deliverable: Review Veterans Memorial options and report back to Council. (At 2025 retreat.)

Parks

- Deliverable: Use tracking data to determine impact of park events on local business efforts. (Ongoing, though contract/funding will expire next month.)
- Deliverable: Community Event invites via Outlook to Council on quarterly basis (Updates sent quarterly.)

Police

- Deliverable: Recap previous efforts at re-opening the Region 3 EMS Zone. (Ongoing.)
- Deliverable: Develop alternative to proposed camera-required code. (Local business are very willing to participate in camera integration, no further action necessary.)

Road Safety

- Deliverable: Update city council on Road Safety Action Plan, inclusive of school locations.
 - Updated Council-April 2024
 - Applied for federal Safe Streets and Roads for All grant for North Peachtree corridor-2024, did not receive grant
 - Path completed at Dunwoody High School
 - Installed pedestrian beacon at Chesnut Elementary
 - Conducted safe routes to school audits at Austin, Dunwoody and Chesnut
 - Pending grant applications for rapid flashing beacon at Dunwoody Elementary and North Peachtree corridor improvements

Trails

- *Direction: Prioritize Perimeter area trail development in coordination with PCID. (Ongoing.)*
- Deliverable: Update city council on Ashford Dunwoody trail progress.
 - Presented in November
 - Phase 1 construction completed
 - Phase 2 PCID negotiating right of way
 - Developing concept for Perimeter Center East Path
- *Direction: Approach all trail projects with the focus on softening the impact to affected property. (Ongoing.)*
 - *Reached consensus on Peeler Road Path*

Public Works

- *Direction: Promote stormwater efforts in all public works projects, communicating to the citizenry its priority. Working on messaging for projects this summer. (Ongoing.)*
 - *Developed infographics showing the major components of several projects, Georgetown Gateway infographic included in Dunwoody Digest*