## MINUTES – CALLED MEETING CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA MARCH 29, 2022

The Called Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Camilla was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 by Mayor Owens.

Roll call indicated the following present: Councilmember Tucker, Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan (arrived late), Councilman Pollard, and Councilman Palmer.

City Clerk Cheryl Ford was also present.

#### OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Mayor Owens gave the invocation and the Mayor and Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### **CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

Sign-In Sheet Attached.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Councilman Pollard, seconded by Councilman Burley, the motion to approve the Called Meeting agenda for March 22, 2022 passed by a 4-0 vote.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL**

Mayor Owens asked for a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. A motion was made by Councilman Burley and seconded by Councilman Pollard to enter Executive Session. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote. Mayor Owens announced to the public they would be entering Executive Session and the live feed for Facebook would stop. Upon adjournment of the Executive Session the live feed on Facebook will resume.

Upon adjournment of Executive Session, Mayor Owens stated they are continuing the Called Meeting of the City of Camilla. They just came out of Executive Session where no action was taken. He asked for a motion to appoint Cheryl Ford as Interim City Manager until June 1, 2022 or until a permanent Interim City Manager is hired. The effective date of the appointment is April 1, 2022 or when the current city manager's position becomes vacant. A motion was made by Councilman Burley and seconded by Councilman Morgan. Mayor Owens stated he would ask for the motion again once the salary is included. He stated the compensation for her combined duties will be a bi-weekly base salary of \$3,500. A motion was made by Councilman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Burley. Councilmember Tucker noted for the record on March 24, 2022 they were presented with an internal candidate recommended by City Manager Steve Sykes. The candidate has 30 years of local government experience and made application to be considered for the Interim City Manager. She wanted to express her concern they have a highly qualified candidate recommended to them by the city manager and had not had discussion on

that candidate. She commented Cheryl also is a highly qualified individual and served the City well for years and wants it to be on the record that the city manager also made a recommendation and that candidate actually applied for the Interim City Manager position. Mayor Owens asked for a motion to appoint Cheryl Ford as Interim City Manager until June 1, 2022 or until a permanent Interim City Manager is hired. The effective date of the appointment is April 1, 2022 or when the current city manager's position becomes vacant. The compensation for her combined duties will be a bi-weekly base salary of \$3,500. Voting in favor of the motion: Councilman Burley, Councilman Morgan, and Councilman Pollard. Voting against the motion: Councilmember Tucker and Councilman Palmer. The Mayor voted yes to appoint Cheryl Ford as Interim City Manager until June 1, 2022 or until a permanent city manager is hired. The motion passed by a 4-2 vote.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilman Pollard, seconded by Councilman Burley, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

BY:

KELVIN M. OWENS, MAYOR

**ATTEST** 

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# CITY OF CAMILLA, GEORGIA ~ SIGN-IN SHEET

DATE: MARCH 29	<u> </u>	11:00	🔀 A.M.	☐ P.M.	
MEETING: COUNCIL	☐ WORK SESSION	OTHER:	CALLED		

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