

RETREAT MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 2017
HAWTHORNE SUITES
100/110 NORTH 2nd AVENUE, N.W., ROME, GA

Friday, September 15, 2017

12:00 p.m. Lunch at the Seasons Restaurant

1:30 Arrive at Hotel

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Meeting in River Room, Hawthorne Suites

Present were Mayor Steve Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Northrup, Council Members Marc Cohen, Susie Gajewski, Brandon Hembree. Also present were City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche, City Clerk Jane Whittington, City Attorney Frank Hartley, Planning Director Kaipō Awana, Finance Director Cindy Pugh, Recreation Director Andy McQuagge, Human Resources & Executive Services Manager Robyn Adams, IT Director Ned Jasarevic, Downtown Development Authority President Taylor Anderson

1. Welcome/Objectives – Mayor Edwards, City Manager Paul Radford
2. Redevelopment Presentation – Ira Levy, Rome Downtown Investor
3. Council Visioning – Mayor Edwards
4. Current Projects Update – Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche
5. Economic Development Update – City Manager
6. Future Projects – Assistant City Manager

Reception - Remarks by Rome Commissioner Evie McNiece

Dinner

Saturday, September 16, 2017

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Meeting in River Room Hawthorne Suites

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7. 2018 Budget – City Manager Paul Radford
8. Residential Development Strategies – Sammy Rich, Rome City Manager
9. Recreation as a Tourism Strategy – Sammy Rich, Rome City Manager
10. Council Visioning – Mayor Edwards
11. Bowl Concert Series in Review – City Manager Paul Radford
12. Executive Session (Personnel, Real Estate, Legal) – Council Member Cohen motioned to enter Executive Session. Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion. Approved 5-0

There was no action taken out of Executive Session so the meeting was adjourned.

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk