

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE NEED FOR A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO FUNCTION IN THE CITY OF HAHIRA, GEORGIA, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES LAW O.C.G.A. 36-42-1, et seq. TO APPOINT A BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO DESIGNATE A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AREA; TO PROVIDE FOR FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA OF A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hahira, Georgia (the "City") that there is a need in the City for the revitalization and redevelopment of the central business district of the City to develop and promote for the public good and general welfare trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities and to promote the general welfare of the State of Georgia by creating a climate favorable to the location of new industry, trade and commerce and the development of existing industry, trade and commerce within the City; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Mayor and Council of the City that revitalization and redevelopment of the central business district of the City by financing projects under the Downtown Development Authorities Law (1981 Ga. Laws p. 1744; O.C.G.A. 36-42-1, et seq. - the "Downtown Development Authorities Law") will develop and promote for the public good and general welfare trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities and will promote the general welfare of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Mayor and Council of the City that is in the public interest and is vital to the public welfare of the people of the City and of the people of the State of Georgia to revitalize and redevelop the central business district of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Development Authorities Law creates in and for each municipal corporation in the State of Georgia a downtown development authority for the purpose of revitalizing and redeveloping the central business district of such municipal corporation and promoting for the public good and general welfare, trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities and promoting the general welfare of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City, after thorough investigation, have determined that it is desirable and necessary that the Downtown Development Authority of the City be activated immediately, pursuant to the Downtown Development Authorities Law, in order to fulfill the needs expressed herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City, and it is hereby resolved by the same, that there is hereby determined and declared to be a present and future need for a Downtown Development Authority (as more fully described and defined in the Downtown Development Authorities Law to function in the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby activated in the City the public body corporate and politic known as the “Downtown Development Authority of the City of Hahira” which was created upon the adoption and approval of the Downtown Development Authorities Law.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that there are hereby appointed as members of the first Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Authority of the City the following named persons, each of whom shall be:

- (1) a taxpayer residing in the municipal corporation for which the authority is created;
- (2) an owner or operator of a business located within the downtown development area and a taxpayer residing in the County in which is located the municipal corporation for which the authority is created; or
- (3) a person having a combination of the qualifications specified in subparagraphs (1) and (2) above;

One such director may be a member of the governing body of the municipal corporation and not less than four shall be or represent a party who has an economic interest in the redevelopment and revitalization of the downtown development area (hereinafter defined). One director appointed to the Board may reside outside the county, provided, however, that such appointed director owns a business within the downtown development area and is a resident of the State of Georgia. If subsequently to his or her appointment the director ceases to own a business within the downtown development area or to reside in Georgia, such director shall relinquish his or her seat on the Board.

<u>Names</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
Vicki Rountree	Two years
Barry Robinson	Two years
Ted Raker	Four years
Kenneth Davis	Four years
Bert Chancy	Six years
Keith Altman	Six years
Tim Coombs	Six years

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that commencing with the date of adoption of this resolution each of the persons named above as directors shall serve in such capacity for the number of years set forth opposite his or her respective name, provided however, that after these initial terms, except for the director who is also a member of the governing body of the municipal corporation, the terms shall be four years. The term of a director who is also a member of the governing body of a municipal corporation shall end when such director is no

longer a member of the governing body of the municipal corporation. Successors to the directors shall be appointed by the governing body of the municipal corporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereinbefore elected shall organize itself, carry out its duties and responsibilities and exercise its powers and prerogatives in accordance with the terms and provision of the Downtown Development Authorities Law as it now exists and as it might hereafter be amended or modified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the “downtown development area” shall be that geographical area described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, which area, in the judgment of the Mayor and Council of the City, constitutes the “central business district” of the City as contemplated by the Downtown Development Authorities Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City shall furnish promptly to the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia and the Department of Community Affairs a certified copy of this resolution in compliance with the provisions of the Downtown Development Authorities Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action taken by the Mayor and Council of the City as herein specified is not intended in any way to affect any public corporation, industrial development, downtown development, or payroll authority previously created by legislative act or constitutional amendment including, without limitation, its existence, purpose, organization, powers or function.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any and all resolutions in conflict with this resolution be and the same are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and Council of the City, and from and after such adoption the Downtown Development Authority of the City shall be deemed to be created and activated.

Adopted and approved this 7th day of January, 2016.



Bruce Cain

Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Mashburn
City Clerk

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION OF DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AREA

City of Hahira January 7th, 2016

The Hahira downtown development area shall consist of that area beginning and bounded on the north by West Stanfill Street from its intersection with North Union Road, proceeding east along West Stanfill Street to its intersection with North Church Street, then south along North Church Street to its intersection with East Lawson Street, then east along East Lawson Street to its intersection with North West Street, then south along North West Street to its intersection with East Main Street, then west along East Main Street to its intersection with South West Street, then south along South West Street to its eastern intersection with East Park Street, then west along East Park Street to its western intersection with South West Street, then south along South West Street to its intersection with Randal Street, then east along Randal Street to its intersection with Barfield Street, then south along Barfield Street to its intersection with East Grace Street, then west along East Grace Street until it becomes West Grace Street, proceeding west along West Grace Street to its intersection with the railroad track, then north along the railroad track to its intersection with West Park Street, then west along West Park Street to its first intersection with the Hahira City Limits boundary, then north along the Hahira City Limits boundary to its intersection with the southern boundary of West Main Street, then west along West Main Street to its intersection with Union Road, then north along Union Road to its intersection with West Stanfill Street at the point of beginning, as depicted on the map attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

