

**City of Leesburg**  
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**Billy Breeden, Mayor**  
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**Bob Alexander, City Manager**  
**Bert Gregory, City Attorney**

**City of Leesburg**  
**2023 Council Retreat**  
**Council Concerns and Highlights**  
**February 25, 2023**  
**Becky Tydings**  
**Facilitator**

Attended:     Billy Breeden  
                 Judy Powell  
                 Richard Bush  
                 Jason Renfro  
                 Rufus Sherman  
                 Amanda White  
                 David Daughtry  
                 Bert Gregory  
                 Bob Alexander  
                 Chris Prokesh  
                 Mike Talley  
                 Russ Ferguson  
                 Robin McDade  
                 Debra Perry

**The following are items were discussed:**

Improve and expand recreation, trails and drainage facilities in Central Park and the holding pond on Canal Street.

Look into the possibility of a Stormwater Utility to improve stormwater facilities in the community and address the growing cost of Federal unfunded mandates.

Continue coordination and cooperation with the Lee County Board of Commissioners, the Board of Education, YMCA and the Chamber of Commerce on expanding recreational activities and sporting events in Leesburg. This would include the use of tennis courts, disk golf course, a recreation and events center and an Aquatics Center.

More sporting events will improve the opportunity for additional restaurants and lodging to be developed.

The City Manager will coordinate with Lee County's Planning, Engineering and Building Department to assist the downtown property owners in developing their businesses.

The Georgia TAP project was discussed. There was some concern about removing parking from in front of the court house. The City of Leesburg can make modification to the project once it is completed. Also, a plan to extend SR 32 to US 19 was discussed.

The Council will determine when the first meeting of the Leesburg Downtown Development Authority should be scheduled, since the Authority is now registered with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and Georgia Secretary of State.

The Burg Bash was considered a success and should be continued. Consideration should be given to make this facility into a park.

There was a discussion concerning the design of sidewalks on several streets in Leesburg and ask staff to research options to improve these facilities.

There was a discussion of infrastructure improvements to accommodate anticipated future development and growth in the community.

There was a discussion that the Noise Ordinance needed to be improved. Staff will make recommendations to Council.

There was a discussion for the need to address and prohibit large trucks from traveling through residential neighborhoods. Staff will look into this and report back to Council.

There was a consensus that the City of Leesburg needs to continue to grow to keep up with the times.

There was a discussion that there needs to be a plan in place in case of a train derailment. Staff will look into this and report back to Council.

The Council unanimously renewed the City Manager Contract.

Becky Tydings did a great job of guiding the Leesburg City Council through this retreat! Thank you Becky.