



**CITY OF MCDONOUGH
MCDONOUGH CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
PLANNING RETREAT**

February 28 – March 2, 2025

9:00 AM til 4:00 PM

Hilton Garden Inn

95 Highway 81 West

Large Ballroom

McDonough, Georgia 30253

Lunch Each Day from 12:30 til 1:30

Breaks are scheduled under the discretion of the facilitator

A G E N D A

I. Call to Order Mayor Sandra Vincent

II. Roll Call

III. Invocation

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Day 1 – 2024 Retreat and Department Updates

VII. Motion to Recess

VIII. Motion to Reconvene

IX. Day 2 – Governance

X. Motion to Recess

XI. Motion to Reconvene

XII. Day 3 – Strategic Planning

XIII. Adjournment

Mayor Sandra Vincent



DAY 2 - GOVERNANCE

1. **Opening Remarks - Motion to Reconvene** **Mayor Vincent (9:00am-9:15am)**
2. **Day 2– What Concerns You?** **Suzette Arnold (9:15 am- 10:15am)**
 - Team Building
 - Results of Survey
 - **Communication/Collaboration**
 - Best form of communication? Who?
 - Accountability/Responsibility?
 - What works, what doesn't work
 - **Trust/Collaboration**
 - How do we build trust (Transparency, clarity, simplicity)
 - **Onboarding process and Continuing Education for Mayor and Council** (What do you need to succeed)
3. **Governance Overview –** **Walker/Carl Vinson (10:15 –11:15)**
 - Understanding The Charter
 - Powers and Limitations
 - Discussion
4. **The Role of Mayor and Council –** **Walker/Carl Vinson (11:15-12:15)**
 - Defining Roles and Responsibilities
 - Staff Engagement Protocol – Why it matters?
5. **Ethics & Transparency** **Carl Vinson Institute (1:00-2:00pm)**
 - What is it?
 - Where are the problems?
 - City of Ethics
 - Ethics and Transparency Portal
6. **Legal** **Attorney Walker (2:00-3:00pm)**
 - Annexation
 - Smoking Ordinance
 - McDonough Youth Advisory Council
7. **Policy Recommendations** **(3:00pm-4:00pm)**
8. **Closing Remarks – Motion to Recess** **(4:00pm – 4:30pm)**