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NEWS RELEASE

City Signs IGSA with FSHAAF

HINESVILLE, Ga. (June 26, 2020) – On June 25, the City of Hinesville and Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield (FSHAAF) signed an intergovernmental support agreement (IGSA) for grounds maintenance at the installation. Without much fanfare and quite a few masks, the ceremony was the culmination of months of hard work to create the newest in a long history of joint ventures between civilian entities and military installations – something that Hinesville and FSHAAF have been no strangers to over the decades.

This project began approximately 18 months ago when city officials began to look at more opportunities for future partnerships with the US Army after a workshop on at Hunter Army Airfield with FSHAAF staff members.

The City of Hinesville has a history of partnering with the installation. In recent years, these partnerships have taken the form of projects centering around utilities in the Hinesville area. The year 1984 saw the opening of the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Fort Stewart (servicing both the installation and City water customers) and in the 1990s the Utility Clearinghouse office opened on post to make opening and closing utility accounts during the PCS/TCS process easier for soldiers and their families.

Beginning August 1, 2020, the City's Public Works department / ESG Operations will oversee the grounds maintenance for most of the acreage on the installation. This includes areas classified as improved, semi-improved, unimproved, airfields and cemeteries.

“We are always looking for ways to show our support for Fort Stewart and to serve those who serve our country,” says Mayor Allen Brown, “This project is almost two years in the making and helps us plan for and accommodate growth on both sides of the fence. It goes without saying that I’m grateful to our city staff for helping making this happen and for our excellent relationship with ESG Operations and appreciate all the services they provide.”

“The Hinesville – Fort Stewart Grounds Maintenance contract is the direct result of meetings, research, presentations and dedication from both sides of the fence. We are proud of the results and looking forward to beginning this partnership and carrying it out over the next ten years – along with exploring the possibilities of additional ventures in the future,” said Kenneth Howard, Hinesville City Manager.



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Photos from the signing ceremony can be found on the City's Facebook page (facebook.com/HinesvilleGA). For more information on the contract, or any other related questions, please contact Whitney Morris-Reed, Public Relations Manager, at wmorrisreed@cityofhinesville.org.

ABOUT THE CITY OF HINESVILLE:

The [City of Hinesville](https://cityofhinesville.org) was established in 1837 and is recognized as one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Georgia in both size and population. As the largest city in Liberty County, it serves as the county seat and is home to more than 35,000 people. For more information, visit cityofhinesville.org.

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