



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

MAY 28, 2026 AT 4:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1859 CITY CENTER WAY, JONESBORO, GA 30236

MINUTES

I. CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sartor at 4:06 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll was called by City Clerk Jewett.

- Mayor Donya L. Sartor
- Mayor Pro-Tem Asjah Miller
- Councilmember Chelsey Curney (Absent)
- Councilmember Alfred Dixon
- Councilmember Cameron Dixon
- Councilmember Santia Fox
- Councilmember Tracey Messick
- City Attorney, LaTonya Nix-Wiley
- City Manager, Blue Cole
- City Clerk, Shandrella Jewett
- Assistant City Clerk, Pat Daniel
- Community Development Director, Faith Akuta
- Downtown Development Authority Director/Economic Development Manager - (N/A)
- Finance Director, Karen Slaton-Dixon
- Operation/Human Resource, Maria Wetherington
- Police Chief, Christopher Cato
- Public Works Director, Marcus Heard

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Council to consider approval of the Agenda.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**

MOVER: **Mayor Pro-Tem Miller**

SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**

Point of Personal Privilege by Mayor Sartor

Mayor Sartor stated, "I know this is a very important meeting. I appreciate the public being here as well. But I'd like the record to show that I will sit on this dais today as the Chief Executive

Officer of the City of Jonesboro, the elected Mayor in this position. I will not at any time assume the position of defendant. There is a time, a place, and a protocol for that. I will serve as the presiding officer in my role as the Chief Executive Officer of the City. The Council will have recourse at any time beyond this meeting to provide any type of additional inquisitions or questions that they have at that time. So, I don't want anyone to leave here frustrated that your questions weren't answered, or the Mayor didn't answer certain things. I want to serve in my duly elected right as Mayor this evening and allow the analysis from Plante Moran to be provided to us together. We'll have public comments at the end, and if there's any final comments that the Council or I need to share, we'll be more than happy to do that. Also, at this time, I'd like to personally thank every staff member. I know this has been a long journey for you all as well as our City Attorney. You all are greatly appreciated, and I hope that we can move forward after today's report."

City Attorney Wiley addressed the Mayor and Council for the purpose of establishing a clear and organized record of documents provided on the dais. She requested that each document be numbered to facilitate accurate reference during the discussion.

1. Plante Moran's Forensic Analysis Report dated May 18, 2026
2. Plante Moran's PowerPoint Presentation
3. Addendum One (1) to the Engagement Letter, dated October 1, 2025
4. February 25, 2026 letter addressed to City Attorney Wiley regarding the status of the Forensic Analysis from Plante Moran
5. Email correspondence (two pages) dated May 28, 2026 between City Attorney and Plante Moran concerning documents provided to the vendor
6. ARPAMS Terms and Conditions for the Jonesboro Violent Crime Prevention Program
7. Governor's Office of Planning and Budget document (two pages, front and back), referred to as a ledger
8. Credit Card Statement reflecting multiple transactions with Instacart & Door Dash
9. OPB Email

IV. FORENSIC ANALYSIS PRESENTATION BY PLANTE MORAN

Kyle Sutton, Manager with Plante Moran's Forensic Accounting Services Group introduced himself and said his goal was to provide clarity, answers, and hopefully closure regarding this process. And most importantly, providing recommendations based on the findings so that the City is stronger going forward. He clarified the difference between an audit and an analysis. However, he said he preferred to use the term forensic analysis. Also, he outlined the difference between a forensic analysis and a financial statement audit.

Mr. Sutton provided a presentation regarding City of Jonesboro's Forensic Analysis Report for fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024. *(The report and supporting documents are on the City's website under the Agenda and Meetings tab labeled 05/28/26 Agenda Packet and are attached to the 05/28/26 Minutes.)*

At this time Mayor and Council asked several questions and Mr. Sutton provided answers.

It was noted that Michelle at Plante Moran did not retain the interview notes from the multiple candidate interviews.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE [3] MINUTES.)

Barbara Lane (Business Owners) – Expressed frustration about taxpayer's dollars being spent on this matter and voiced appreciation for the Mayor's leadership.

Brittany Waters (Jonesboro Resident & Business Owner) – Asked what steps are being taken moving forward, what the governing authority is trying to accomplish, and what actions have already been completed. She called for more training and informed decision-making for the governing authority, expressed that she did not want to see related matters discussed on Facebook, stated that time was wasted on the forensic analysis, and noted that the current Mayor was not in office in 2022.

Dylan Corrales (Resident) – Raised concerns that a 2022 credit card transaction could not be located, noting that under a five-year records retention period the document should still have been available. He asked whether the records had been restored and, if so, when the restoration occurred.

Larry Jones (Resident) – He urged the Council to focus on unity and stop spreading unfounded accusations and rumors. He said the forensic analysis was unnecessary, criticized the \$80,000.00 it cost taxpayers, and encouraged current and aspiring leaders to demonstrate leadership by working together and moving the City forward. He also expressed support for Mayor Sartor and appreciation for her service.

At this time, Mayor Sartor placed document #8 on the record: Credit Card Statement for FY 2022 had several transactions from Instacart and Door dash with no supporting documentation.

Mayor Sartor stated, “today, we have the opportunity to close this forensic analysis and almost start something that I wish we could have started two years ago.” Let's be true to what our electors elected us to do and let's move past this. She thanked Plante Moran, City staff, and others who endured the process, and said the City should learn from this experience without pulling each other down. She urged everyone to move forward in unity and expressed appreciation to her family and friends for their support.”

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Mayor Pro-Tem Miller**
SECONDER: **Councilmember Fox**

Dr. Donya L. Sartor, Mayor

Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk