

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**
SECONDER: **Councilmember Curney**

- B. Council to consider approval of the Work Session Minutes dated 01/05/2026.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Curney**
SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**

- C. Council to consider approval of the Council Retreat Minutes dated 01/09/2026.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was 5 to 1)**
MOVER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**
SECONDER: **Councilmember Curney**
ABSTAINED: **Councilmember Messick (Abstain due to not being present at the Retreat.)**

- D. Council to consider approval of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 01/12/2026.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Curney**
SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Council to consider a Professional Services Agreement with Falcon Design Consultants, LLC for full-service civil engineering services, including site planning, water and sewer systems, transportation, stormwater management, construction oversight, GIS, and code compliance.
- B. Council to consider approval and adoption of the Comprehensive Nuisance Abatement Ordinance 2026-03 and Repeal of Existing Nuisance and Unsafe Building Provisions currently codified at Chapter 36, Article III (Nuisances), Sections 36-81 through 36-81-120, in their entirety; and Chapter 16, Article IV (Unsafe and Dilapidated Buildings), Sections 16-71 through 16-91.
- C. Council to consider approval of a Residential Lease Agreement for City-Owned Property at 173 Cloud Street, Jonesboro, GA 30236 between the City of Jonesboro and Clifford Thompson.
- D. Council to consider approval of a contract between Luminary Mediaworks and the City of Jonesboro, Georgia regarding Audio/Visual & Livestreaming Services for JYCG Meetings.

Council to consider approval of the Consent Agenda.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**
SECONDER: **Councilmember Curney**

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Council to consider the City's revised Procurement Policy and Ordinance 2026-04.

The updated Procurement Policy was distributed to Mayor and Council.

City Attorney Wiley led the discussion. She spoke regarding the change (page 9) that was made during the February 2, 2026 Work Session to the column that reads \$2,500.00 - \$9,999.99. The approval entities are the Department Directors and the City Manager, instead of City Council.

City Attorney Wiley noted in the absence of a City Manager and per the Ordinance, the Mayor would be the Chief Procurement Officer due to her being the CEO. Mayor Sartor stated nothing can be approved for any amount if there is no allocated funding in the line item.

Councilmember Messick recommended the following changes:

Section 4: Purchasing Levels and Processes - \$10,000.00 to \$49,999.99.

City Council to be added as an approver. Council discussed and agreed on the changes below.

- Approval entities would be Department Directors, City Manager, and Council's approval for \$10,000.00 to \$49,999.99 when outside of the scope of the budget.

Mayor Sartor noted the above is okay since there is a clause regarding emergencies wherein the City may go over the above-mentioned amount.

Section 3: Administrative Structure & Authorities.

- The City Council to be consulted for approvals over \$10,000.00 (seeking consistency through the policy and the ordinance).

Section 6: Purchasing Orders (PO).

- Add City Council's approval, if over \$10,000.00.

Section 16: Purchasing Card Program:

- Clarification was provided by Mayor Sartor to Councilmember Messick on how the program would work. Councilmember Messick requested an updated list of who's holding the P-Cards. Also, she asked if the purchase activity would be included in the monthly financial report. Mayor Sartor advised that it is open recordable, but some of the information would have to be redacted, such as the card number. City Attorney Wiley stated that the P-Card activity is not normally a part of the monthly financial report.

Training:

- Councilmember Messick wanted to know if there would be any training provided online or in-person for staff and City Council regarding the procurement system. At this time, a date was not determined.

Section 19: Risk Management and Internal Controls:

Councilmember Messick recommended a change to the last sentence under Section 19.1 Segregation of Duties. She said the City Manager should present to Mayor and Council any changes or delegations regarding processes and procedures. Councilmember Messick stated that it currently reads as if the City Manager can make changes without consulting the Mayor or the Council. Recommended better verbiage. Mayor Sartor clarified that this sentence does not mean the City Manager would change something. The City Manager would have authority to implement processes and procedures to ensure compliance with this section. A person would have to be on site to implement and follow the processes. Council agreed. Therefore, no changes were made to this section.

Councilmember Messick asked if the Procurement Policy and Procedures have been shared with the Finance Director, Karen Slaton-Dixon, and does this fall in line with her current contract. Mayor Sartor said this is consistent with her current job description. City Attorney Wiley said the policy is to put guardrails and processes in place which will make her job easier.

Councilmember Fox recommended tabling the item in order to allow more time to review the policy. She recommended that Council be more involved in the process due to the absence of a City Manager. Councilmember Messick asked if Councilmember Curney could amend her motion to table the item until Council have time to review the policy along with the suggestions. Councilmember Curney replied "No."

Councilmember Curney amended her motion for any Bids/Proposals & Forms that's between \$10,000 to \$49,999.99 (#2.) to read Contract as appropriate and approved by City Manager and City Council. This motion included all of the above recommended changes as well.

RESULT: Approved with noted changes (Vote was unanimous)

MOVER: Councilmember Curney

SECONDER: Councilmember A. Dixon

Mayor Sartor stated, "next week I will be attending a three-day training along with Director Akuta and look forward to the City getting a really good procurement system so the City can move forward, especially since it's going to be funded initially by the grant."

B. Council to consider approval and adoption of Ordinance 2026-01 To Adopt FY 2026 Budget For Each Fund To The City of Jonesboro.

At this time, no one made a motion to approve the budget.

Mayor Sartor asked again if anyone wanted to make a motion to approve FY26 Budget. City Attorney Wiley noted that "the City's Charter requires that you approve a budget each year." "It's in your Charter and in the event one is not approved, you continue operating under an expired budget." "I will remind Mayor & Council that you had the Public Hearing preceding today's requested action."

Councilmember A. Dixon made a motion to add an additional \$3,000.00 to JYCG (line-item 10) which would make it a total of \$15,000.00. He included in his motion for the \$3,000.00 to be taken from City Events (line-item 58).

Mayor and Council had discussion regarding JYCG line-item and a few other line-items. Councilmember A. Dixon amended his motion to include all of Mayor and Council's changes mentioned below:

- JYCG (line-item 10) increased from \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00 per Councilmember A. Dixon
- City Events (line-item 58) decreased from \$70,000.00 to \$68,000.00 per Mayor Sartor
- Economic Development Main Street (line-item 87) decreased from \$15,000.00 to \$12,000.00 per Mayor Sartor.
- Newsletter (line-item 9) increased from \$3,000.00 to \$10,000.00 per Councilmember Fox
- Special Events (line-item 73) decreased from \$20,000.00 to \$15,000.00 per Mayor Sartor

Councilmember Miller asked if the following items were included in the budget along with a 4% raise for staff:

- Overtime issue with Public Works Department
- Increase in pay for staff members that accomplished certain certifications in their field or increased their level of education on their subject matter

Mayor Sartor stated, "this is a starting point and when there is a need for additional purchases or account for promotion, we'll just come back before Council and look at cost savings across the budget and make those adjustments/budget amendments."

RESULT: Approved with noted changes (Vote was 5 to 1)

MOVER: Councilmember A. Dixon

SECONDER: Mayor Pro-Tem Miller

AYES: Mayor Pro-Tem Miller; Councilmembers A. Dixon, C. Dixon, Fox, and Messick

NAYS: Councilmember Curney

C. Council to discuss updated information regarding the forensic audit.

City Attorney Wiley led the discussion regarding a \$15,000.00 bill the City paid to Plante & Moran, PLLC for phase one of the audit. Recently, the City received a bill for phase two in the amount of \$45,000.00. The invoice was not paid because there was no itemization (for transparency purposes) of how the \$45,000.00 was accumulated. City Attorney Wiley said she

- ~~April 9-10, 2026 – African American Mayor’s Association Conference. Will be recognized as one of four cities across the country to receive this grant~~
- ~~Congressional Community Project Funding – As of two days ago, all 15 community projects funded by Congressman David Scott have been signed into law. This marks the first time in the City of Jonesboro’s history that the City has received congressional community project funding. The City received two out of the fifteen. \$3 million dollars for the Pedestrian Improvement Project and \$1 million for Enhancing Law Enforcement and Public Safety Project~~
- ~~This year’s goal is to apply for congressional community funding or appropriations with Senators Ossoff and Warnock. Looking for additional funding for blight, demolition, and economic development~~
- ~~July 4, 2026 – America’s 250th Birthday – Looking for ideas on what the City can do the entire month~~

~~XVII. OTHER BUSINESS~~

~~A. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and a personnel matter.~~

~~At 8:35 p.m., a motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and a personnel matter.~~

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

~~MOVER: Councilmember A. Dixon~~

~~SECONDER: Councilmember Messick~~

~~At 8:55 p.m., a motion was made to reconvene the Work Session.~~

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

~~MOVER: Councilmember Curney~~

~~SECONDER: Councilmember Messick~~

~~B. Consider any action(s), if necessary, based on decision(s) made in Executive Session.~~

~~None~~

~~C. Council to consider approval to amend the Executive Session topics to include a personnel matter along with litigation.~~

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

~~MOVER: Councilmember Curney~~

~~SECONDER: Councilmember C. Dixon~~

~~D. Council to consider approval of the Executive Session Affidavit and Minutes dated February 9, 2026.~~

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

~~MOVER: Mayor Pro Tem Miller~~

~~SECONDER: Councilmember C. Dixon~~

~~XVIII. ADJOURNMENT~~

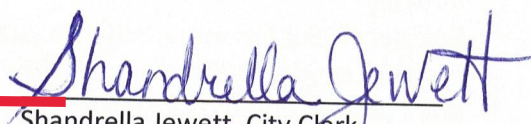
~~The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.~~

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

~~MOVER: Councilmember Fox~~

~~SECONDER: Councilmember A. Dixon~~


Dr. Donya L. Sartor, Mayor


Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk