

Consent Agenda - Letter C. - Council to consider approval regarding the purchase of a tennis backboard for Lee Street Tennis Courts. Rally Master in the amount of \$28,434.00. *(This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Old Business as letter I.)*

Presentation - Letter D. - Swearing-in Ceremony of Jonesboro Youth City Government members for FY26-27 Program Year. *(This item was re-alphabetized from letter D. to Letter A., and the remaining letters were re-alphabetized.)*

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

VI. MAYOR'S PRESENTATION

A. Mayor's Report (None)

VII. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Swearing-in Ceremony - Jonesboro Youth City Government members - FY26-27 Program Year
- B. Acknowledgment of Honorary Officer Dwayne "Buddy" Divins 5-year Anniversary (8/2/26)
- C. Proclamation recognizing Ellen Divins for her significant contributions regarding Logan's Law
- D. Proclamation Recognizing Georgia 811 Day

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

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS & CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Public Hearing** regarding **Conditional Use Permit Application #26-CUP-003**, submitted by Dr. Lenore Coleman. The request is for a mixed-use dwelling, with an existing office on the first floor and a proposed rental dwelling on the second floor. The property is located at 177 North Main Street, Parcel No. 13240D C004, Jonesboro, Georgia 30236. The subject property is zoned H-2 (Historic District). The property consists of approximately 0.75 +/- acres.

Council to consider Conditional Use Permit Application #26-CUP-003.

RESULT: Approved with the below Conditions (Vote was unanimous)
MOVER: Councilmember Fox
SECONDER: Councilmember A. Dixon

Conditions:

- 1.) The dwelling must also satisfy all Building Official and Fire Department requirements.
- 2.) The dwelling is not approved as a short-term rental/ Air BnB (30 days or less between rentals). If the short-term rental / Air BnB use is proposed in the future, it must first be brought back to the Mayor and Council for approval as a conditional use permit.

- B. Public Hearing** regarding **Text Amendment #26-TA-001** regarding further revisions and updates to the "Table of Uses Allowed by Zoning District", Section 86-204, of Article VI – Conditional Uses, Chapter 86 – Zoning, of the City of Jonesboro Code of Ordinances.

Council to consider Text Amendment #26-TA-001.

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

- C. Public Hearing** regarding **Text Amendment #26-TA-002** regarding further revisions and updates to Article VI – Conditional Uses, Chapter 86 – Zoning, of the City of Jonesboro Code of Ordinances, corresponding to revisions and updates to the "Table of Uses Allowed by Zoning District", Section 86-204.

MOVER: Councilmember Fox
SECONDER: Councilmember Messick

XII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Council to consider approval of an Enterprise Permitting Software Platform.

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

B. Council to consider approval and adoption of a resolution authorizing immediate payment to Arts Clayton for the attached 2026 and 2027 invoices from FY2026 budget, in support of the City's ongoing partnership with Arts Clayton and its efforts to expand arts and cultural programming that enhances community engagement, tourism, and economic development.

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

C. Council to consider a Request for Proposal of Key Street Park Redevelopment.

RESULT: Approved with the below Conditions (Vote was unanimous)
MOVER: Councilmember A. Dixon
SECONDER: Councilmember C. Dixon

Conditions:

- 1.) Verification for ownership - Title Search
- 2.) Staff to provide a short-term improvement plan

D. Council to discuss an Employee Climate Survey.

A motion was made to approve the Employee Climate Survey. The survey to be issued on August 17, 2026 with a 30-day response timeframe and answers to be provided around the first part of October 2026.

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

E. Council to consider approval of a revised Employee Grievance Process.

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

An amended motion was made to approve the revised Grievance Policy effective August 11, 2026, and for staff training to take place within two (2) weeks. The City Attorney will do the staff training.

RESULT: Amended Motion Approved (Vote was unanimous)
MOVER: Councilmember Fox
SECONDER: Councilmember A. Dixon

At 9:26 p.m., a motion was made for a five (5) minute recess.

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

At 9:34 p.m., a motion was made to reconvene the Regular Council Meeting.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Fox**
SECONDER: **Councilmember Curney**

- F. Council to consider adopting a resolution creating the City of Jonesboro Charter Review Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of the City Charter and governmental structure.

A motion was made to table the creation of a Charter Committee indefinitely and to allow the City Attorney and City Manager to move forward with establishing a meeting pattern along with the information needed to move forward with the Charter changes outline to be presented to Mayor and Council.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Messick**
SECONDER: **Councilmember Fox**

- G. Council to discuss an Elected Official Initiative Funds Policy.

A motion was made to table the item until 09/08/26 Work Session.

RESULT: **Approved to table (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Fox**
SECONDER: **Councilmember Curney**

- H. Council to consider adopting a resolution reconstituting the governing board of the Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Jonesboro as an independent board of commissioners and superseding the 2024 designation of the Downtown Development Authority membership as the URA board.

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

- I. Council to consider approval regarding the purchase of a tennis backboard for Lee Street Tennis Courts. Rally Master in the amount of \$28,434.00. *(Discussed at 11:29 p.m.)*

RESULT: **Approved to table (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember C. Dixon**
SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Council to consider a partial road closure of Main Street & West Mill Street. *(This item was heard after letter F. under Old Business.)*

At 9:35 p.m., a motion was made to amend the agenda to allow item A. under New Business to be heard earlier for time sakes.

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

RESULT: **Approved road closure of Main Street & W. Mill Street (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Curney**
SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**

An amended motion was made for Council to approve a partial road closure for S. Main Street and N. McDonough Street at the same time, and a portion of W. Mill Street and Courthouse Way on August 26, 2026. (7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

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

MOVER: **Councilmember Curney**

SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**

The following entities to be notified of the road closures include:

- Clayton County Schools and Clayton County Department of Transportation (School Buses)
- Clayton County 911 (Emergency Services)
- Clayton County Police Department and Sheriff's Office
- Jonesboro One App
- Jonesboro website and social media outlets
- Teachers to be notified and excuse the absence of students that may arrive to school late due to the road closure.

B. Council to consider updates and revisions to the City of Jonesboro's Personnel Policy.

A motion was made regarding the updates and revisions to the City of Jonesboro Personnel Policy as a special project by City Attorney Wiley, not to exceed \$12,000.00. The funds to come from the Professional Services budget line item.

RESULT: **Approved - Special Project by City Attorney Wiley, not to exceed \$12,000.00, and to come from Professional Services line item. (Vote was unanimous)**

MOVER: **Councilmember Fox**

SECONDER: **Councilmember Curney**

C. Council to consider approval of an Addendum to the contract for Finance Director Services with JATAXS Consulting, LLC.

RESULT: **Approved the Addendum and weekly schedule to be provided to Mayor and Council regarding days onsite. (Vote was unanimous)**

MOVER: **Councilmember Messick**

SECONDER: **Councilmember Fox**

D. Council to consider approval of an Addendum to the Professional Services Contract for Legal Services with The Wiley Law Firm, P.C.. A monthly retainer amount of \$18,500.00.

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

MOVER: **Councilmember Curney**

SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**

E. Council to consider approval of an Employee Workplace Dignity Policy for Elected Officials.

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

MOVER: **Councilmember Fox**

SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**

F. Council to discuss fee waiver for use of Lee Street Park large amphitheater.

No action taken regarding the application for a fee waiver.

A motion was made for Councilmember Fox to spearhead this City Event in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be utilized for Jonesboro Neighborhood Day. Funds to come from the Contingency line item.

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

MOVER: **Councilmember Fox**

SECONDER: Councilmember A. Dixon

The motion was amended for the 8/22/26 Jonesboro Neighborhood Day to be spearheaded by Councilmember Fox and \$2,500.00 to be utilized for this City Event. Funds to be moved from Contingencies to the City Events line item via a budget amendment.

RESULT: Approved (Vote was unanimous)

MOVER: Councilmember Fox

SECONDER: Councilmember A. Dixon

G. Council to consider approval of the following invoices from MRJ Commercial Contractors, Inc.: Invoice #1167 for \$21,600.00 and Invoice #1178 for \$5,000.00.

A motion was made to consider payment of the invoices from ARPA Funding first and if money was not previously designated from ARPA funding, then to consider it being paid from SPLOST FY21.

RESULT: Approved (Vote was unanimous)

MOVER: Councilmember Fox

SECONDER: Councilmember Curney

H. Council to discuss and approve \$15,000.00 for the Harvest Festival on October 30, 2026.

A motion was made was made to approve \$25,000.00 (not to exceed \$25K) for the Harvest Festival on October 30, 2026.

RESULT: Approved (Vote was unanimous)

MOVER: Councilmember Messick

SECONDER: Councilmember A. Dixon

An amended motion was made to approve \$25,000.00 (not to exceed \$25K) for the Harvest Festival. The funds to come from Contingency to the City Events line item via a budget amendment.

RESULT: Approved (Vote was unanimous)

MOVER: Councilmember Messick

SECONDER: Councilmember A. Dixon

XIV. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

A. Economic Development Report by Director Akuta.

XV. FINANCE REPORT

A. Finance Report (June 2026) by Finance Director, Karen Slaton-Dixon.

XVI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report by City Manager Cole.

XVII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. City Attorney Report by City Attorney Nix-Wiley

XVIII. REPORT OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

XIX. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Council to consider entering Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, real estate, or personnel matter(s).

None

B. Council to consider reconvening the Public Session. N/A