

City Attorney Wiley recommended the item be tabled until 06/01/26 Work Session

RESULT: Approved to table until 06/01/26 (Vote was unanimous)

MOVER: Mayor Pro-Tem Miller

SECONDER: Councilmember Messick

- E. Council to consider Resolution #2026-03 Supporting Legislation To Enact A State-Wide Youth Advisory Council To Advise The Governor And Georgia General Assembly On Youth Issues.

RESULT: Approved (Vote was unanimous)

MOVER: Councilmember Fox

SECONDER: Councilmember A. Dixon

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Council to discuss July 2nd Kid Zone.

Executive Assistant, Taylor Johnson provided a brief updated. Councilmember Curney expressed support about enhancing the July 2nd "America 250" celebration by expanding a free kid's zone with various attractions, totaling approximately \$14,855.00.

Councilmembers expressed support for the event and community engagement but raised concerns about overall budgeting, including unclear remaining funds and lack of a full-year event plan. Questions were asked about available balances in the city events fund and personnel savings, as well as future financial obligations. Discussion also highlighted challenges with vendor sourcing, ongoing event costs, and the need for better long-term planning and transparency. Despite concerns, it was noted that comparable cities often spend significantly more on similar events. The item moved forward with the understanding that further financial details and budget adjustments would be reviewed in upcoming reports.

Mayor Sartor stated the \$14,855.00 is the total for all of the various vendors collectively. Each vendor price is under the required threshold. Therefore, the approval is not for the amount, it would only be for Council to consider moving money from one budgeted line-item over to another line-item.

A motion was made for Council to consider approval to transfer \$15,000.00 from City Administrative Personnel line-item over to the City Events line-item; not to exceed \$15,000.00.

RESULT: Approved (Vote was unanimous)

MOVER: Councilmember Curney

SECONDER: Councilmember Messick

- B. Council to discuss updated regarding street sweeper.

City Manager Cole stated that the approved street sweeping contractor conducted a test run, but the results were unsatisfactory due to heavy buildup on streets from years of limited maintenance. Staff estimates it has been 8–10 years since proper cleaning, causing compacted debris that cannot be removed with standard sweeping alone.

City staff would:

- Re-engage the contractor to determine how much work can be completed under the current budget.
- Present updated options to Council, which may include scaling back coverage or adding costs for deeper cleaning.
- Explore purchasing equipment to handle street sweeping and related maintenance in-house.

Additional points:

- Extra labor (e.g., scraping before sweeping) may be required in problem areas.
- Conditions are expected to improve once an initial deep cleaning is completed.
- Street sweeping is primarily for organic debris, not general trash, so separate cleanup efforts are underway.
- Residents with concerns are encouraged to contact the City Manager's office.

An update will be brought back to Council once more information is gathered.

C. Council to discuss a 100% fee waiver regarding Mundy Mills High School 2006 Class Reunion (special event) on May 23, 2026.

Council discussed a request for a full fee waiver for May 23, 2026 special event (Mundy's Mill High School reunion). Concerns were raised about setting precedents, lack of clear public benefit, and the added costs and staffing challenges due to the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

- Current policy supports 50% rental discounts, not full waivers, and leaders emphasized consistency
- The application was submitted without the request of a fee waiver
- Mayor Sartor recommended 50% off
- Staff noted required costs for police, public work, and overtime, which cannot be waived operationally
- Debate centered on whether the event qualifies as a community event or a private reunion
- Councilmember Fox recommended revisiting the fee waiver policy for fairness and clarity.
- Police Chief Cato said there has to be two (2) paid police officers and Mayor Sartor said there would need to be two (2) people from public works department as well

A motion was made for Council to consider a 100% fee waiver, Councilmember A. Dixon to provide liability insurance, and for staff overtime to come out of employee savings.

RESULT: Approved (Vote 5 to 2)

MOVER: Councilmember A. Dixon

SECONDER: Councilmember C. Dixon

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

NAYS: Mayor Sartor and Councilmember Messick

D. Council to discuss crosses on the lawn for Memorial Day.

Mayor read a statement and provided a copy to the City Clerk for the record. (See attached document)

Council discussed concerns with the City's veteran cross/flag display program. Issues included lack of proper verification of veterans' service and the unsustainable \$25 one-time fee covering long-term maintenance. As a result, the program has been temporarily paused for reevaluation.

- The City plans to create a more accurate, respectful, and sustainable program, with proper vetting (e.g., DD214 verification).
- A veterans committee, led by Councilwoman Curney and involving local veteran's groups, will help redesign the program.
- The City is exploring a permanent veterans memorial project, possibly replacing an inoperable fountain, with an estimated cost around \$100,000.00.
- Existing crosses have not been discarded and will be returned to families through an organized process.