

B. Council to discuss forensic analysis updates.

City Attorney Wiley recommended the forensic audit matter be discussed in Executive Session first and then determine to what extent Council would want to have a public discussion.

Council asked questions for clarification purposes, and it was agreed to discuss the matter in Executive Session regarding post meeting issues that raise legal issues that require legal assessment. Mayor Sartor clarified the meaning of attorney-client privilege to Council.

C. Council to consider approval of RUNSBORO GA 5K Community Run/Walk event, including the use of Lee Street Park, temporary road closures along the designated 5K route, and coordination with public safety agencies for traffic control and event operations.

Councilmember A. Dixon led the discussion. The Runsboro GA 5K will be held on September 12, 2026.

A motion was made to approve a temporary road closure on September 12, 2026 for Runsboro GA 5K.

RESULT: Approved (Vote was unanimous)

MOVER: Councilmember A. Dixon

SECONDER: Mayor Pro-Tem Miller

Councilmember A. Dixon requested \$1,600.00 from the Community Wellness line-item for the event. Mayor Sartor recommended that he bring the request back next month.

D. Council to consider releasing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Sanitation Services.

Mayor Sartor said she would like to release the RFP this week and work with City Attorney Wiley regarding the length of time, a question day, and a final date. She further stated, "this does not mean that we are selecting sanitation, but feel it's worth seeing the options, cost analysis, and once it comes in, there would be a better discussion." "We will have numbers on what we are spending, trash truck replacement, and be able to have a true comparison."

Director Heard announced plans to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Sanitation Services. He said this action is informational only. Therefore, it does not require Council's vote, as approval is only needed when awarding a contract. He stated the purpose of issuing the RFP is to gather cost proposals and service options to allow for an accurate financial comparison, including sanitation operations, staffing, equipment replacement, landfill costs, and insurance impacts.

Staff noted significant operational challenges within Public Works, including limited staffing, reliance on a single CDL driver, and aging equipment. Outsourcing is being explored as a possible option to relieve staff pressures while maintaining service levels.

Councilmember Fox expressed concerns about public apprehension regarding outsourcing sanitation services and requested better public communication. Director Heard responded by stating meaningful public engagement would occur once concrete data is available and agreed to provide a public update—such as a social media post—to clarify that the RFP is exploratory and that community input would be part of the process moving forward.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Council to consider a Resolution regarding the Acceptance of \$125,000.00 Grant from the American Beverage Foundation for a Healthy America (ABFHA) Nutrition Access, Affordability and Education Grant Program and Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with The Salvation Army, Jonesboro Citadel Corps.

A motion was made for approval to accept the resolution regarding the \$125,000.00 Grant.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous) – The motion was rescinded**
MOVER: **Mayor Pro-Tem Miller**
SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**

City Attorney Wiley stated there should be one motion instead of two regarding the grant Resolution and MOU since they both go hand-in-hand. Mayor Pro-Tem Miller rescinded her previous motion.

A new motion was made regarding the above original language to consider approval of a Resolution regarding the Acceptance of \$125,000.00 Grant from the American Beverage Foundation for a Healthy America (ABFHA) Nutrition Access, Affordability and Education Grant Program and Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with The Salvation Army, Jonesboro Citadel Corps.

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

B. Council to discuss resolution protocol regarding JYCG.

Councilmember A. Dixon led the discussion. Mayor Sartor asked Councilmember A. Dixon to bring the resolution back at the next meeting in the proper format, as approved by the City Clerk, for her signature. She indicated minor word changes could be made and clarified. Mayor stated she had no issue approving the item; however, she would not approve it in its current format, noting that the Clerk's Office has a standard format that must be followed. Based on the structure of Jonesboro's governing body, all resolutions require approval from the Mayor along with following the City's governing process/protocol.

RESULT: **OLD BUSINESS 05/04/2026**

C. Council to discuss the Community Stroll Social event.

Mayor Sartor stated that she had approved the request to move forward and Police Chief Cato was working with the applicant in regard to appropriate street closures (Courthouse Way and Court Street). Officer(s) would be needed for the event along with additional fee(s) for public safety officer(s). Payment would be due to City Hall by 5:00 p.m. one day before the event. It was clarified that this was not a City sponsored event.

A motion was made to approve street closure of Courthouse Way on April 25, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. instead of 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Sartor recommended there be at least one paid police officer (depending on the numbers) during the above-mentioned duration of time.

D. Council to discuss and consider approval of a Pavement Condition Survey.

Director Heard led the discussion. He recommended the quote he received from IMS at \$30,025.00. Finance Director Slaton-Dixon recommended pulling the funds from the prior year since it was not an approved item before the budget was approved. Mayor Sartor asked City Attorney Wiley if this would be considered infrastructure and if approved the first thing that would be reviewed is funding from SPLOST. Director Cole said there are payment funds that could be used as well....such as LMIG or LRA funds based on what the City received.

Director Heard clarified that \$36,000.00 would include pavement, stripping, marking points, posts that the signs sit on, streets, trees impeding into the right-of-way, etc.

A motion was made to approve \$39,000.00.

RESULT: Approved (Vote was unanimous)

MOVER: Councilmember Curney

SECONDER: Councilmember A. Dixon

XIV. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

A. Economic Development Report by Director Cole.

The report can be found in the Agenda Packet on the City's website.

XV. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Financial Report by Finance Director Slaton-Dixon.

The presentation and report can be found in the Agenda Packet on the City's website.

XVI. REPORT OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Comments by Councilmember Fox:

- Thanked Tavisha Thomas, as she has taken flight with the new community newsletter. The community should be receiving the newsletter hopefully around May or June. Thanked everybody who worked on it for their hard work and collaboration
- "Each quarter, I choose a business to support. I look for an organization that is making a positive impact in our community and then sponsor or partner with them through a community event. I partnered with Swint's Feed and Supply Garden during the first quarter. I will be partnering with Uniform Beauty (DDA Chairwoman Tiara Turner)"
- Thanked staff and residents for their continued support and look forward to continuing to serve you

Comments by Councilmember A. Dixon:

- Thanked everyone who attended and joined the meeting tonight
- Thanked everyone for being civically engaged and for taking advantage of public comments
- Spoke regarding the end of the legislative session and how great it was to see everyone at the capital throughout this year
- Thanked everyone who attended past Thursday's "Let's Roll" event
- Thanked Ms. Deborah, Mr. Richard, and DJ Yoga for everything they continue to do for JYCG
- April 11, 2026 - Thanked everyone who rolled up their sleeves and played in the dirt at the Community Garden
- April 18, 2026 - Roberts Rule of Order workshop at B'Mari Events & Art Studio at 11:00 a.m.
- April 18, 2026 - JYCG fundraiser is this Saturday at the VFW from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Thanked Mrs. Arlene Charles for her assistance with the fundraiser

Comments by Councilmember C. Dixon:

- Thanked Mr. Cole for the Economic Development Report
- City Progress – Great to see the positive progress the City is making
- Thanked Director Heard and Mr. Walker regarding the butterflies that's on Lee Street Park bathroom doors. It's very beautiful
- Happy Easter. Hope everyone had a great Easter

Comments by Councilmember Curney:

- Thanked everyone for showing up to the meeting tonight
- Shout out to the event that we held last Thursday. The mixer event went very well