



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, August 10, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Branden Whitfield called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

A. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Branden Whitfield

Council Member Keith Colquitt

Council Member Bill DuVall

Council Member Wesley Johnson

Council Member Melanie Long

Council Member Lisa Newberry

Council Member Patti Wolfe

B. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to amend the agenda to add the 2026 Loganville Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally prior to its adoption. Seconded by Council Member DuVall.

Voting Yea: Council Member Colquitt, Council Member DuVall, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 6-0.

2. MAYOR AND COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion - Nomination for Ethics Board

City Manager Danny Roberts reminded the Council that terms for members servings on the Ethics Board will expire at the end of October. He requested that each Council member submit their nominee so the list can be included on the October agenda.

B. Proposals for City Manager Recruitment

Council would like to keep this item on Thursday night's meeting for discussion.

3. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Case # V26-003-** Kelly Hiatt, on behalf of GBT Realty Corporation, requested a Major Variance for the property located at 530 & 540 Brand Road, Loganville, GA 30052. Map/Parcel #5160 057 and Map/Parcel #5160 175, Gwinnett County, GA. Present zoning is CH. Ordinance and Section from which relief is sought is Landscape Buffer Requirements (Public Right of Way). Request for variance is for a reduction of required 10' landscape buffer along Brand Road frontage, minor encroachments at select locations.

- B. **Case #V26-004-** Kelly Hiatt, on behalf of GBT Realty Corporation, requested a Major Variance for the property located at 530 & 540 Brand Road, Loganville, GA 30052. Map/Parcel #5160 057 and Map/Parcel #5160 175, Gwinnett County, GA. Present zoning is CH. Ordinance and Section from which relief is sought is Landscape Buffer Requirements (Public Right of Way). Request for variance is for removal of required 10' landscape buffer along Oak Grove Road frontage.
- C. **Case #V26-005-** Kelly Hiatt, on behalf of GBT Realty Corporation, requested a Major Variance for the property located at 530 & 540 Brand Road, Loganville, GA 30052. Map/Parcel #5160 057 and Map/Parcel #5160 175, Gwinnett County, GA. Present zoning is CH. Ordinance and Section from which relief is sought is 50' Undisturbed Stream Buffer. Request for variance is for an encroachment into the City Of Loganville 50' undisturbed stream buffer along Big Flat Creek.
- D. **Case #V26-006-** Kelly Hiatt, on behalf of GBT Realty Corporation, requested a Major Variance for the property located at 530 & 540 Brand Road, Loganville, GA 30052. Map/Parcel #5160 057 and Map/Parcel #5160 175, Gwinnett County, GA. Present zoning is CH. Ordinance and Section from which relief is sought is 25' Non-Impervious Setback beyond 50' buffer. Request for variance is for the removal of the 25' non-impervious setback beyond the City of Loganville's 50' undisturbed stream buffer.
- E. **Case #V26-007-** Kelly Hiatt, on behalf of GBT Realty Corporation, requested a Major Variance for the property located at 530 & 540 Brand Road, Loganville, GA 30052. Map/Parcel #5160 057 and Map/Parcel #5160 175, Gwinnett County, GA. Present zoning is CH. Ordinance and section from which relief is sought is City of Loganville Zoning Ordinance- off street parking regulations. Request for variance is for the reduction of required parking space length from 19' to 18' throughout the parking field.

Planning Director Robbie Schwartz presented the five cases, and the joint Public Hearing for the requested five variances was held.

Kelly Hiatt the applicant was present.

There was no one present to speak in favor or opposition to this rezoning. Public Hearing was closed.

F. Rocky Creek Final Plat

Planning Director Robbie Schwartz presented the Rocky Creek Final Plat to the Council. They will vote on this item at Thursday night's meeting.

Planning Director Robbie Schwartz also gave an update on the status of the code rewrite with TPDUC. He also spoke about the City hosting a Comprehensive Plan Meeting with the Northeast Georgia Regional 08/24/2026 at 6:00 p.m.

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Update on Toddler Park - Walton County Foundation Grant - \$40,000 (100-0000-334500)
Consent Agenda for Thursday Night.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. SRO - 2026-2027 School Year Agreement - \$150,000.00 (100-0000-335120)

Consent Agenda for Thursday Night.

- B. Purchase of 4 LPD Patrol Units from the 2019 Walton County SPLOST - \$279,187.11 includes \$5,000 for Contingency (321-3200-542200)

Consent Agenda for Thursday Night.

6. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Helixpress Spiral Assembly - \$20,423.00 (505-4300-522203)

Consent Agenda for Thursday Night.

- B. Tommy Lee Fuller Culvert Emergency Repair - \$317,613.65 (375-4320-541400)

Consent Agenda for Thursday Night.

7. FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Member Wes Johnson stated that Fire Station 16 has reopened following the remodel. He also provided an update on the Library's grand opening, scheduled for September 19, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Council Member Wes Johnson asked City Manager Danny Roberts to present a request from Loganville High School to host a Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally on the Town Green. City Manager Danny Roberts requested Council approval for the Mayor to sign the letter addressed to GDOT for the Main Street closure, as well as approval for use of the Town Green, and any staff overtime associated with the event.

8. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Discussion on Ordinance Change (Chapter 28, Article VI)

Council Member Bill Duvall initiated a discussion regarding amendments to Ordinance Chapter 28, Article VI related to traffic calming devices. Council agreed to move forward with allowing City Attorney Paul Rosenthal to work with City Manager Danny Roberts and the City Engineer, and to return at next month's meeting with details.

- B. Discussion - Publix Red Light

Council Member Bill Duvall initiated a discussion regarding the possibility of adding a red light at Publix. GDOT considers this a safety project and requested confirmation on whether the City would like to move forward with this project. Council agreed to take 30 days to consider moving forward with project.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Discussion / Approval - RFP for Legal Services

City Manager Danny Roberts presented the RFP for legal services to the Council. This item is scheduled for a vote at Thursday night's meeting.

- B. Rolloff Permit Application Process

Consent Agenda for Thursday Night

City Manager Danny Roberts stated that this would not include the Library, the Health Department, or the Senior Center.

Council requested to have a discussion at next month's meeting regarding community dumpsters.

10. CITY ATTORNEY'S UPDATES / REPORTS

City Attorney Paul Rosenthal reported that he had no actionable items and that no Executive Session was needed.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comments are limited to five minutes per speaker unless additional time is given by the Mayor. Each speaker should approach the podium and state their name and address for the record. All public comments are to be directed to the Mayor and Council and not the audience. Public Comments should follow general rules of appropriate decorum.

The following individuals addressed the Mayor and Council: Lee Phillips, 4421 Pecan Street.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. ITEMS FOR THURSDAY NIGHT

- A. June & July Minutes
Consent Agenda for Thursday Night
- B. May 2026 Financial Report
Consent Agenda for Thursday Night

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Colquitt to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Newberry.
Voting Yea: Council Member Colquitt, Council Member DuVall, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Branden Whitfield
Mayor

Ansley Pope
Deputy City Clerk