CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, October 05, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Branden Whitfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Colquitt to amend the agenda to include the 2027 CBDG resolution. 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.

2. MAYOR AND COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Opening of the RFPs for Legal Services

Mayor Branden Whitfield opened the RFP's and provided each Council Member a copy. The firms that submitted proposals were James, Bates, Brannon & Groover, The Samuels Firm, Butler Snow, Kelly Kautz, and Smith, Welch, Webb & White Attorneys at Law.

Council will discuss the opened RFPs at Thursday night's Council Meeting.

B. Ethics Commission - Appointments for the 2026-2028 Term

Council approved the appointments to the Ethics Commission for the 2026-2028 term.

3. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Tyler Technologies Annual Hosting, Support, and Maintenance Agreements - $96,943.97 (100-1535-521301 & 505-4300-521301)

Consent Agenda for Thursday

B. MCCi Laserfiche Licensing Update - $30,139.15 - (100-1535-521301 & 505-4300-521301)

Consent Agenda for Thursday

C. Approval for Fuel Expenditure - $20,400.60 - (100-4900-531270)

Consent Agenda for Thursday

Motion made by Council Member Colquitt to increase the City Manager's fuel and chemicals spending authority from $20,000 to $25,000. Seconded by Council Member Johnson.
Voting Yea: Council Member Colquitt, Council Member DuVall, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Wolfe

Motion carried 6-0.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Code Enforcement Vehicle - $49,200.00 - 2019 Walton County SPLOST - (321-3200-542200)

Council will vote on this item at Thursday night's meeting, with a correction to the agenda noting that the amount shall not exceed $51,700.00.

B. Purchase of Body Cameras, Taser, and Devices for the additional Code Enforcement Officer and Four Patrol Officers - $20,347.56 - (100-3200-531600)

Council will vote on this item at Thursday night's meeting.

C. Resolution - Adoption of the Walton County Hazard Mitigation Plan (2025-2030)

Consent Agenda for Thursday

6. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Emergency Water Usage Agreement with Gwinnett County Water and Sewerage Authority and Gwinnett County Government

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B. 2026 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - $735,500.00 - (505-4330-541435)

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Council Member Duvall explained that the presented amount of $735,500.00 will be corrected on the consent agenda to reflect the acceptance of CDBG grant funds in the amount of $588,400 and to engage Gregory STC in the amount of $30,000. These items will require a signature from Mayor Whitfield or City Manager Danny Roberts.

C. Submersible Pump Rebuild (Emergency Repair) - $25,350.00 - (505-4300-522203)

Consent Agenda for Thursday

Council Member Duvall spoke about the amended item for the 2027 CBDG application and the associated engineering fees. City Manager Danny Roberts presented information on the application, including the amounts for EMI Engineering in the amount of $171,675.00 (505-4330-521202) and $9,500 for Gregory STC (505-4330-521208). Council agreed to place the item on the Consent Agenda.

7. FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

8. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Resolution - 2027 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant Funds and Goodwin Mills Cawood (GMC) 2027 Paving Project Proposal - $45,000 - (100-4200-522210)

Consent Agenda for Thursday

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Proposed Employee Insurance Plan Changes - MSI Benefits Group

Tommy Hayes was present and provided a presentation to Council on behalf of MSI.

Consent Agenda for Thursday

B. Update - Speed Calming Devices

Council expressed interest in revisiting the discussion on speed-calming devices after the first of the year.

10. CITY ATTORNEY'S UPDATES / REPORTS

City Attorney Paul Rosenthal reported that he had no actionable items this evening and noted that an Executive Session would be held.

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.

There was no one present to address the Mayor and Council.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Real Estate

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to close the open session and enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate matters. Seconded by Council Member Colquitt.
Voting Yea: Council Member Colquitt, Council Member DuVall, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Council Member Colquitt to adjourn Executive Session and return to the regular session, Seconded by Council Member Wolfe.
Voting Yea: Council Member Colquitt, Council Member DuVall, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Branden Whitfield announced that no action was taken during Executive Session.

Motion made by Council Member DuVall to purchase two parcels of land consisting of approximately 1.433 acres and .24 acres located within the City of Loganville along Bobby Boss Drive and Fesco Drive from Fesco Systems, LLC for the total price of $30,000.00, using funds from the General Fund and the 2019 SPLOST Walton Transportation Funds, pursuant to standard terms & conditions of a commercial real estate purchase agreement to be drafted by the City Attorney.

Additionally, this motion includes the following special stipulations, which generally correlate to the upcoming Georgia Highway 20 GDOT Widening Project No. 0016387:

(a) Purchaser shall install a new public road.
(b) Purchaser shall install a private drive for use by the Seller.
(c) Purchaser shall move and upgrade the detention pond and stormwater systems for joint use by Purchaser and Seller.
(d) Seller shall enter into a standard stormwater maintenance agreement with Purchaser.

Specifically, the land being purchased consists of the following parcels: Parcel 3 of GDOT Project No. 0016387 containing 1.433 acres, more or less, and Parcel 5 of GDOT Project No. 0016387 containing 0.24 acres, more or less.

This motion further authorizes the Mayor and the City Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate this purchase.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

13. ITEMS FOR THURSDAY NIGHT

A. August 2026 Financial Report
Consent Agenda for Thursday

B. Last Month's Minutes
Consent Agenda for Thursday

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member DuVall 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 9:17 p.m.

Branden Whitfield
Mayor

Ansley Pope
Deputy City Clerk