



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 09, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Branden Whitfield called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

A. Invocation and Pledge to the Flag

Pastor George from New Beginnings Church gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the flag.

B. 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

C. Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by Council Member Colquitt to adopt the agenda. 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.

D. Proclamation - Poppy Day

Mayor Branden Whitfield presented Helen with a proclamation proclaiming May 22, 2026, Poppy Day.

E. Proclamation - Month of the Military Child

Mayor Branden Whitfield presented Kathy with a proclamation proclaiming April 2026 as the Month of the Military Child.

F. DDA - Terry Parson Swearing-In

Mayor Branden Whitfield swore in Terry Parsons to the DDA. His term will run from May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2030.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Colquitt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Council Member Wolfe.

- A. Toddler Park Update \$625,000.00 includes contingency - 2019 & 2025 Walton SPLOST Recreation (321 - 323) Grant from Walton County Health Foundation \$40,000, 2023 Gwinnett County SPLOST Recreation (324) and the remainder from general funds reserves (100).
- B. Resolution - Apply for 2026 Local Road Assistance (LRA) Funds and Keck & Wood Engineering Fees - 2026 Paving Project Proposal 03/31/2026 - (100-4200-522210)
- C. IGA - West Walton Park for Independence Day Celebration
- D. IGA - City of Snellville Stage Usage for Independence Day Celebration \$350.00 (100-7545-572010)
- E. Last Month's Minutes
- F. February 2026 Financial Report

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

Motion carried 6-0.

3. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

- A. **Case #V26-001** – Augustin Sanchez, requested a Major Variance for the property located 3965 Pecan Rd, Loganville, GA 30052. Map/Parcel # R5160 043, Gwinnett County, GA. Present zoning is R-22. Ordinance and Section from which relief is sought is Zoning Ordinance 119-209 (c). Request for variance for reduction in the Minimum required lot width.

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to approve the request based on the favorable recommendation from staff and the applicant's clear demonstration that the proposed property improvements will provide a significant benefit to this specific area of our city. This motion is to approve due to the unique circumstances on the site's revitalization needs and is not intended to establish a precedent for future zoning or variance decisions. Seconded by Council Member Colquitt.

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

Voting Nay: Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-1.

- B. Appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to appoint Kimberly Pecylak to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Council Member Long.

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 Newberry to appoint Michael Lee to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Seconded by Council Member Long.

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 Newberry to appoint Reese Shanks to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Seconded by Council Member Long.

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

Voting Nay: Council Member Colquitt.

Motion carried 5-1.

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to appoint Toyin Olaoluwa to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Seconded by Council Member Long.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

These appointments will have a term of May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2030. They will be sworn in at the May 2026 Council meeting.

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Purchase of a 2025 Ford F550 VersaLift Bucket Truck \$150,000.00 (100-4900-542200)

Motion made by Council Member Colquitt to purchase a 2025 Ford F550 Versalift Bucket Truck. Seconded by Council Member DuVall.

Voting Yea: Council Member Colquitt, Council Member DuVall, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Wolfe

Voting Nay: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Long

Motion carried 4-2.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

6. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

7. FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Remodel of 789 Lee Byrd Rd (Station 15), and 605 Tom Brewer Rd (Station 16 and PD) \$151,195.77 includes a 10% contingency - 2019 Walton County Public Safety SPLOST (321-3200, 321-3500)

Motion made by Council Member Johnson to approve the remodel of Station 15, Station 16, and the Police Department not to exceed \$137,450.70, with any changes returning to Council.

Seconded by Council Member Long.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

8. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Main Street Repaving from a Sewer Repair - \$19,390.00 (505-4330-522205)
City Manager Danny Roberts presented the Main Street repaving invoice.

Motion made by Council Member DuVall to approve the Main Street repaving invoice in the amount of \$19,390.00. 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.

10. CITY ATTORNEY'S UPDATES / REPORTS

- A. Approval - Candidate Qualification Charter Changes

Motion made by Council Member Colquitt to approve the Candidate Qualification Charter changes to align with Georgia State law language regarding the one-year residency requirements and to update the age requirement to 21 for any elected official. Seconded by Council Member Wolfe.

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

Voting Nay: Council Member Long

Motion carried 5-1.

Council Member Newberry requested that the minutes reflect that they were not voting on the policy; they were voting on the language and the state of the law, the state of Georgia law that's required. Whether we agree with the language or not, we're voting on what the state of Georgia requires.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. 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 7:00 p.m.

Branden Whitfield
Mayor

Ansley Pope
Deputy City Clerk