



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, March 09, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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 Long to make two amendments to the agenda by adding a discussion about adding a code enforcement officer, and a discussion about HB295.

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.

2. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Discussion/Approval - Rezone and Annexation Moratorium Extension

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to extend the existing moratorium for an additional six month period, through September 30, 2026.

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.

B. Appointment to the Loganville Planning Commission

Council Member Lisa Newberry presented to the council applications for the appointment of four open seats for the Loganville Planning Commission. Council wants to have the applicants present

at next months council meeting for a question and answer session. City Manager Danny Roberts, will send a list of questions to the Council for their review. The applicants will have two minutes each for a brief introduction, and the session will have a hard stop at 7:00 pm.

C. Discussion - Donation Drop Boxes

Council Member Newberry presented a discussion to Council about donation drop boxes. Council would like staff, and City Attorney Paul Rosenthal to come back at April's council meeting with zoning and legal guidance.

3. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Discussion - Raising Compensation for Mayor and Council

Council Member Colquitt presented a discussion regarding raising the salaries for the Mayor and Council. This would not take effect until January 1, 2028. Council would like to keep this on Thursday nights agenda to discuss the amount of the increase.

B. GMEBS OPEB Actuarial Services Invoice for FY 2025 Audit \$13,350.00 (100-1510-523600)

Consent Agenda for Thursday Night

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

Consent Agenda for Thursday Night.

D. Discussion - Cash Payments Regarding Cents

Council Member Colquitt presented a discussion about cash payments and the Federal Reserve no longer making pennies. Finance Director Natalie Warnack spoke how this effects cash payments. Staff recommends to round cash payments up to the nearest dollar and this would give the customer a credit if permitted. Council agreed to make these transactions roll to credits.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Discussion about Weekly Report

Council Member Long presented a discussion about weekly reports from City Manager Danny Roberts.

Council Member Long presented a follow-up discussion regarding the addition of a Code Enforcement Officer.

Council Member Long presented a discussion regarding House Bill 295.

5. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

6. FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Remodel of 605 Tom Brewer Rd (PD & Station 16) and 789 Lee Byrd Rd (Station 15). Roof replacement at 180 Old Loganville Rd (Station 18). \$188,463.00 includes a 10% contingency - 2019 Walton County Public Safety SPLOST and 2023 Gwinnett County Public Safety SPLOST (321-3200, 321-3500, 324-3500)

Consent Agenda for Thursday Night.

- B. Toddler Park Bids to Renovate for ADA - \$715,065.00 includes a 5% contingency (2019 Walton County SPLOST (321-6200), 2017 Gwinnett County SPLOST (320-6200), Walton County Health Foundation Grant (\$40,000), General Fund for the remainder

Council Member Johnson presented the renovation bid for ADA equipment at the Toddler Park. Council has requested that City Manager Danny Roberts go back to the bid company with a cap amount of \$625,000.

7. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Appointment to the DDA

City Manager Danny Roberts presented the one applicant for the DDA. The applicant will be sworn in at the April Council Meeting or the first DDA meeting in May. He also requested that DDA applications be reopened until March 27, 2026, due to additional vacancies occurring in April.

B. Discussion / Approval - Election of Loganville Vice Mayor

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to nominate Council Member Long as Vice Mayor for the next calendar year.

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.

9. CITY ATTORNEY'S UPDATES / REPORTS

A. Discussion/Approval - Candidate Qualification Charter Changes

City Attorney Paul Rosenthal presented council with an action item to change the charter for candidate qualifications. The first change is to update the charter to reflect Georgia law on residency of one year, and make the age consistent to 21 years old for the Mayor and Council positions. The second change is a typo in section 212 of the charter. This will need to be on Thursday nights Agenda for a motion to approve, then it will come back again before Council in April's meeting for a second approval. This change requires two consecutive approvals.

10. 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.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. ITEMS FOR THURSDAY NIGHT

- A. Last Month's Minutes
Consent Agenda for Thursday Night.
- B. January 2026 Financial Report
Consent Agenda for Thursday Night.

13. 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 8:56pm.

Branden Whitfield
Mayor

Ansley Pope
Deputy City Clerk