



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 08, 2026 at 6:30 PM

**Council Chambers**

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### A. Invocation and Pledge to the Flag

Jesse Welliver from Summit Church gave the invocation.

Mayor Brandon Whitfield 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

Council Member Bill Duvall asked to amend the agenda by adding a discussion about State Route 20 utility relocation. Council Member Melanie Long asked to amend the agenda to add a discussion about the parking lot at City Hall.

Motion made by Council Member Colquitt to approve the amended 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.

### **2. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Council Member DuVall to approve the consent agenda ad follow:

- A. Appointment of Solicitor - Larry Steele
- B. Comfort System Proposal - Water Source Heat Pump Replacement - \$33,866 (100-1565-522204)
- C. Fiber Conduit Installation to Main Street Properties - \$22,527 (100-1565-522204)
- D. Gwinnett -Water & Sewer IGA
- E. Last Month's Minutes

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.

### **3. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **A. Discussion - Code Enforcement and Prudence**

Council Member Lisa Newberry presented to the council the upcoming four vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Committee. Council Member Lisa Newberry requested that applications be opened January 15, 2026 through February 27, 2026. After the applications have been reviewed by the Council they will swear them in at the April 9, 2026 Council Meeting.

Council Member Lisa Newberry presented to the Council that TPUDC would like do the Public Kickoff on February 3, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Rock Gym.

Council Member Lisa Newberry opened a discussion on adding an additional code enforcement officer. Council discussed for City Manager Danny Roberts to look at potentially adding public safety officers and an additional code enforcement officer to the upcoming FYE 2027 budget.

Council Member Lisa Newberry opened a discussion about looking at the City's Ordinances. Chief Dick Lowry will review some ordinances that might need reviewing, and he will present those to City Manager Danny Roberts.

### **4. FINANCE / HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **5. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **A. Presentation - Firefighter of the year**

Chief Tim Johnson presented employee Jacob Morrow with Firefighter of the year.

### **6. PUBLIC UTILITIES / TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Council Member Bill Duvall presented to the Council the state route 20 utility relocation. He is asking the Council to approve for City Manager Danny Roberts to move forward with Keck & Wood's engineers. This is due in 60 days, February 20, 2026 to GDOT. The amount is \$40,000, and would come from line item 505-4330-521202.

Motion made by Council Member DuVall to approve City Manager Danny Roberts to engage Keck & Wood to revise the utility plans. 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.

### **7. PUBLIC WORKS / FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Council Member Melanie Long presented to the Council adding lights to City Hall's parking lot. City Manager Danny Roberts will follow up with the Fire Marshall's office on the placement of the handicap parking spots, and he will have additional lights added to the parking lot.

## **8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

## **9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

## **10. CITY ATTORNEY'S UPDATES / REPORTS**

### **A. Action - City Charter Updates**

City Attorney Paul Rosenthal presented to the Council an action item to update the City Charter to comply with Georgia's residential law for elected officials.

Motion made by Council Member Long to table updating the City Charter residential requirement. Seconded by Council Member Newberry.

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

Voting Nay: Council Member Colquitt

Motion carried 5-0.

## **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Council Member Wolfe 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 8:07 pm.

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Branden Whitfield  
Mayor

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Ansley Pope  
Deputy City Clerk