



COMBINED WORK SESSION AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. OATH OF OFFICE - Effective for January 1, 2026

A. Mayor Branden Whitfield

Probate Judge Douglas Kidd gave the oath of office to Mayor Branden Whitfield.

B. Council Members - Keith Colquitt, Wesley Johnson, Melanie Long

Probate Judge Douglas Kidd gave the oath of office to Council Members Keith Colquitt, Wesley Johnson and Melanie Long.

2. CALL TO ORDER

A. Invocation and Pledge to the Flag

Chiefs Tim Johnson and Dick Lowry led the pledge to the flag. Calvin Map and Brent Ross gave the invocation.

B. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Skip Baliles

Council Member Anne Huntsinger

Council Member Melanie Long

Council Member Lisa Newberry

Council Member Branden Whitfield

Council Member Patti Wolfe

ABSENT

Council Member Bill DuVall

C. Adoption of Agenda – Amended to add Wal-Mart drone presentation

Motion made by Council Member Huntsinger to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Council Member Wolfe.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe

Motion carried 5-0.

Catherine Lovett with the Wings drone delivery service was present to give a presentation on the new Walmart drone delivery service being offered in Loganville.

3. MAYOR & COUNCIL ITEMS

Motion made by Council Member Huntsinger to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Last Month's Minutes
- B. Last Month's Financial Report

Seconded by Council Member Wolfe.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe

Motion carried 5-0.

4. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Discussion / Approval - Fuller Station Final Revised Plat Approval

Council Member Newberry presented to the Council three items for consideration on Fuller Station. Those items are as follows: 4A. Fuller Station Revised Final Plat, 4B. Development Agreement for Fuller Station Townhomes, and 4C. Abandonment of Portion of the Right of Way. Director Robbie Schwartz was present to give the staff's recommendation and to answer any questions.

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to approve the Fuller Station Final Plat. Seconded by Council Member Whitfield.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe
Voting Nay: Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry

Motion Carried 3-2.

- B. Discussion / Approval - Development Agreement for Fuller Station Townhomes

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to approve the Development Agreement for the Fuller Station Townhomes. Seconded by Council Member Huntsinger.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe
Voting Nay: Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry

Motion Carried 3-2.

- C. Discussion / Approval - Abandonment of Portion of Right of Way

Motion made by Council Member Newberry for the abandonment of the portion of right of way at Fuller Station. Seconded by Council Member Whitfield.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe
Voting Nay: Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry

Motion Carried 3-2.

D. 2027 Walton County Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update

Council Member Newberry introduced to the Council the contract to do the five- year update of the Walton County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Director Robbie Schwartz explained the update process to the Council.

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to sign the letter of engagement with the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission. Seconded by Council Member Whitfield.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

Director Robbie Schwartz gave an update on the kick-off with the TPUDC contract. TPUDC is requesting each Council Member's recommendation for their selected citizen to the steering committee. Director Robbie Schwartz will need these no later than 01/05/2026.

5. FINANCE / HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Selection of Appeal Panel for HR Related Appeal per HR Policy 3-907 and City Ord 2-198

Council Member Huntsinger presented to the Council the need to select a panel from the Ethics Committee for a hearing case of an employee. Five names were drawn, with two to serve as alternates. The three names drawn for the panel were Brian Hobbs, Kay Griffin, and Debbie Bradford. The two alternate names drawn were Danny Ford and Joyce Bryson-Davis.

B. Audit Required Budget Amendment Fiscal Year 2025 - \$802,449 (100-1565-541000)

Motion made by Council Member Huntsinger to approve the audit-required budget amendment .Seconded by Council Member Newberry.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Purchase of two new LUCAS Devices - \$39,608.40 (100-3500-542100)

Motion made by Council Member Long to approve the purchase of the two LUCAS devices from the Walton Healthcare Foundation grant. Seconded by Council Member Huntsinger.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

7. PUBLIC UTILITIES / TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

8. PUBLIC WORKS / FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

9. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Discussion - 254 Main Street - DDA/IGA

Motion made by Council Member Whitfield to approve the 254 Main Street - DDA /IGA. Seconded by Council Member Huntsinger.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Danny Roberts presented to the Council the recommended combined City Council meetings for 2026. They are as follows: July, September, November and December 2026. Council gave the approval to combine the meetings.

City Manager Danny Roberts recognized employee Kristi Ash for 28 years of service before her retirement at the end of the year. He also presented Council Member Anne Huntsinger and Mayor Skip Baliles with a plaque for their service to the City Council.

11. CITY ATTORNEY'S UPDATES / REPORTS

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Huntsinger to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Wolfe.

Voting Yea: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02pm.

Skip Baliles
Mayor

Ansley Pope
Deputy Clerk