



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 08, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Skip Baliles called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

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

Dr. Jesse Welliver, pastor of Summit Church gave the invocation and Sheriff Keith Brooks, Chief Dick Lowry and Keith Colquitt led the pledge to the flag.

Mayor Skip Baliles presented Miss Henry County Emily Emmons with a proclamation proclaiming May Mental Health Awareness Month in recognition of her efforts to promote Mental Health Awareness.

#### B. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Skip Baliles

Council Member Bill DuVall

Council Member Anne Huntsinger

Council Member Melanie Long

Council Member Lisa Newberry

Council Member Branden Whitfield

Council Member Patti Wolfe

#### C. Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by Council Member Whitfield made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss the council agenda packets and approve the agenda with the addition. Seconded by Council Member Huntsinger.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

### 2. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member DuVall made a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

#### A. Juneteenth Holiday Designation

#### B. 2026 CDBG Application, Resolution and Engineering - CDBG Application Submittal by EMI \$5,500.00 / EMI Engineering Fees \$91,350.00 (5% Contingency Included) 505-4300-531112 / 505-4300-531110

#### C. Lights on Town Green \$15,210.00 (100-4100-531600)

- D. LRA Resolution (LMIG \$203,624.38) and Engineering (Keck and Wood) –\$30,000.00 (100-4200-531112 / 100-4200-531110)
- E. Last Month's Minutes
- F. Last Month's Financial Report

Seconded by Council Member Wolfe.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

### 3. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. **Case #R25-003** – The Revive Land Group, LLC c/o Mahaffey Pickens Tucker, LLP filed an application requesting to rezone approximately 27.85+/- acres located at Twin Lakes Road Loganville, GA 30052, Map/Parcel #LG140020, Walton County, GA. The property owner is Twin Lakes Road LLC. The current zoning is CH and the requested zoning is RM-6 with the proposed development of 149 residential units.

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to table Case #R25-003 for 30 days to the June Work Session. Seconded by Council Member DuVall.

Voting Yea: Mayor Baliles, Council Member DuVall, Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Whitfield

Voting Nay: Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Wolfe

Motion carried 4-3.

- B. **Case #R25-004** – Chris Barber, filed an application to rezone 1.07+/- acres located at 220 CS Floyd Road, Loganville, GA 30052. Map/Parcel #LG050094, Walton County, GA. The property owner is Chris Barber. The current zoning is O&I. The requested zoning is R-44 with no proposed development.

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to approve the rezone request. Seconded by Council Member Long.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

- C. **Case #V25-017** – Kevin Hornbuckle, requested a Major Variance for the property Fuller Station located Tommy Lee Fuller Drive, Loganville, GA 30052. Map/Parcel #LG060129B00, Walton County, GA. Present zoning is R3-8. Ordinance and Section from which relief is sought is Roadway Design and Construction Stand Specifications 15.2.1 (ii)(a) Roadway Construction Criteria Setback. Request for variance to remove the requirement for a beauty strip on the interior roads within the Fuller Station community. The beauty strip will not be removed from the entrance road frontage along Tommy Lee Fuller Dr

Motion by Council Member Newberry to approve. Motion was withdrawn.

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to table the matter for 30 days. Seconded by Council Member Huntsinger.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

D. Green Rivers Builders Inc. request to relief from the Variance Reapplication Timeline

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to deny the request. Seconded by Council Member Long.

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

Voting Nay: Council Member Huntsinger

Motion carried 5-1.

E. Approval of RFQ for Zoning Ordinance Re-Write

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to approve the RFQ as presented. Seconded by Council Member Whitfield.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

**4. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

A. Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) Replacement - \$128,214.26 (2019 Walton Co SPLOST 321-3200-542100)

Motion made by Council Member Long to approve the MDT Replacement as presented. Seconded by Council Member Wolfe.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

**5. PUBLIC WORKS / FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

A. Toddler Park Engineering Proposal - \$54,600.00 (Includes 5% Contingency) 2019 Walton County SPLOST (321-6200)

There was much discussion regarding upgrading of Toddler (Kirkland) Park and/or Gather Park. Discussion centered on the funds available to upgrade/update both parks as well as which park to upgrade first.

Motion made by Council Member Wolfe made a motion to approve the engineering proposal. Seconded by Council Member Whitfield.

Voting Yea: Council Member DuVall, Council Member Long, Council Member Whitfield, Council Member Wolfe

Voting Nay: Council Member Huntsinger, Council Member Newberry

Motion carried 4-2.

**6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**A. Downtown Sidewalks**

It was agreed upon by the Council to allow the City Manager the authority to spend up to \$200,000 toward the construction of sidewalks in the downtown area.

**7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Danny Roberts stated that Council would receive their packet for meetings on the Wednesday prior to the work session instead of Friday. He also stated that the planning and zoning cases are available approximately two weeks prior and if anyone would like to receive them when they are sent to the planning commission to let Robbie Schwartz know and he will add them to the distribution list.

**8. CITY ATTORNEY'S UPDATES / REPORTS**

**A. 2025 Occupational Tax Update**

Motion made by Council Member Whitfield to approve the Occupational Tax Ordinance as presented. Seconded by Council Member Huntsinger.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

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Skip Baliles  
Mayor

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Kristi Ash  
Deputy Clerk