



Where Community Connects

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SUMMARY MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025 6:00 P.M.**

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**Mayor & City Council**

Mayor Jayden L. Williams At-Large  
Mayor Pro Tem LaKeisha Gantt – Council District 1  
Councilmember Antwan Cloud – Council District 2  
Councilmember Kyle D. Berry, Sr. – Council District 3  
Councilmember Yolanda Barber – Council District 4  
Councilmember Elton Alexander – Council District 5

**Administration**

Shawn Edmondson – City Manager  
Frank Milazi – City Treasurer  
Vanessa Holiday – City Clerk  
Quinton Washington – City Attorney  
Megan McCullough – Associate Attorney

Mission: Is to provide visionary leadership and superior municipal services that enhance the quality of life for citizens while creating a welcoming business atmosphere focused on sustainability and expansion of tourism and cultural events.

Mayor Ford called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

Invocation by: Mr. Charles Marshall

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

City Clerk, Vanessa Holiday was asked to proceed with a verbal roll call. All members were present except Councilmember Thomas.

Motion to amend the Agenda to remove Item #7; Defer Item#10, 11 and 12 to the February 9, 2026 Council meeting; Add Item #24-Health Insurance Renewal; Add Item #25-Wayfinding Contract Renewal; and add a Soccer Field Resolution in place of Item #7 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Motion to adopt the Agenda was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Mayor Ford reviewed the proclamations for Psi Alpha Omega's 20<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary.

Public Comments: Mr. Charles Marshall spoke in support of the soccer fields to be developed in the new Eagles Landing park.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Approval of the November 10, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes  
Approval of the November 18, 2025 Council Work Session Meeting Minutes  
Approval of the November 24, 2025 Hometown Connection Meeting Minutes  
Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

**PRESENTATION**

2. Tree Give Away Event - Grant ReLeaf Presented by: Rep. Regina Lewis-Ward  
Representative Lewis-Ward referenced Arbor Day on February 20, 2026, and referenced the site Arbor Day Event Brite.com where you can check to see if you are eligible for a free tree; and introduced Sustainability Scientist, Ms. Charlotte King,

Ms. King gave an overview of the value of trees and noted that this initiative is important to Stockbridge noting the city is growing, and that growth brings increased stormwater runoff, infrastructure costs, energy costs, and public health impacts. Ms. King noted Urban trees are one of the highest returns, lowest-cost climate, and public health investments a city can make.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

3. A. 2026 Event Calendars  
2026 City Events  
2026 Main Street Events  
2026 Mayor/Council Initiatives

B. Renewal of Board/Committee Appointments  
Main Street Advisory Board: Willie Hopkins, Anika Potts, Crystal Park, Camille Mason, and Vanessa Gibson  
Term Ends: December 31, 2027

Downtown Development Authority: Kenya Cook, Jerry Mays, and Toseika Thomas  
Term Ends: December 31, 2029

Youth Council Advisory Council: Dr. Alfreda Gourdine, Denita Minnis, Candis Jones, and Sharika Zellars  
Term Ends: December 31, 2027

Ethics Board: Mary Scott and Angela Jenkins  
Term Ends: December 31, 2029

Citizens Police Advisory Council  
District 1 - Carmen Reese  
District 2 - Thomas Smith  
District 3 - William Daniels  
District 4 - Paige Jones III  
District 5 - Raymond Martin  
At-Large (Mayor) - Pastor Lavell Sanders

Bishop LaRay Tillman – Faith Based Community Representative  
Reggie Sylvain – Business Community Representative  
Neat Robinson, Zone 1  
Nathan Banks, Zone 2  
Judy Neal, Zone 4  
Term Expires December 31, 2027

Councilmember Alexander requested Item A of the Consent Agenda be moved to New Business Item #27 on the Agenda.

Motion to approve Item B of the Consent Agenda and to provide information for the city to share on its social media platforms was made by Councilmember Berry; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 3-0. (Mayor Pro Tem Gantt was not present on the dais for the vote).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

4. Council Consideration to approve Revised Copy of the SSD (Special Services District) Map. Presented by: Shawn Edmondson  
Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Berry. (Councilmember Barber Abstained, citing she had not been included in discussions). The motion failed.

Item Revisited - Councilmember Alexander motioned to approve the Revised Copy of the SSD (Special Services District) Map; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed 3-1 (Barber Opposed).

5. SECOND READING - Council Consideration to approve FY2025 Budget Amendment Ordinance in the amount of \$8,852,935.00. Presented by: Frank Milazi  
Motion to approve the FY2025 Budget Amendment in the amount of \$8,842,935.00 was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed 3-1 (Barber Opposed citing the Council approved Amphitheater Operations during an Executive Session and noted those discussions should occur in a public meeting).

Councilmember Alexander stated there is no voting in Executive Session, which is convened for privileged information, and that every municipality must have a balanced budget; and stated that without a public vote, the city would be in violation.

6. SECOND READING - Council Consideration to approve an ordinance to amend Title 3 of the Stockbridge Code of Ordinances regarding "Finance"; to amend Chapter 3.20 thereof entitled "Credit Card Payments"; to provide for Convenience Fees for certain transactions citywide effective January 1, 2026. Presented by: Frank Milazi  
Attorney McCulloch noted the item should be approved as a Resolution to reinstate credit card fees instead of an Ordinance.

Motion to approve a Resolution to reinstate credit card fees was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Councilmember Berry noted the fees would only pertain to credit card transactions, and not the other forms of payment.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Attorney McCulloch noted Legal requested the Executive Session at this point on the Agenda relating to the Agenda Item #7 which has since been removed from the Agenda.

By consensus, the Council agreed to convene Executive Session after Item #27.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

7. APPEAL CASE #AP-2025-02. (Council District 4).

Council Consideration of an appeal of the denial of an application for an alcohol license by Reynell Hay, per City of Stockbridge letter dated September 5, 2025. The applicant proposed locating a package store at 110 Rock Quarry Road (Parcel #S33-01011002). Applicant: Reynell Hay. Agent: Law Firm of Smith, Welch, Webb & White. This item was removed from the Agenda.

Council Consideration to approve a Resolution of Support and partner with the Southern Crescent Soccer Foundation for Soccer Fields at the new Eagles Landing Park with \$200,000 provided by the Southern Crescent Soccer Foundation.

Presented by Shawn Edmondson, City Manager and Eric Morrison, President of the Southern Crescent Soccer Foundation.

Motion to authorize a commitment to support the soccer fields, and approve funding up to \$400,000 when construction begins, utilizing SPLOST VI funds toward the project, and to present a Plan, Schedule, and Timeline to implement the approved upgrades to Clark Park, Gardner Park and Memorial Park was made by Councilmember Berry; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed 3-0. (Mayor Pro Tem Gantt was not present on the dais).

8. SPECIAL USE PERMIT CASE #SP-2025-04. (Council District 4.)

Council Consideration of a request for a special use permit for a portion of the property at 4498 North Henry Boulevard to allow the development and operation of a quick-serve restaurant with drive-through windows and / or lanes. Property Owner: City of Stockbridge. Applicant: Royal TH, LLC. Agent: Battle Law, PC. Proposed Business: Tim Wharton's, a coffee restaurant. Zoning District: C-2 (General Commercial). The property is located in Land Lot 61 of District 12 within the Stockbridge City Limits, and it contains 1.32 +/- acres. The applicant intends to develop only a 0.8-acre portion of the property.

Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director

Mr. Anderson gave an overview of the request and presented Staff Recommended Conditions. Additional Conditions were made to include a minimum of 75% brick, decorative lighting and 8 – 10ft. sidewalks where feasible.

Attorney Mahoney presented on behalf of the Applicant who stated that because the site plan may need to be configured, he would need to confer with the Applicant regarding the Conditions presented.

Public Hearing Opened. There were no comments. Public Hearing Closed.

Motion to approve Special Use Permit Case #SP-2025-04 with Staff Recommended Conditions; Additional Conditions were made to include a minimum of 75% brick, decorative lighting and 8 – 10ft. sidewalks where feasible and to address the safety concerns was made by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

9. ZONING MODIFICATION CASE #ZM-2025-03. (Council District 4.)  
Council Consideration of a request for a zoning modification to Rezoning Case #RZ-2023-02 for property at 258 and 264 Valley Hill Road, plus Parcel #S08-01020000, for the purposes of 1) increasing the number of subdivisions lots from 16 to 28, and 2) changing the location and types of amenities to be included within the subdivision. Zoning District: SR (Suburban Residential). Property Owners: Claudia Perez Granados (for 258 Valley Hill Road) and Alejandro Granados Encinales (for 264 Valley Hill Road and Parcel #S08-01020000). Applicants: Claudia Perez Granados and Alejandro Granados Encinales. Agent: Jacqueline Funicello.

The property is located in Land Lot 92 of District 12 within the Stockbridge City Limits, and it contains 17.062 +/- total acres within three parcels, as is described below.

~258 Valley Hill Road Parcel #S09-06010000)--Contains 2.2492 +/- acres.

~264 Valley Hill Road Parcel #S08-01010000)--Contains 6.5254 +/- acres.

~Unaddressed Parcel No. #S08-01020000)--Contains 8.2874 +/- acres.

Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director

Mr. Anderson gave an overview of the request and presented Staff Recommended Conditions and a Condition was added whereas 25% of the homes would be larger homes with a minimum of 3,000 sq. feet and allow for shared amenities with the adjacent subdivision and fencing.

Public Hearing Opened. No Speakers in Favor.

Ms. Susan Grosvenor and Judy spoke in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed.

Motion to approve Zoning Modification Case #ZM-2025-03 with Staff Conditions and Additional Conditions of 25% of homes at 3,000 sq. feet, allow for shared amenities with the adjacent subdivision and fencing was made by Councilmember Alexanders; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed 3-1 (Barber Opposed citing health and safety concerns and proper drainage issues).

10. ANNEXATION CASE #AX-2025-02. (Council District 5.)

Council Consideration of a request for the annexation, using the 100 % Annexation Method of the property at 2220 Jodeco Road (off Feucht Drive), plus the adjacent Parcel #052-01020001, from unincorporated Henry County into the Stockbridge City Limits. Purpose: To allow for the construction of a multifamily (apartment) development.

Property Owner: Kenneth J. Butcher as representative for Glenn D. Cook, Carol J. Cook, Julia A. Cook, Bryan Cook, and Debra C. Butcher. Applicant: Emory Equity, LLC. Agent: Dennis J. Webb, Attorney with the law firm of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP. The property is located in Land Lot 51 of District 6, and it contains two parcels, as are listed below, with 24.995 +/- total acres. ~ 2220 Jodeco Road -- Contains 21.494 +/- acres.

~ Parcel #052-01020001 – Contains 3.501 +/- acres.

Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director

This item was deferred to the February 9, 2026 City Council meeting.

11. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT CASE #CP-2025-03.(Council District 5.)

Council Consideration of a request for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for property at 2220 Jodeco Road (off Feucht Drive), plus the adjacent Parcel #052-01020001, if and after the property is annexed into the Stockbridge City Limits. The property currently has the Henry County future land use designation of “High-Density Mixed-Use,” and the applicant requests that it be assigned the City of Stockbridge’s future land use designation of “High-Density Residential.”

Purpose: To allow for the construction of a multifamily (apartment) development.

Property Owner: Kenneth J. Butcher as representative for Glenn D. Cook, Carol J. Cook, Julia A. Cook, Bryan Cook, and Debra C. Butcher. Applicant: Emory Equity, LLC. Agent: Dennis J. Webb, Attorney with the law firm of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP. The property is located in Land Lot 51 of District 6, and it contains two parcels, as are listed below, with 24.995 +/- total acres.

~ 2220 Jodeco Road -- Contains 21.494 +/- acres.

~ Parcel #052-01020001 – Contains 3.501 +/- acres.

Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director

This item was deferred to the February 9, 2026 City Council meeting.

12. REZONING CASE #RZ-2025-04. (Council District 5.)

Council Consideration of a request for the rezoning of the property at 2220 Jodeco Road (off Feucht Drive), plus the adjacent Parcel #052-01020001, if and after the property is annexed into the Stockbridge City Limits. The property’s current Henry County zoning district is ‘C-3’ (Heavy Commercial), and the applicant requests that the property be assigned the City of Stockbridge’s zoning district of ‘MFR’ (“Multiple Family Residential”). Purpose: To allow for the construction of a multifamily (apartment) development. Property Owner: Kenneth J. Butcher as representative for Glenn D. Cook, Carol J. Cook, Julia A. Cook, Bryan Cook, and Debra C. Butcher. Applicant: Emory Equity, LLC. Agent: Dennis J. Webb, Attorney with the law firm of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP.

The property is located in Land Lot 51 of District 6, and it contains two parcels, as are listed below, with 24.995 + / - total acres.

~ 2220 Jodeco Road -- Contains 21.494 +/- acres.

~ Parcel #052-01020001 – Contains 3.501 +/- acres.

Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director

This item was deferred to the February 9, 2026 City Council meeting.

13. FINAL READING & ADOPTION - FY2026 Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Plan. Presented by: Shawn Edmondson, City Manager and Frank Milazi, City Treasurer/CFO

Mr. Edmondson referenced Section 2.21(5) of the Charter and read the required Budget Memo referencing the Proposed FY2026 Budget; noted the overall budget is \$74.1 million dollars, noted a change of the proposed COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) to 4%; recommended approval and thanked staff for their hard work and efforts during the budget process.

Mr. Milazi noted this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final presentation, with the scheduled adoption of the FY2026 Budget going into effect January 1, 2026 reviewed a 2026 Proposed Budget Summary Budget noting the Revenues and Expenditures are all estimates, with a proposed General Fund Operating Budget of \$34,768,690, and increase of \$5,529,379 or 19% over the 2025 approved budget of \$29,239,311; and noted the total Proposed Balanced Budget (Revenues and Expenditures) for all Funds including General Fund is \$73,302,280 for Fiscal Year 2026; noted the budget is a roadmap or fiscal plan for the City to continue providing various services across the city for the upcoming year; and noted some capital projects will take more than one year, however, the funding is approved annually.

Mr. Milazi noted amendments to the budget cannot be made without revenues; noted Wayfinding was paid with ARPA funds, and that there were not obligated expenses in 2026; noted credit card fees are currently being absorbed by the city, and that an ordinance would be coming forward for Council approval to remove the waiver for credit card fees; noted the duties of the Governing Body and that the vision is executed through the City Manager.

Mr. Milazi referenced the 2026 Budget Priorities as approved by the Governing Body: Community Center, T-SPLOST Projects, Downtown Development, Wayfinding, and City Municipal Buildings.

Mr. Milazi referenced 2026 Budget Highlights:  
Road and Sidewalk Improvements to continue – LMIG/SPLOST VI  
Public Safety Enhancement  
No increase in Property Tax Millage Rate 3.77 mills since 2023  
Community Development fee proposal to be submitted.  
4% COLA for all City Employees  
Public Works new facility under construction

Water receivables write off higher due to meters malfunction.  
Cemetery improvements  
Credit Card payment fees to be reimplemented.  
Pay off GEFA Loan

Mr. Milazi referenced Department Overviews, noting that approximately \$4 million dollars is being transferred from the General Fund to fund the city's CDA and DDA with the Downtown Development Authority to receive with \$336,000, and the Citywide Development Authority to receive \$68,000; and noted the balance for the Amphitheater; and noted there was an adjustment made in the Public Works Department budgets where funding was coming from Reserves, and was corrected.

Mr. Milazi noted the budget is balanced and recommends approval of the proposed General Fund FY2026 Operating Budget in the \$34,768,690.

Councilmember Berry noted his concern of \$3 million dollars for the Amphitheater considering \$8.1 million was spent in 2024, and \$4 million to date for 2025.

Councilmember Alexander called Ms. Webster forward to state the number of paid concerts at the Amphitheater in 2025.

Ms. Webster's response was 10 concerts.

Councilmember Alexander stated that it would be best to get ahead of the game and bring in the vendors, receive the reports two weeks after each show, noting the vendors will be vetted, stating the halo affect around the Amphitheater; noted ticket sales will be low in this economy, sales will be less; noted there needs to be an RFP put out; and recommended a minimum \$4.5 million dollar budget set for the Amphitheater, noting the previous 3-year approach was not sustainable; noted the ticket vendor will change from FreshTix to Ticketmaster with tier ticketing, and that 40% of the ticket sales will cover costs, and the city will be intentional about the list of artists, and marketing efforts.

Mr. Edmondson noted the intent is to bring in mor partnership and sponsorship; and referenced the breakdown of the 3,600 seats, opening up 250 additional seats by removing the blocked view area.

Mayor Ford asked if the city needed to bring in HJ Russell, the Amphitheater's Architects.

Mr. Edmondson stated he didn't believe that would be necessary, noting most of the equipment used is rented.

Councilmember Alexander noted there needs to be an RFP for Sponsors, as sponsorships are currently not happening, and perhaps an IGA with Henry County similar to the IGA for marketing between the City of Jonesboro and Clayton County.

Mr. Milazi stated the \$3 million dollars for the Amphitheater is a combination of \$2.1 million from Amphitheater revenues from ticket sales of \$1.6 million, concession sales of \$60,000, sponsorship (VyStar) of \$300,000 and the shortfall of \$840,000 will be transferred from the City's General Fund; and recommended the Council approve the budget as is without an increase, and the revenue that comes in would offset the expenses; noting the Budget that has been presented is balanced, and requesting a change to the Amphitheater budget up to \$4.5 million would cause the Budget to be unbalanced, noting there are no additional projected revenues, and if the Council is insisting on \$4.5 million dollars for the Amphitheater, there would need to be decreases throughout the current budget, or projects would need to be delayed.

Councilmember Alexander noted there is money that will come in from Hotel/Motel tax.

Mr. Milazi noted there is projected revenue of \$900,000 and noted Hotel/Motel tax has restrictions of use; and stated the Finance Department will present a minimum of two budget amendments per year.

Councilmember Barber stated that she could not wrap her head around the conversation to fund the Amphitheater up to \$4.5 million dollars, when the priority should have been around the funding of the Soccer Fields where it was suggested that the city bond money for the soccer fields and other capital improvements; noting \$4.5 million dollars should go toward park improvements, not the Amphitheater; noted she brought a major naming rights sponsor to the city in 2021 who agreed to pay all expenses including the artists fees, production and lighting costs, etc., and that not one dime would have come from the city, and not use taxpayer dollars, noting the city is not a nightclub, and that tax dollars should go toward the Master Trail Plan and infrastructure projects, and that the city has instead wasted millions of dollars on free events and the operations of the Amphitheater which is a gross mismanagement.

Councilmember Barber noted her comments would all be for the record as follows, and noted she would send a copy of the letter to the governing body, City Manager, City Treasurer, City Attorney and City Clerk:

I want to be clear about how I see my fiduciary responsibilities as an elected official and a member of the Governing Body. While I cannot and will not speak for the other members of Council, what I will say is that I take the budget adoption and adhering to the city's approved Operating Budget very seriously. Equally, I take the City's Charter seriously as well.

Residents of our City are not looking for handouts. They're looking for an equitable return on the investment of their tax dollars. The arrogance and the lack of care and concern that has been exhibited, as the Governing Body has made decisions that have benefited the very few, rather than the collective, is something that we all will have to answer for. That's why I have been asking questions since I was sworn in and six years later, I have not stopped. I understand the weight of the

responsibilities that my position carries. I understand that my role is to save money and to cut costs, NOT WASTE MONEY. As elected officials, we each took an oath to act in the best interest of our city, and to provide oversight of each and every taxpayer dollar that comes in and goes out.

The Governing Body approved a Finance Policy and agreed to follow the processes and procedures in that policy, and we unanimously agreed to a 2 to 3 Year plan to follow the recommendations by the City Treasurer and the City's Financial Advisor to re-build the City's Fund Balance (Savings Account). I hope that the Governing Body will fulfil its obligation and to not use the city's Fund Balance and Contingency Fund except and only in case of an emergency.

On October 28<sup>th</sup> of this year, the City Manager made a request to add new positions and reclassify current positions with new titles and pay grades. The City's Charter Section 3.04.060 REQUIRES that when a new position is created, the Ordinance shall include the Job Description, a new Pay and Classification, and a new Organization Chart including the new and reclassified positions. On October 28<sup>th</sup> none of those documents were included and presented to the Governing Body as required. I opposed the vote to approve the new and reclassified positions. Not because I disagreed with the positions, but my opposition referenced the Charter which requires those documents and they had not been included. Members of the Governing Body should also question why the documents were not attached. Members of the Governing Body should also question why the city's legal counsel did not advise on the requirement for those specific. This is not the first instance of when new positions or reclassified positions have been created, so there is history of adhering to the process and the Charter by doing this the right way.

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, the City Manager presented the First Reading of the FY2026 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting and members of the Council gave their input and responses to the budget that was presented. I read a statement into the record where I made it known that I had gone through every single line item of the proposed budget. What was missing from the First Reading of the Proposed Budget was funding for the Amphitheater, the Required Job Descriptions, Pay and Classification and a City Organizational Chart for the new and reclassified positions, making the budget (as presented) incomplete. I questioned several budget line items and various departmental budget amounts. I also recommended that the Council adopt an Ordinance regarding the use of Contingency Funds, which are only to be used in the event of an emergency such as a natural disaster. The Mayor and members of Council did not support moving forward with the approval of a Contingency Fund Ordinance that night and said that our City's Legal Counsel needs to review and bring back an Ordinance. I forwarded my email to all members of the Governing Body, the City's Legal Counsel, the City Manager, City Treasurer, and the City Clerk. To date, the city's legal counsel has not prepared an Ordinance for Contingency Funds, nor have I received a response following their review.

On November 17, 2025, City Staff submitted some, but not ALL, of the documents that I requested during the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. City Staff submitted some, but not ALL of the job descriptions for the newly created and the reclassified positions. City Staff submitted an incomplete Pay & Classification and responded to some, but not all of the questions and concerns that I raised regarding the FY2026 budget.

During the Second Reading of the Proposed FY2026 on November 18, 2025 again, I requested that ALL Job Descriptions, the Pay & Classification and Organizational Chart to be attached to the Budget as REQUIRED by the Charter Section 3.04.60. I requested the Amphitheater Marketing Plan, the Sponsorship Plan to understand the necessary steps to offset costs associated with concerts and FREE City events as was discussed during the Retreat. I also requested the Building Maintenance Plan for the MMCC to understand the necessary steps to increase revenues (as discussed during the Budget Retreat). I asked for an update to the Assistant Public Works Director position as it relates to the Engineering Services as discussed during the Retreat, along with other documents and questions relating to the Proposed FY2026 Budget.

I specifically asked during the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting if the documents were attached as requested, and it was confirmed that they were included in the Governing Body's Agenda Books/Agenda Binders. However, all of the requested documents and responses were not included and had not been submitted. When I stated that the information was not there, I was attacked by Councilmember Alexander for asking the City Manager to respond to the budget questions raised. And I was attacked by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt who insisted that the information had been submitted by staff and was included in the Agenda Books. Mayor Pro Tem Gantt accused me of not reading the information prior to the meetings. She also accused me of 'gaslighting' for asking questions of staff and she again violated the city's Code of Conduct when she called me "crazy", which can be clearly heard on mic during our public meeting. What is interesting is, whenever I bring up questions regarding the Amphitheater, funding of the Amphitheater, putting the Amphitheater services out for bid, or turning the Amphitheater over to a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Management Company, these two councilmembers become argumentative and want to shut me down for simply asking questions. During the Budget Retreat in Macon, GA, Mayor Pro Tem Gantt also violated the City's Code of Conduct when she called me a Bitch during the public meeting. Of course, the conversation was about Amphitheater funding.... During the Budget Retreat in September of this year, Mayor Pro Tem Gantt once again violated the Code of Conduct when the conversation centered around the Amphitheater funding and the operations, she called me a Bitch for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time during a public meeting. There were no consequences for any of these Code of Conduct violations.

Attorney Washington, I am requesting an investigation of all three of these incidents where Mayor Pro Tem Gantt violated the Code of Conduct with name calling in a public meeting, with action to be taken by the Governing Body.

The next day, after the last meeting of the Governing Body, on November 19, 2025, the Mayor & Council received a series of emails from City staff that included attachments and documents that two members of Council and the City Manager had just said the night before that the documents were in the Council Agenda Books/Binders. There were no explanations or apologies for their false accusations towards me during the last meeting of the Council.

Following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the proposed budget, I asked for clarification on additional budget line items, and again requested ALL job descriptions, the Pay and Classification and the Organizational Chart as required. I sent an email to the entire Governing Body, City's Legal Counsel, City Manager, City Treasurer and City Clerk.

On Friday, December 5, 2025 at 10:48 P.M., some but not ALL of the information was emailed to the Governing Body with the final reading and adoption on Monday. This is exactly why I make my comments and requests publicly. Coincidentally, *or not*, the job description for the 'new Events Director position was not submitted. Why is that?

I have been publicly requesting monthly, quarterly, and semi-annual financials since 2022 because I knew the math wasn't mathing. Two members of the Council and a former Councilmember directed the former City Manager (at the time)- via email NOT to release the financial information to me. It's on record. I had to use my own personal monies to retain an attorney as a way to obtain information from our City, and I had to file a complaint with the Secretary of State for a violation of the Open Records Act when documents were not given to me as requested, as an elected official. The Operations of the Amphitheater went millions of dollars over budget in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. I was sounding the alarm each of those years, and I'm sounding the alarm now. Our city spent nearly a million dollars on free events last year and is proposing the same in the 2026 budget. Again, I am sounding the alarm. *There is no municipality that allows their city to repeatedly, year after year, go millions of dollars over budget, let alone overspend on FREE events and an Amphitheater. It is wasteful spending and irresponsible.*

The Governing Body approved a City tax, and the residents were told that the City tax would be used to cover expenses associated with Public Safety and Public Works to cover the additional areas as a result of the 2023 annexation of approximately 6,700 residents and businesses. However, we have been continuously spending millions of dollars OVER BUDGET on FREE CITY EVENTS AND THE AMPHITHEATER every year since 2022. Not thousands, but millions. I have pleaded with the Governing Body and the City Managers to outsource the Operations of the Amphitheater to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party Venue Management company who would bear all of the costs to run the shows, including booking the artists, etc. and the City would receive a portion of the profits for each show. My repeated recommendation has fallen on deaf ears with the Governing Body, who insist on having control of the Amphitheater by spending millions of taxpayer dollars to fund the Operations, even though we have in our face, four solid years of overspending

and losses. In 2021 I brought a potential Naming Rights Sponsor to the table, but the Council did not want to proceed with the negotiations. During a separate public meeting, I made a motion to give a directive to staff to do the research on what Sponsorships would mean for our City. My motion failed, as the majority of the Council did not support the motion.

In 2024, we exceeded the approved budget by \$32.9 million dollars. City Staff decided that although there was an overall approved budget of \$43 million dollars, a total of \$76 million dollars was spent. City Staff didn't come before the Governing Body to request an additional \$32 million dollars (AS REQUIRED) during a public meeting where the full Governing Body would have been present, and a vote of approval was required. They just spent it. UNAUTHORIZED and UNAPPROVED. Without the proper oversight from the Governing Body. Nobody was listening to me on the bull horn as I was continuously sounding the alarm that something was not right with the finances. That \$32.9 million dollars should still be available in the different accounts that it was pulled from and spent. But it's no longer there. And that is why there was a \$32.9 million budget amendment presented for 2024 expenses. I am trying to prevent that from happening to our city ever again. I had hoped that there would be a lesson learned and the members of the governing body, the leadership and the decision makers of our city will wake up and pay attention. There needs to be full oversight immediately. If not, we will be in the same dilemma with another budget amendment, and another, and another, until the well runs dry.

There are those who said they didn't know the city's funds were being spent without their knowledge, even though I was sounding the alarm and asking for financial reporting too many times to count, and it has been suggested that I ask my questions and address my concerns behind the scenes. Well, the behind-the-scenes conversations have cost us millions. The city has overspent over the approved budget for 4 consecutive years. This makes no sense! All discussions of funding sources such as SPLOST, TSPLOST, General Fund and other revenue streams should be discussed publicly, not behind closed doors in Executive Session and/or via text message or emails.

When I continued to raise concerns and ask questions publicly, I was censored. I was admonished because I was raising red flags, asking for budget documents, contracts, and other financial records during the public meetings and emails. No one listened, I was ignored. And talked over with numerous attempts to drown me out so that you couldn't hear what was really happening. The truth has since unfolded and been brought to the forefront, finally. However, the truth has not been accompanied by an apology and further review/discussions by the Governing Body. This is public money, and whenever we talk about city funds, those conversations need to take place in the open, for public knowledge.

The Governing Body is fully aware of what happened as it relates to the 2024 \$32.9 budget amendment, and the previous years of millions of dollars of overspending. Our city went over budget in 2022, 2023, 2024 and now in 2025.

Our City's Ethics Board recommended that an independent firm review the claims for dereliction of duties. Has the governing body acted on any of the Ethics Board recommendations? No.

Tonight, this Council is being asked to approve the 2026 budget for \$34 million dollars. City Staff asked the Council to approve the budget at this same time last year for \$29 million – and tonight we have a 2025 budget amendment for \$8.8 million dollars (*so far*). Staff has not provided ALL of the job descriptions and pay grades, or a complete city Organizational Chart. There have been three meetings in which I have asked for all of the job descriptions for new and reclassified positions including the and pay of the new position of Events Director, who will be responsible for overseeing the contractor who will manage all aspects of the Operations of the Amphitheater. It has not been submitted prior to this meeting tonight. Why is it been withheld? Members of Council should be asking that question too.

My requests tonight are not complicated:

- There needs to be proper reporting of spending, and oversight by the Governing Body frequently.
- Turn the Amphitheater over to a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Venue Management Company who has the capital to cover the costs of operations of the venue at 100% without relying on taxpayer dollars to subsidize the operations.
- Reduce the budget for FREE City events.
- Ensure sufficient funds are available to complete the Downtown Utility Relocation Project
- Allocate adequate funding to the Rock Quarry Rd. Extension project.
- Ensure sufficient funds are available to complete the Wayfinding project.
- Ensure adequate funding is available to execute the Master Trail Plan.
- Ensure adequate funding is available to execute the Parks Master Plan.

*Currently, the priorities of our city are not adequately reflected in the budget.*

Also, the Governing Body should pass an ordinance for the city's Contingency Fund assuring those funds will only be used in an emergency as I mentioned on November 10th.

The Governing Body should provide proper oversight and must fulfil our fiduciary responsibilities as we swore to when we took the oath of office. When the budget is approved and adopted, that amount is what staff should adhere to. Of course, there may need to be adjustments that happen, but never again should overspending be in excess of millions of dollars. Not on my watch. I will continue to do my due diligence. I will continue to ask questions. I will continue to ask for documents, as it is my right, and my responsibility.

Members of the Governing Body must allow staff to do their jobs without interference, and without fear of losing their jobs simply because they are choosing to do what is right. And staff needs to do the job they have been hired to do. Our City will be better for it.

Based on my GMA training, if the Council does not approve and adopt the budget tonight, it's not a big deal. Our City operations would just continue using the 2025 budget until a new budget is adopted.

I will support approving the FY2026 Balanced Budget in the amount of \$34,768,690 dollars when all of the required documents are provided per the city's Charter when adopting the budget. If there are any changes made to this budget, it should not exceed \$34,768,690 dollars The bottom line is...the General Fund should remain at \$34,768,690.

All of the added positions requested by Mr. Edmondson are not included in this already balanced \$34,768,690 budget. Are these are newly added positions after the budget has been balanced with no additional projected revenues?

#### Soccer Field Project (new Park)

I support the soccer field project; however, the City Council approved a Parks Master Plan. I think it's a great idea considering the World Cup is coming to Atlanta. My only concern is, we made a financial commitment and entered into a contract to make upgrades to our current/existing park system (Clark, Gardiner and Memorial parks). The mismanagement of \$32.9 in 2024 has set us back on completing various Capital Improvement projects. The overspending on the Amphitheater Operations and FREE City events in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 are examples of misguided priorities and how Capital projects are delayed due to wasteful spending. The Parks Master Plan has been delayed, just as the roll-out of our Trail network.

- Mr. Aaron, I believe the execution of the Parks Master Plan as was approved is outlined in phases and was approved during the Council Retreat in March of this year. What's the status? What phase are we in?
- Attorney Washington, what happens to our obligations under that contract agreement if we don't move forward with those upgrades because there is no funding?
- Mr. Aaron, what is the status of the execution of the Master Trail Plan?

#### Capital Improvement Projects List/LCI (Livable Cities Initiatives)

- Updates are needed to dates, projects and amounts.

#### Purchase of Vehicles

The City Council agreed to purchase four vehicles which will replace the older vehicles (two Ford Explorers) and adding a Passenger Van and a large SUV to the Governing Body's Fleet. It was said that we would transfer the vehicles that are being replaced to other departments, one being Main Street. I support moving the

other vehicle to Events, but I don't support purchasing another \$60,000 vehicle when we already have a vehicle that can be transferred once the new vehicles are received.

➤ The Ford Explorer that the City Manager drives still doesn't have city decals at all. Can it be transferred to Main Street and/or Events Department?

#### Budget for Unhoused

➤ Mr. Edmondson, during the Hometown Connection meeting, you confirmed that there was funding in the budget to partner with agencies in support of the unhoused population in our city. What is that account number? \_\_\_\_\_

#### DDA Budget

Funding for the DDA Budget has increased in the FY2026 Budget from \$45,000 to over \$336,000. The full Governing Body is unaware of why the budget has increased to this amount. DDA Rep did not present their 2025 YTD expenditures during the Budget Retreat. I still have unanswered questions regarding several expenses and what appear to be discrepancies that were listed on the quarterly report that was provided over the summer.

#### Job Descriptions/Pay and Classification and Org. Chart

- Did you have an opportunity to cross-check the job descriptions/pay and classification and Org. Chart? There are some positions on the Org Chart, but not on the Pay and Classification and vice versa.
- Mr. Edmondson can someone from the HR Department do a cross-check and provide make sure ALL the job descriptions are attached to the budget as required with a corrected Pay and Classification and Organizational Chart?
- Mr. Edmondson, the city advertised for a HR Manager to fill a vacancy; however, I see on the Organizational Chart a HR Director. Was a position of an HR Director advertised?

Director positions are appointed by the City Manager and are confirmed by the City Council. Please send the applications and resumes of all Directors that you wish to appoint so the Council can review and consider confirmation in accordance with the Charter.

Should the City Council approve this budget tonight without including all of the required documentation or a funding source of revenue for additional positions, this time, the governing body won't be able to say they didn't know. This time, just as been done in years past, you would have ignored all the tenants of Good Governance, and approving this budget without meeting the Charter requirements would be a violation and a dereliction of your duties.

As part of the Amphitheater Plan to increase revenues, the Governing Body needs to adopt/approve a Rental Policy. Currently, there is no approved cost structure to determine projected revenues based on rentals. As I mentioned during our Budget Retreat in September 2025. What criteria has staff been using?

During Councilmember Barber's comments, there was a Motion to end comments being made by Councilmember Barber was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion failed.

Point of Order was called by Councilmember Alexander, noting the length of the comments and that the comments were off-subject.

Mayor Ford stated the comments and questions were budget related.

Point of Order was made by Councilmember Alexander regarding comments made by Councilmember Barber with derogatory language.

Councilmember Barber apologized, noting she was repeating the comments made toward her by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt.

Councilmember Alexander called for a Point of Order for the length of time of Councilmember Barber's comments.

Councilmember Gantt called for a Point of Order for the length of time for Councilmember Barber's comments.

A Motion to end comments being made by Councilmember Barber was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed 3-1 (Barber Opposed, citing she remained quiet as other members of the governing body asked questions and had comments throughout the meeting, and is being shut down as she raises questions and makes comments that are budget related).

Mayor Ford noted the motion was approved by members of the Council to end Councilmember Barber's comments and questions relating to the budget.

Motion to approve the FY2026 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan and to seek additional funding for the operations of the Amphitheater as described by staff was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed 3-1 (Barber Opposed)

Councilmember Alexander motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt.

Mayor Ford noted there were several items remaining on the Agenda that have not been voted on; and noted the Public Hearing for the Budget has not taken place.

Public Hearing Opened – No Comments in Favor

Comments to Oppose: Ms. Alicia Moore stated residents are concerned about the operations and costs associated with the Amphitheater, and it seems to be

personal perks for members of the governing body; stated the Amphitheater should be bid out for a Management Company to operate; stated it was inappropriate to shut down a member of the Governing Body who was asking questions and addressing concerns about the budget; and stated that she found the fact of the City Council being dead set on keeping the Amphitheater under its reign is very suspicious.

Public Hearing Closed.

14. SECOND READING - TEXT AMENDMENT CASE #TX-2025-04 FOR FAÇADE BUILDING MATERIALS. (Citywide)

Council Consideration of an ordinance to revise Section 4.4.4 of the Unified Development Code (UDC) to establish updated requirements for building façade materials for non-residential and multi-family structures. The proposed ordinance outlines material standards to promote architectural consistency, durability, and neighborhood compatibility.

Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director  
Mr. Anderson noted there were no changes from the First Reading.

Motion to approve TX-2025-04 was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

15. SECOND READING - TEXT AMENDMENT CASE #TX-2025-05 FOR TWO-CAR GARAGES. (Citywide)

Council Consideration of an ordinance to amend Section 4.4.2(F)(2) of the Unified Development Code (UDC) to require two-car garages for all single-family homes, townhomes, and each unit within duplexes. This amendment updates the architectural standards to promote adequate off-street parking and consistent residential design.

Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director  
Mr. Anderson noted there were no changes from the First Reading.

Motion to approve TX-2025-05 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

16. SECOND READING - TEXT AMENDMENT CASE #TX-2025-06 FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT. (Council Districts 4 and 5)

Council Consideration of an ordinance to adopt Title 9, Chapter 200 of the Municipal Code of Ordinance for the City of Stockbridge to establish regulations for Entertainment Districts within the City. The ordinance outlines operational standards, alcohol permitting, smoking establishment requirements, and enforcement provisions to support safe and vibrant public spaces.

Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director  
Mr. Anderson noted there were no changes from the First Reading.

Councilmember Alexander asked if the additional areas of Patrick Henry Pkwy., Eagles Landing Pkwy., or Rock Quarry Rd. were included.

Mr. Anderson noted the research is still in progress.

Motion to approve TX-2025-06 was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

17. SECOND READING - TEXT AMENDMENT CASE #TX-2025-07 FOR OUTDOOR FESTIVALS. (Citywide)

Council Consideration of an ordinance to revise Title 9, Chapter 28, Section 040 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances for the City of Stockbridge to establish updated permitting requirements for outdoor festivals and temporary special events within the City. The proposed ordinance outlines application procedures, public safety measures, and fee structures to ensure responsible event management.

Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director  
Mr. Anderson noted there were no changes from the First Reading

Motion to approve TX-2025-07 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

18. SECOND READING - TEXT AMENDMENT CASE #TX-2025-08 FOR TEMPORARY ALCOHOL LICENSES. (Citywide)

Council Consideration of an amendment to Chapter 9.04, Section 595.1 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances for the City of Stockbridge to establish a permitting process for temporary alcohol sales at outdoor events and special events within the City. The ordinance outlines application procedures, fee structures, and eligibility criteria for both nonprofit and commercial applicants.

Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director  
Mr. Anderson noted recommendations from the First Reading have been included in the ordinance, reducing the fee to \$300 per event in the downtown district, and \$500 per event outside of the downtown district, and allowing a One-Year Pass in the amount of \$1,000.00 Citywide.

Motion to approve TX-2025-08 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

19. SECOND READING - TEXT AMENDMENT CASE #TX-2025-10 FOR CONTAINER-BASED COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS. (District 4)

Council Consideration of an ordinance to amend Sections 2.5.3(E) and 2.5.3(H) of the Stockbridge Unified Development Code (UDC) to allow container-based commercial buildings as a type of "Special Use" within the Downtown Village Overlay District.

Mr. Anderson noted there were no changes from the First Reading.

Motion to approve TX-2025-10 was made by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

20. Council Consideration to approve the Public Works Maintenance Shop – Phase 2 interior build-out with Prime Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$2,241,455.00. Funding source is from SPLOST VI.  
Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director  
Motion to approve Phase 2 of the Public Works Maintenance Shop was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.
21. Council Consideration to approve Change Order No. 2 for the 2025 LMIG Paving Project with Blount Construction Company in the amount of \$109,689.20. Funding Source: TSPLOST.  
Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director  
Motion to approve Change Order No. 2 for the 2025 LMIG Paving Project was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.
22. Council Consideration to approve Change Order No. 3 for the Walter Way, Pine View and Memorial Park Lift Station and Force Main Rehabilitation Project with Sol Construction, LLC in the amount of \$256,216.00. Funding Source is from SPLOST VI.  
Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director  
Motion to approve Change Order No. 3 for the Walter Way, Pine View and Memorial Park Lift Station and Force Main Rehabilitation Project was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.
- Councilmember Alexander requested a listing of all funding expenses and balances for SPLOST, TSPLOST, ARPA and Contingency funds from 2025 to current.
23. Council Consideration to approve the award of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety H.E.A.T. Grant in the amount of \$268,928.00. The effective date of the grant is December 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. Allowed costs incurred within this period are reimbursable at a rate of 100% of the approved federal funds allocated above.  
Presented by: Asst. Chief Godfrey  
Motion to approve acceptance of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety H.E.A.T. Grant in the amount of \$268,928,00 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.
24. Council Consideration to approve the renewal of the City's Health Insurance Policy with Cigna the amount of \$3,400,531. Funding Source: General Fund.  
Presented by: Frank Milazi, City Treasurer/CFO

Motion to approve the City's Health Insurance renewal with Cigna Insurance in the amount of \$3,400,531 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

25. Council Consideration to approve Phase II & Phase III of the Wayfinding Contract for DeNyse Company in the amount of \$1.4 million dollars. Funding Source: ARPA

Presented by: Shawn Edmondson, City Manager

Motion to approve the DeNyse Co. contract renewal for Phase II of the Wayfinding Project was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

26. Council Consideration to approve the 2026 Event Calendars for Main Street, City Events and Council Initiatives.

Motion to approve the 2026 Event Calendars for 2026 transferring the African American History Program, the Women's History Month Program, and the Fall Festival Event to a City Event with staff determining the funding source for each event and revising the City's Events and Mayor & Council Initiatives Calendar and Budget was made by Councilmember Berry; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council meetings will be held in the City Council Chamber. Meeting dates, locations, and times are subject to change or contact City Hall offices at 770-389-7900 or visit the website [www.stockbridgega.org](http://www.stockbridgega.org) for updates.

- Citywide Development Authority Meeting, Second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. — City Hall Levi Meeting Room (Dec 9)
- Community Zoning and Information Meeting (CZIM) Wednesday, December 10th CANCELLED.
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting, Second Friday of each Month, at 9:00 a.m. at the Downtown Connection Center 130 M L King Sr. Heritage Trail (Dec 12)
- Downtown Development Authority Board Meeting, Third Tuesday of each month, at 6:00 p.m. at the Downtown Connection Center, 130 M L King Sr. Heritage Trail (Dec 16)
- Planning Commission Meeting, Third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (Dec 18) CANCELLED
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, Third Thursday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. — City Hall Levi Meeting Room (Dec 18)

#### UPCOMING CITY EVENTS / INITIATIVES

- Join the City of Stockbridge for the Swearing-In Ceremony for Mayor Jayden L. Williams, Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt and Councilman Antwan Cloud on Friday, January 2, 2026, at 3pm at Home2 Suites 400 Speer Rd. Stockbridge, GA, This event is open to the public w/Free Shuttle Service from Kohls from 2-6pm.

- Join Councilman Alexander for a District 5 Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 7pm at the Winding Creek Community 254 Warbler Way, McDonough.
- The Economic Development Department hosts a FREE Business Health Clinic on the 2nd Thursday of every month from 9am – 12pm at the Stockbridge Connection Center, 130 M L King Sr. Heritage Trail.

Please contact Rosalynd Rawls to schedule an appointment for Meet the Mayor and for more information on Council Initiatives at 678-833-3348 or via email: rrawls@stockbridgega.org

Mayor Ford wished everyone Happy Holidays, and encouraged everyone to get flu shots, and COVID boosters; noted it has been a wonderful twelve years serving the city of Stockbridge, where there has never been a dull moment; encouraged the governing body to continue moving things and doing great things, noting the public is watching; noted he is not moving, and will continue to be engaged, and he will help out where he can; noted he looks forward to a bright future for him, his family, and everyone. Stockbridge Where Community Connects.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to convene Executive Session for Real Estate, Personnel, Litigation and Cybersecurity matters was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Councilmember Barber exited the meeting following Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and sign an Affidavit was made by Councilmember Berry; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Motion to reconvene the meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Motion to approve a Conditional Settlement with GRP LLC litigation to place on the Agenda for January 12, 2026 was made by Councilmember Berry; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Motion to authorize the City Treasurer to open an account with Fund One, State of Georgia Fund was made by Councilmember Berry; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.


Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 a.m. was made by Councilmember Berry; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Respectfully submitted by:



Cassandra Lester, Interim City Clerk

*Signing as a testament. I was not mayor and not to be accounted for any actions. (D)*

 3/11/26

Jayden L. Williams, Mayor