



**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
SUMMARY MINUTES  
TUESDAY APRIL 28, 2026 6:00 P.M.**

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**Mayor & City Council**

Mayor Jayden L. Williams At-Large  
Mayor Pro Tem Elton Alexander – Council District 5  
Councilmember 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

**Administration**

Shawn Edmondson – City Manager  
Frank Milazi – City Treasurer  
Cassandra Lester – Interim City Clerk  
Quinton Washington – City Attorney  
Megan McCullough – Associate Attorney

Mission: 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 Jayden Williams called the April 28, 2026 Stockbridge City Council Work Session meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Williams led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Interim City Clerk Cassandra Lester conducted roll call. A quorum was established. Councilmember Kyle Berry was not present.

Mayor Williams requested adoption of the agenda with two amendments: (1) addition of a council consideration to approve the Move with the Mayor initiative for the MLK Senior Trail Unity Walk, including a temporary road closure; and (2) addition of a presentation by Ms. Kim Denmark during the public comment/presentation portion of the meeting to allow sufficient time for her remarks.

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended (Move with the Mayor initiative and Kim Denmark presentation) was made by Councilmember Cloud and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander. The motion passed 4-0.

A secondary request was made by Councilmember Barber to add an item to the agenda to discuss the Tranquil Trail development, citing that she had not received responses to inquiries directed to Community Development, the City Manager, or legal staff, and noting that the development had required five council votes to approve.

Councilmember Gantt acknowledged that the matter was actively being addressed and that a town hall was being scheduled within approximately 15 days, stating that she had met with relevant parties that same morning and had visited the site multiple times. Councilmember Barber maintained that the full council was not being kept informed of discussions and that, as a voting member on the original approval, she was entitled to updates. The motion to add the Tranquil Trail item to the agenda failed for lack of a second.

Councilmember Barber added for the record "What I have asked is to add an item to the agenda for discussion so that I can hear from legal, so that I can hear from community development so that I can hear from the city manager. I haven't heard anything. This is a development that took five votes to approve. If there are any changes to this, I'm expecting that it will come right back here to this governing body. I know no other details. I know nothing about a 15 day wait. Whatever discussions that are being had are not being had without the full council. I get, this is not in my district, but again, it took five votes to approve it. Me being one of the people who approved it, I approved this proposal based on what was presented to us. What I want is an update and because I'm not getting answers to the questions that I have sent to community development, to the city manager, to the zoning attorney, to the city's attorney, I'm asking to have a discussion right here, right now. These homeowners, they're here. Again, they're not going to stop coming until they have answers. They're not going to stop contacting any of us until they have answers. Rightfully so. I want to be able to give him an answer. I don't have an answer. The people who have the answers are not speaking or at least they're not sharing it with the full council. I want that for the record."

#### **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

April 13, 2026 City Council Summary Minutes and Planning Retreat Summary Minutes Day 1–3 (March 4–6, 2026) were submitted for review

#### **CEREMONIAL REVIEW**

##### **Improving Mental Health Through the Move with the Mayor**

Mayor Williams recaptured the presented of a proclamation to Mr. Larry Malone (El Malone Fitness) in connection with the Move with the Mayor Spring Mental Health and Physical Activity Challenge, a National Forum initiative coinciding with Mental Health Awareness Month in May. The proclamation recognized the importance of physical activity and social connection, with particular emphasis on veterans and older adults. Mr. Malone briefly addressed the Council and expressed his honor in partnering with the city.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Five speakers signed up for public comment. Four addressed the Council on matters related to the Tranquil Trail residential development adjacent to the Spivey Cove and Spivey Ridge subdivisions in Clayton County. The fifth public comment was deferred to allow additional time for a full presentation.

Dave Murphy (2877 Mandy Court, Lake Spivey), a 30-year homeowner in the Spivey Cove subdivision, described the community as intentionally built and deeply connected, and expressed that the development as currently being executed differs materially from what was approved, including the removal of buffer trees.

Blanca Velazquez (212 Hunting Court) expressed concerns about trees that were cleared in her backyard, noting that the remaining trees posed a risk of falling onto homes during storms. Kathy Walker (200 Hunting Court), HOA president of Spivey Ridge, stated that the natural tree buffer protecting residents had been stripped away and replaced with a proposal for a single row of trees, which she characterized as wholly inadequate. She called for true restoration of privacy buffers, proper drainage, backyard leveling, and full transparency regarding the project's

financial details and decision-making. She submitted copies of the developer's approved site and landscaping plans to the Council for review.

Mike Adams (224 Hunting Court) described in detail the destruction of a natural buffer of over 100 feet of mature pines, maples, and oaks behind his property, stating that zero buffer remained. He reported witnessing multiple semi-trucks hauling away the mulched trees the previous day. He implored the Council to hold the developer accountable and to enforce the buffer requirements as mandated.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **Walk Across America (Kim Denmark)**

Ms. Kim Denmark appeared before the Council to present her "Walk Across America" initiative, an effort she has sustained for sixteen years across sixteen states and over 6,500 miles to assist homeless veterans in finding housing and employment. A news segment was played illustrating her work. Ms. Denmark gave a personal testimony about the life experiences that led her to undertake the walk and described her plans to depart Stockbridge on May 23rd, walking approximately nine miles to Riverdale/Jonesboro.

Ms. Denmark requested two forms of city support: (1) a police escort from City Hall to the Stockbridge city limits along North Henry Boulevard; and (2) hotel lodging for two rooms (one for herself and one for security) for one night as she passes through the area.

Council members expressed admiration for Ms. Denmark's work. Mayor Pro Tem Alexander suggested connecting Ms. Denmark with retired Master Sergeant Patricia Bayden and her organization, Southern Crescent Veterans, noting natural synergy between the two efforts. Councilmember Cloud commended the work, noting he refers to homeless individuals as "people in need." Councilmember Barber thanked Ms. Denmark for shining a spotlight on the homeless and veteran communities.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander stated that Ms. Denmark's request for support was within the city manager's spending limit and could be addressed offline.

## **QUARTERLY REPORTS**

### **City Treasurer's Quarterly Report – 1st Qtr. 2026**

City Treasurer Frank Milazi reported that the FY 2026 adopted budget is \$34.7 million (balanced). As of the report date, revenues received totaled \$7.5 million (22%) and expenditures totaled \$9.3 million (28%), with the expenditure lead attributable to revenue timing, particularly sales tax receipts. He reported 542 homestead exemption applicants processed between January and April across three exemption tiers (B1 basic, B2 age 62+, and B3 septic tank). The 2025 fiscal year closeout was underway, with the audit scheduled to begin May 4 and auditors arriving on-site May 11. Treasurer Milazi also noted that bank reconciliations were current through March 2026; a significant improvement from a six-month lag in 2024; and that the positions of Budget Manager and Senior Accountant had been filled.

### **Public Works Quarterly Report – 1st Qtr. 2026**

Public Works Director Decius Aaron presented the first quarter report. Highlights included: collection of 1,323 bags of litter totaling 15,876 pounds; 153 shopping carts, 39 mattresses, and 100 tires retrieved; approximately 10,100 residential sanitation customers serviced monthly; 18.8 million gallons of water produced and 47.9 million gallons purchased; 53.376 million gallons of wastewater treated (approximately 593,000 gallons per day) with no sewer spills; and 1,600 miles swept by street sweeper. Mr. Aaron noted that a third street sweeper was in the procurement discussion phase, which would significantly reduce the street-sweeping cycle.

Councilmember Barber raised the issue of shopping carts scattered throughout the city and inquired whether cart owners could be identified. Mr. Aaron confirmed Walmart on Davis Road

as a primary source. Councilmember Barber suggested the Council consider requiring businesses to implement cart-containment technology.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander commended Public Works staff for their work on the Hudson Bridge Road community cleanup and noted that the transfer station in District 2 was scheduled to close on April 30<sup>th</sup> and was a long-sought result that would relieve neighboring residents of associated nuisances.

Council discussion also touched on implementing projects from the Parks Master Plan, including playground equipment replacement, shade structures, park improvements at Memorial Park, Clark Park, and Gardner Park, and the development of a new park on Eagles Landing Parkway. Mr. Aaron confirmed that a meeting with City Manager Edmondson was being scheduled to prioritize low-hanging-fruit projects from the Master Plan. Councilmember Gantt additionally requested that staff explore a GMA grant opportunity for a skate park facility.

#### **Human Resources Quarterly Report – 1st Qtr. 2026**

HR Director Dwayne Pollock reported an active workforce of approximately 194 employees, 11 separations (a turnover rate of under 0.7%), and 21 new hires during Q1. Six workers' compensation claims were filed; five were closed, with a total cost of \$5,000. Notable wellness and training activities included a financial wellness workshop (80+ attendees), active shooter training (144 employees), and an onsite dental service day through Jet Dental (19 employees seen for cleanings and whitening). A compensation and classification study RFP was noted as currently open to ensure the city's wage structure is competitive within the broader metro Atlanta market, not just South Metro. A modern HR platform evaluation was underway, with a full presentation under Item 10 later in the meeting.

#### **Economic Development / Main Street Quarterly Report – 1st Qtr. 2026**

Economic Development Director William Smith presented highlights including five active economic development projects engaging over 90 acres across the city; execution of the Norfolk lease for downtown parking; completion of Georgia Power underground utility surveys; finalization of the alleyway design and engineering documents; and planned expansion of the Main Street programming to twelve months of continuous downtown activities. The department also discussed revamping the city's incentive package to address both large-scale development and small business development, a new CVB-supported marketing campaign for downtown, and a TAD boundary realignment.

Councilmember Cloud requested that he be kept informed of all Main Street board activities in his capacity as council advisor to that board. Councilmember Barber noted that downtown falls within her district and expressed her expectation to be included in all discussions affecting her constituents. Mayor Pro Tem Alexander requested the team explore Opportunity Zone or Empowerment Zone designation for downtown to potentially provide businesses with tax credits for new hires.

#### **Events Quarterly Report – 1st Qtr. 2026**

Events Manager Charisma Webster reported that Q1 2026 events included the Alphonso Thomas African American Heritage Celebration and the Women's History Month Honors Celebration. Upcoming events include Tasty Tuesday food truck nights at Clark Park on May 5th and throughout the summer. The VyStar Amphitheater concert season was announced, including Mother's Day Show (Black Street, 112, Jaheem), and May/June concerts featuring Stephanie Mills, Karen White, Anthony David, Kem, and a gospel concert. It was also announced that Common will perform at the Juneteenth free concert and Bootsie and Pastor Troy will headline the July 4th free concert.

Councilmember Barber raised concerns about concert noise, parking management, and post-event litter near the adjacent church on the corner, noting that church members have services Sunday mornings. Ms. Webster confirmed concerts conclude by 11:00 PM, that parking attendants are on duty, and committed to extending litter cleanup to areas surrounding the venue. Mayor Williams requested an assessment of acoustic treatment options for Merle Mander Conference Center to improve sound quality at indoor events.

#### **Municipal Court Quarterly Report – 1st Qtr. 2026**

No presenter. The report was included in the quarterly departmental summary reviewed by Council.

#### **Police Department Quarterly Report – 1st Qtr. 2026**

Assistant Chief Godfrey presented the Q1 2026 report. Key metrics included 10,820 calls for service, 202 arrests (41 felony, 161 misdemeanor), 2,600+ traffic stops, 2,200 citations, and 14 community events. Violent crime decreased 15.38% compared to Q1 2025, while property crime increased 2.9% and overall crime was up 1.8%. Priority one response time stood at 5.5% against a 5% target. The department's HEAT unit, approved in December 2025, was activated and actively addressing traffic violations and suspected DUI incidents. The department processed 2,711 reports and fulfilled over 1,100 open records requests. Recruiting gaps were noted as substantially closed, with new academy recruits beginning in May. The department is pursuing national accreditation through a CALEA self-assessment process and continuing discussions with Henry County regarding migration of the Tyler Technologies RMS from an on-premises to cloud-based system.

#### **Governing Body Quarterly Report – 1st Qtr. 2026**

Executive Assistant to Mayor and Council Rosalynd Rawls reported on Q1 activities including support for the Meet with the Mayor program, Senior Bingo Bash events, an MLK Day Community Cleanup, a Clergy Roundtable facilitated by Councilmember Berry, a town hall meeting, and the ongoing Mayor for a Day program engaging young residents in local government. Mayor Pro Tem Alexander encouraged Ms. Rawls and her assistant Raven Eaton to assess their staffing needs and bring recommendations forward at the mid-year review, acknowledging the significant workload passed by the two-person team.

#### **Clerk's Office Quarterly Report – 1st Qtr. 2026**

Interim City Clerk Cassandra Lester reported that the clerk's office prepared 52 meeting agendas, recorded 1,392 meeting minutes, attested to and archived 52 resolutions and 3 ordinances, and processed 242 open records requests in Q1. The clerk's office also coordinated four Youth Council outreach initiatives, supported the strategic planning retreat in Brookhaven Georgia, and maintained cemetery operations with two internments.

Ms. Lester noted that cross-training between the clerk's office and governing body administrative staff had been implemented to redistribute tasks and reduce workflow gaps. A discussion took place about whether the coordination of council member training should be handled by the clerk's office or by the governing body staff. Councilmember Barber expressed her preference for the clerk's office to continue managing her training records. Councilmember Gantt noted that this is a personnel issue and relates to job descriptions, suggesting that this topic could be addressed during personnel discussions. Mayor Pro Tem Alexander encouraged Ms. Lester to assess staffing needs with the city manager and human resources and bring recommendations forward for consideration.

#### **Information Technology Report – 1st Qtr. 2026**

IT staff member Dustin Allard presented the Q1 report, noting 406 total support tickets resolved across January (132), February (145), and March. Key activities included system evaluation and modernization, ongoing security hardening, an after-hours production upgrade completed without downtime, and growth planning for 2027. Councilmember Cloud raised the matter of

ADA website compliance, noting the city had received an extension on the compliance deadline. Dustin confirmed a plan was in place. Mayor Pro Tem Alexander requested improved display monitors in public access areas of the building.

### **Community Development Quarterly Report – 1st Qtr. 2026**

Community Development Director Ryan Anderson presented Q1 figures including 249 plan reviews, 66 zoning verification letters, 205 customer assistance meetings, 1,783 permits issued, 1,558 inspections, and 111 building permits. Business license activity included 40 new commercial businesses and 14 new home-based businesses. Total departmental revenue for Q1 was \$3,179,077.98, encompassing permitting, business services, planning, zoning, and fire marshal activities. The department projected annual revenue in the range of \$7 to 8 million. Mayor Pro Tem Alexander requested a follow-up review of hotel/motel tax revenue given the presence of extended-stay properties.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Stockbridge Police Department Wrecker Service**

Assistant Chief Godfrey noted for the Council that the Wrecker One service had been removed from this contract renewal based on concerns raised at a prior meeting. The renewal before the Council was for wrecker services only through the Henry County Board of Commissioners with Supreme Trio LLC, d/b/a Swanson Towing and Recovery.

Motion to approve the consent agenda item for the renewal of the piggyback wrecker contract with Supreme Trio LLC, d/b/a Swanson Towing and Recovery, was made by Councilmember Barber and seconded by Councilmember Cloud. The motion passed 3-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE–FUNDING REQUEST. (Citywide)**

Community Development Director Ryan Anderson reported that the Council had previously approved a \$30,000 local match at the February council meeting to support a grant application to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) for a new LCI Study. Following submission, the ARC requested that the match be increased to \$40,000, which would expand the grant award from \$150,000 to \$200,000. Staff indicated the proposal was well received and that the increased match significantly improves the probability of award.

Motion to approve the increase in the local match commitment from \$30,000 to \$40,000 for the ARC LCI Study grant application was made by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander and seconded by Councilmember Gantt. The motion passed 4-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **DONATION ACCEPTANCE OF 0.86 ACRES OF LAND FROM THE STOCKBRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. (Council District 4)**

Director Anderson presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute documents accepting the donation of approximately 0.86 acres of real property located at 4740 North Henry Boulevard, at the northwest corner of North Henry Boulevard and Burke Street, from the Stockbridge Presbyterian Church at no cost to the city. The donation would leave the church with 2.5 acres and would provide a strategically located parcel in the downtown area that, when combined with adjacent city-owned parcels, could form a contiguous land assemblage suitable for a potential future recreation center or other municipal purposes. The church had originally sought approximately \$200,000 for the parcel.

Motion to approve the resolution accepting the donation of 0.86 acres from the Stockbridge Presbyterian Church was made by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander and seconded by Councilmember Gantt.

Councilmember Barber, noting the property is within her district, requested that the prior motion be rescinded so that she could make the motion for this item. Mayor Pro Tem Alexander rescinded his motion

Motion to approve the resolution accepting the donation of 0.86 acres from the Stockbridge Presbyterian Church was made by Councilmember Barber and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander. The motion passed 4-0.

**Council consideration to Amend The Text Of The City Of Stockbridge Code Of Ordinances By Revising Chapter 8 (Buildings And Building Regulations) To Add Article XVI, "Water Efficiency Standards"**

Public Works Director Decius Aaron advised that as a member city of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, adoption of the plumbing code amendment is mandatory for all member cities. Council was asked to approve the adoption accordingly.

Motion to approve the ordinance amending Chapter 8 of the City Code to add Article XVI, Water Efficiency Standards, was made by Councilmember Cloud and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander. The motion passed 4-0.

**Council consideration to approve the renaming of the City cemeteries from Stockbridge Cemetery to Stockbridge Memorial Garden and Burk Cemetery to Burk Memorial Garden**

Director Aaron explained that the City is currently developing wayfinding signage and that many municipalities are moving away from the term "cemetery" in favor of "Memorial Garden," which reflects a trend in the industry toward more welcoming designations, particularly as historic cemeteries have become tourist attractions. The renaming was brought before Council to ensure the correct name is used when fabricating new signs.

Motion to approve the renaming of the Stockbridge Cemetery to Stockbridge Memorial Garden and Burk Cemetery to Burk Memorial Garden was made by Councilmember Gantt and seconded by Councilmember Alexander.

Discussion: Councilmember Barber, noting both cemeteries are within her district, stated the following for the record: "Anything that is affecting my district, the residents, the businesses, the streets, the buildings in city council, district four, I'm responsible for it. I like to have conversations about these matters, especially when they're added to the agenda because then I start getting calls and emails from homeowners and businesses regarding these actions and items. And I'm blindsided. Not that I oppose the renaming of these cemeteries, but it's just the principle of it. They want to continue disrespecting and by disrespecting me, you're disrespecting the homeowners and these businesses that I represent. So, I just wanted to make those points for the record."

The motion passed 4-0.

**Approval for Outbuilding**

Assistant Chief Godfrey requested Council approval for construction of a multipurpose outbuilding to serve the Police Department for training operations, large item evidence storage, crime scene processing, and equipment storage. The construction would be facilitated through Guardian cooperative purchasing, with Prime Construction Inc. as the contractor, the same firm engaged with Public Works for their new facility. Funding was identified within the traffic camera fund in the FY 2026 budget.

Motion to approve the construction of the police department outbuilding was made by Councilmember Barber and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander.

The motion passed 4-0.

### **Approval for Flock (LPR's, OS, PTZ)**

Assistant Chief Godfrey introduced Steve Hampton of Flock Safety, who presented an expansion of the city's existing Flock Safety partnership. The proposal covered three components: (1) renewal of the existing license plate reader (LPR) contract (\$57,500/year, two-year term, funded from general fund); (2) a new Drone as First Responder (DFR) program consisting of two drone dock units covering a 3.5-mile radius, with an average response time of 86 seconds and capability to clear 15–20% of low-priority calls without officer response (\$100,000/year, three-year term, first year funded from traffic camera funds); and (3) an upgrade to Flock OS Premium tier, adding CAD integration, community camera registry, and a Flock 911 live call-streaming feature (\$151,500 total, annual fee of \$129,000, three-year term, first year funded through the Small Department Violent Crime Reduction Program grant).

Motion to approve the Flock LPR, OS, and PTZ package was made by Councilmember Gantt and seconded by Councilmember Cloud. The motion passed 3-0, with Councilmember Barber abstaining citing not having received all supporting documents prior to the meeting.

Councilmember Gantt clarified that the supporting documents were included in the agenda books and asked Steve Hampton of Flock Safety to provide his most recent presentation to mayor and council.

The following quote was made by Councilmember Barber after the vote " My goal is to be consistent and my decision making. I will abstain the contract nor the presentation was provided to the full governing body. I do see the background the staff has provided with their staff recommendation, but the supporting documents, I need those. Thank you."

### **Consideration and Approval of Paylocity Software Agreement for Human Resources and Payroll System and Services**

HR Director Dwayne Pollock presented a proposal to replace the city's current fragmented HR and payroll systems (UKG Kronos and Tyler Encode) with Paylocity, a unified cloud-based platform covering payroll processing, tax compliance, time and attendance, employee self-service, performance management, learning management, benefits administration, and HR recordkeeping. The current payroll system requires manual distribution of pay stubs via email and employees must contact HR directly to update tax or address information. The Paylocity platform would place control of personal information directly in employees' hands via a secure portal and mobile access. Projected operational gains include up to 50% reduction in payroll processing time, 35% reduction in HR administrative workload, and 60% reduction in data errors. The proposed monthly cost is \$5,019.23 (all-inclusive), compared to the current \$4,000/month for UKG Kronos alone, with Tyler Encode continuing to serve as the system of record for general ledger and audit purposes. An export integration between Paylocity and Tyler Encode was included in the solution.

A motion to approve the Paylocity Software Agreement for Human Resources and Payroll System and Services was made by Councilmember Gantt and seconded by Councilmember Cloud.

The motion passed 3-0, with Councilmember Barber abstaining.

Councilmember Barber stated for the record: "My goal is to be consistent in my decision making. I will abstain. The contract is not included in the governing body's agenda packet. I wanna be consistent in my decision making. I need all supporting documents when staff makes a recommendation. They've seen the contract and all of the details. I wanna see it too. That's all. Thank you."

Discussion occurred regarding Councilmember Barber's abstention and her concern that supporting documentation associated with the item had not been made available for review. Interim Clerk Lester clarified during the meeting that the agreement and related materials had been made available through the Council's online agenda portal for review prior to the meeting.

Councilmember Gantt clarified that the rules established by Georgia law and applicable procedures are followed. She noted that when additional materials are received after established deadlines, agenda materials are updated and presented accordingly.

Following Ms. Lester's review of the agenda preparation process, it was determined that a revised presentation submitted by the Human Resources Director required replacement of the original meeting materials, resulting in an inadvertent omission of the contract attachment from the copies presented on the dais; however, Ms. Lester confirmed that the contract and all supporting documentation remained available through the Council's online agenda portal for Council review prior to the meeting.

### **Council consideration for approval of the 2025 Year End Budget Amendment**

City Treasurer Frank Milazi presented the final 2025 fiscal year budget amendment, required to close out FY 2025 in preparation for the upcoming audit. The amended general fund budget was being adjusted from approximately \$32.1 million (as amended in November 2025) to reflect final expenditure levels, with all departments having come in under their budgeted allocations. Total revenue and expenditure figures across all funds were adjusted to approximately \$42 million from \$40 million.

The most significant element of the presentation was the announcement of a \$21 million transfer to the General Fund, comprising \$19 million from the SPLOST V account and \$2 million from the Hotel/Motel fund, representing funds that had been used over multiple prior years to finance capital projects and operations from those accounts without corresponding replenishment to the General Fund. The result will bring the General Fund balance to a minimum of \$15 million, representing approximately 50% of the city's operating budget, an extraordinary turnaround from a negative fund balance of approximately \$750,000 reported in 2024.

Treasurer Milazi also noted that the city had submitted its financial statements to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and had been awarded the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting — the highest financial reporting recognition in the nation.

City Manager Shawn Edmondson reiterated that 2026 was a stabilization budget year and emphasized that the money had existed all along in city accounts, noting that the issue was one of misallocation and improper tracking, not of missing funds.

Councilmember Barber voted in opposition, stating that while she did not oppose the technical budget amendment process itself, she could not support ratifying what she characterized as unauthorized overspending that had occurred without council approval in prior fiscal years. She also noted the absence of regular monthly or quarterly financial reports to the full council since the budget was adopted in December 2025. Treasurer Milazi clarified that all departments came in under budget in 2025, and Mayor Pro Tem Alexander emphasized that no department exceeded its budget, countering any characterization of overspending.

Motion to approve the 2025 Year End Budget Amendment was made by Councilmember Gantt and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander. The motion passed 3-1, with Councilmember Barber opposed.

**Roslin White Center Letter of Support for The Housing Affordability Breakthrough Challenge**

Community Development Director Ryan Anderson introduced Linda Anderson, a Henry County resident and custom home builder, who appeared before the Council to request a letter of support for her application to the Housing Affordability Breakthrough Challenge, a Wells Fargo/Empowerment grant program. Ms. Anderson described plans to build affordable owner-occupied homes priced under \$300,000–\$310,000, ranging from 900–1,700 square feet, within the City of Stockbridge. She noted she had also missed the Department of Community Affairs window for a workforce housing grant but intended to apply again when that window reopened.

Motion to approve the issuance of a letter of support on behalf of the Roslin White Center and Quintessential Homes for Linda Anderson's application to the Housing Affordability Breakthrough Challenge was made by Councilmember Gantt and seconded by Councilmember Cloud.

The motion passed 4-0.

**[AMENDED AGENDA ITEM] Move with the Mayor Initiative:  
MLK Senior Trail Unity Walk**

Mayor Williams requested Council approval to temporarily block off MLK Senior Trail and Jennings Way for the Daddy King Unity Walk, beginning at the downtown welcome center and proceeding to Memorial Park. The event is part of a friendly competition with the City of Jonesboro under the Move with the Mayor initiative.

Motion to approve the temporary road closure for the Move with the Mayor Unity Walk was made by Councilmember Cloud and seconded by Councilmember Gantt.  
The motion passed 4-0.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Williams called for a moment of silence in memory of the late Congressman David Scott, who had recently passed away. The Mayor noted that the Council had visited Congressman Scott's office just three weeks prior and that he would be lying in state at the Georgia State Capitol at 11:00 AM on Friday.

Mayor Williams reminded residents that early voting was underway at Merle Manders Conference Center through Election Day on May 19th. He also announced that the Move with the Mayor competition against Jonesboro commences that Friday, with community engagement events scheduled across the city every Saturday. He encouraged residents to purchase VyStar Amphitheater concert tickets through Ticketmaster, noting they were selling quickly.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (Exemptions to the Georgia Open Meetings Act)**  
No executive session was held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

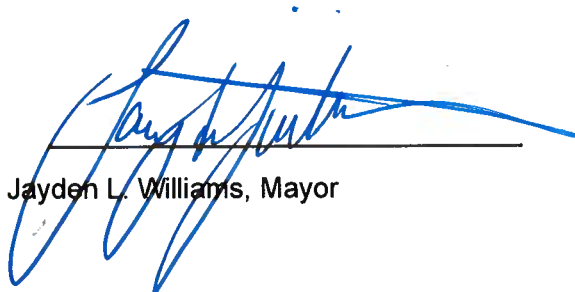
Motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander and seconded by Councilmember Gantt. The motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



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Cassandra Lester, Interim City Clerk



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Jayden L. Williams, Mayor