MINUTES

CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025

6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR EDWARD REYNOLDS, PRESIDING

COUNCIL MEMBERS: KEENAN ADAMS, GLENNIE BENCH, KREGG CLOSE, ROSLYN PALMER, SYLVIA WASHINGTON, AND DON WHALEY

CITY STAFF: CITY MANAGER ROY OLIVER, RANDEE EUBANKS, STEVE O'NEIL, LISA TAYLOR, GABE MENENDEZ, DOYLE WELCH, DWIGHT TOMLIN, CRYSTAL HINES, AMANDA GLOVER, FRANK GREEN, JOHN PARKER, MAITLYN RENTZ, RACHEL TROLINGER, DAVD HOWER, SYLVIA BIVINS

GUESTS: STEVE BENCH, SHERRY AUSGOOD, SYLVIA PERRY, PEARL COACHMAN, PATRICIA GRIFFIN, PHYLICIA WRIGHT, NORA WILKAR, BILLIE J SIMPS, PHYLLIS TRAVIS, CAROL REGISTER, TORI GREEN, CHARLENE WALKER, ODELL WASHINGTON, JANICE TOOTLE, STANCIL TOOTLE, MUML LAM, KEIOVELS, KASTAARDON, PAUL PURDY, JUNE FAIRCLOTH, BRYAN DOSS, WILLIAM BARBER, THOMAS BARBER, LATICE BREEDLOVE

ABSENT:

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Councilwoman Bench gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Palmer made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Councilwoman Washington and approved by a 6-0 vote.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Ms. Sherry Ausgood, Mr. Greg Breedlove, Ms. Sarah Griffin, Mr. Dwight Tomlin, Ms. Janice Freeman, Mr. Kregg Close, and Mr. Kelvin Wells all addressed the Mayor and City Council with concerns about having two separate parades and the location of the parade for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mr. Blake Brock, owner of Skate Town, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding actions taken by the City toward his business. City Manager Roy Oliver stated that Mr. Brock had previously been advised that an after-hours event would violate the zoning ordinance and was canceled earlier in the year. An after-hours event later occurred on

November 27, during which alcohol was present, an altercation occurred, and gunfire in the parking lot resulted in one injury. Bainbridge Public Safety is investigating. A summons for violation of the zoning ordinance was issued by the Bainbridge-Decatur County Marshal's Office, with a court date of January 21, 2026. Mayor Reynolds noted the matter is pending before the court. Paul Purdy questioned the timing and level of detail provided in the City Council meeting agenda, stating he did not see the agenda posted online until shortly before the meeting. Council and staff responded that agendas are published prior to the Tuesday meeting, and that agendas are sent to the newspaper, posted on the City website, and posted on the doors of City Hall.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Reynolds presented a proclamation to Mrs. Sylvia Bivins to honor the life of Reverend Adren Bivins.

CONSIDERATION TO AMEND STATE MINIMUM STANDARD CODES WITH GEORGIA AMENDMENTS

City Manager, Roy Oliver, addressed the Mayor and City Council that at this meeting we will need to amend the City of Bainbridge building codes to reflect the mandatory state minimum standard codes with the Georgia amendments which the Department of Community Affairs adopted and will go into effect on January 1, 2026. As in the past, we follow the state minimum codes when they are updated. Councilwoman Bench offered a motion to amend the code to reflect state minimum standard codes and Councilman Adams seconded with a vote of 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSES

A motion was made to approve all alcohol licenses with the exception of licenses #1365, #1430, and #8916. The motion was made by Councilwoman Bench, seconded by Councilman Whaley, and approved by a 6-0 vote. The Council next considered alcohol licenses #1365 and #8916 for Southwest GA Oil. Councilwoman Bench recused herself. Councilwoman Palmer made a motion to approve both licenses, which was seconded by Councilman Whaley and approved by a 5-0 vote. License #1430 for Smooth Brewing was then considered, with Councilman Adams recusing himself. Councilman Whaley made a motion to approve the license, seconded by Councilwoman Bench, and the motion passed 5-0.

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST

The City Council received three street closure requests. The first request was for the MLK Jr. Parade on January 19, 2026, traveling from the Courthouse to Hutto Elementary School via Water Street, Broad Street, and MLK. A motion to approve the route was made by Councilman Close and seconded by Councilwoman Bench. The route was approved by a 5-1 vote, with Councilwoman Washington initially recusing herself and then voting no. The second street closure request was for an MLK Jr. Parade beginning at Hutto Elementary School and traveling to Wheat Avenue, Shotwell Street, and Broad Street. This request was approved unanimously. The third request, for the closure of sections of West Street, Water Street, and Broughton Street on January 19, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., was also approved unanimously. A motion

to approve both the second and third requests was made by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilman Close, passing by a 6-0 vote.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Reynolds requested approval of board appointments, including Adrian Williamson to the Bainbridge-Decatur County Recreation Authority; Ramsay Simmons to the Development Authority of Bainbridge and Decatur County; and Roy Oliver, Don Whaley, Karen Tobin, Brad Reynolds, and Alesia Brinson to the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board. Councilwoman Washington made the motion to approve the appointments, which was seconded by Councilwoman Bench and approved by a 6-0 vote.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 7:29 P.M.

BY: Roslyn Palmer
ROSLYN PALMER, MAYOR PRO-TEM

ATTEST: Randee Eubanks
RANDEE EUBANKS, COUNCIL CLERK