

The Bainbridge City Council held its Annual Retreat May 14–16, 2026, at Hotel Indigo in Columbus, Georgia, for strategic planning, discussion, and organizational review. During the retreat, Mayor Sylvia Washington, members of City Council, City Manager Roy Oliver, and City staff participated in discussions regarding City accomplishments, priorities, long-term community goals, departmental initiatives, public engagement, leadership responsibilities, and future planning efforts. Presentations were provided by City departments and representatives from the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government regarding governance, communication, community engagement, and operational best practices. Council also participated in discussions related to budgeting priorities, revenue enhancement strategies, and future objectives for the City of Bainbridge. No official or legally binding action was taken during the retreat.