

MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR SYLVIA WASHINGTON, PRESIDING

COUNCIL MEMBERS: KEENAN ADAMS, GLENNIE BENCH, KREGG CLOSE, MARQUITA HARRIS, ROSLYN PALMER, AND DON WHALEY

CITY STAFF: CITY MANAGER ROY OLIVER, RANDEE EUBANKS, STEVE O'NEIL, LISA TAYLOR, FRANK GREEN, REDELL WALTON, GABE MENENDEZ, RACHEL TROLINGER, JOSH GLOVER, DOYLE WELCH, CRYSTAL HINES, CHRIS MOORE

GUESTS: JOHN BENNETT, JOYCE ROBINSON, LARRY EDWARDS, BEVERLY SARGENT, JUNE FAIRCLOTH, KEN ZACHARY, DONNA BARBER, DAVID BARBER, BOBBY WASHINGTON, CAKE HARRIS, CHARLENE WALKER, TORI GREEN, DANA BRYANT, MITCHELL FAIRCLOTH, LISA DASILVA, STEVE BENCH, MICHELLE BOSSIER, MARION SMART, DORIS CROSBY, GERMAIN BROWN, GABRIELLE BROWN

ABSENT:

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Regular Session of the Mayor and City Council was called to order by Mayor Washington. Councilwoman Harris delivered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of September 8, 2026, Special Called Session meeting minutes were considered. Councilwoman Palmer made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Adams and carried unanimously, 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - *Legal*

Council entered executive session to discuss a legal matter upon a motion by Councilwoman Palmer, seconded by Councilman Adams, with a 6-0 vote. A motion to return to regular session was made by Councilwoman Palmer, seconded by Councilwoman Bench, and approved by a vote of 6-0. Following executive session, Councilwoman Bench made a motion to approve the consent agreement, seconded by Councilman Adams. The motion passed 6-0.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Mayor Sylvia Washington recognized visitors and delegations and invited anyone wishing to address the Council to do so at that time. Joyce Robinson addressed the Council regarding the Kiddytown project. Germain Brown expressed concerns regarding a fence issue, and Beverly

Sargeant extended an invitation to St. James Baptist Church. Marion Smart addressed ADA accessibility concerns, and Gabrielle Brown spoke further regarding the fence concerns raised by Germain Brown.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT FY27 BUDGET

Council considered adoption of the FY2027 Budget. Councilwoman Palmer made a motion to approve the budget, seconded by Councilwoman Bench. The motion carried 5-1, with Councilwoman Harris voting in opposition.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – *City of Attapulcus*

Council considered an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Bainbridge and the City of Attapulcus for paving services. Following consideration, Councilwoman Palmer made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Councilman Whaley. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Council considered the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding a request from Rivertowne Partners, LLC, to amend a previously approved preliminary plat for a residential subdivision. The property consists of approximately 209 acres and is bounded by Faceville Highway to the east, Platform Flint River Apartments to the north, Cox Avenue to the west, and River Chase Subdivision to the south. Following consideration, Councilwoman Bench made a motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation, seconded by Councilman Adams. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE

Council considered an alcohol beverage license application submitted by Jose Carranza Torres, owner/manager of El Jalisco of Bainbridge, LLC, located at 1615 E. Shotwell Street. The application requested licenses for Distilled Spirits Consumption, Malt Beverage Consumption Retail, and Wine Consumption Retail. Following consideration, Councilwoman Bench made a motion to approve the alcohol beverage licenses, seconded by Councilman Close. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF STREET CLOSURE REQUESTS

Council considered two street closure requests for upcoming community events. Bainbridge High School requested street closures and Public Safety assistance for its annual Homecoming Parade scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2026, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The organizing committee for the 10th Annual Bainbridge Walk to End Alzheimer's requested the closure of portions of Broughton Street and Water Street bordering Willis Park on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Following consideration, Councilwoman Bench made a motion to approve both street closure requests, seconded by Councilman Close. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

INTRODUCTION TO AMEND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS – *City Attorney Tom Conger*

City Attorney Tom Conger introduced a proposed ordinance amending the City's subdivision and land development regulations. The proposed amendments address the acceptance of public streets, drainage facilities, and easements. Mr. Conger provided an overview of the proposed changes. The

ordinance was presented for introduction only, with formal consideration and adoption to take place at a future meeting. No action was taken.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business, Mayor Washington adjourned the meeting at 7:49 P.M.

BY:


SYLVIA WASHINGTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RANDEE EUBANKS, COUNCIL CLERK