

MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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, RYAN
WIMBERLEY, DOYLE WELCH, DWIGHT
TOMLIN, CRYSTAL HINES, RACHEL
TROLINGER, MAITLYN RENTZ,
AMANDA GLOVER

GUESTS: JOHNNY REYNOLDS, PENNY
REYNOLDS, DONNA BARBER, DAVID
BARBER, ANDREW PURDY, STEVE
BENCH, RONNIE SHEPPARD, SANDRA
CALHOUN, LAURA "SUGAR" WHITE,
RODNEY A. PRINCE, TERRANCE
JOHNSON, AMARIS JOHNSON, JAMES
CONYERS, PARKS KIRBO

ABSENT:

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Councilman Adams gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Whaley made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 16 and September 29, 2025, meetings, which was seconded by Councilwoman Palmer and were approved, 6-0. After approval, Councilwoman Washington clarified for the record that her vote on the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget during the September 16th meeting should have been in opposition, and that she did not intend to oppose closing the public hearing. She requested this clarification be reflected in the October 21, 2025, minutes.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Mayor Reynolds then opened the floor for public comment, and the Council heard from Robert Parks Ash Kirbo, Joe Conyers, and Paul Purdy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Bench made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, and approved unanimously. Upon returning, Councilwoman Bench made a motion to exit Executive Session, which also passed 6-0. Council then approved the Limited Release of Claim and Indemnity Agreement with Aaliyah Jackson and the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency in a motion made by Councilman Whaley, seconded by Councilman Adams, and approved 6-0.

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Ronnie Shepard was before the Mayor and City Council to receive a proclamation from Mayor Reynolds for Blind Achievement Equality Month.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Ms. Rachel Trolinger with the Community & Economic Development Department was selected as the Employee of the Quarter and was before the Mayor and City Council to be recognized for this achievement.

INTRODUCTION OF BOND ORDINANCE

City Manager, Roy Oliver, introduced the Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance, which finalizes the terms for the City's Combined Utilities Revenue Bond, Series 2025. This bond, in an amount not to exceed three million dollars, continues our work to invest in Bainbridge's infrastructure, specifically improvements to our public sanitary sewer system and public telecommunications system. This ordinance provides for the allocation of the proceeds of the bond; authorizing the execution and delivery of one or more agreements; and providing for other related matters. In short, it marks the final approval needed to support these important utility projects for our community.

PUBLIC HEARING

Councilwoman Palmer then made a motion to enter a public hearing for the comprehensive plan, seconded by Councilman Adams and approved 6-0. The Mayor and Council heard from John Ford of Robert & Company, with no additional public comments. Councilwoman Bench made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, and the motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT

Council then adopted the Comprehensive Plan in a motion by Councilwoman Bench, seconded by Councilwoman Washington and approved unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Planning Commission recommendations were approved in a 6-0 vote following a motion by Councilwoman Bench and a second by Councilman Adams for a preliminary plat for commercial development at 1420 Tallahassee Highway.

CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSES

Two alcohol beverage licenses—for Karan's Korner and Zawa 125, LLC—were also approved 6-0 on a motion by Councilwoman Bench, seconded by Councilman Adams.

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST

A street closure request for West, Broughton, and Water Streets for the annual Scare on the Square event on October 31 was approved unanimously following a motion by Councilwoman Washington and a second by Councilman Adams.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Reynolds requested approval for two mayoral reappointments—Ms. Valerie Stubbs and Mr. Scott Ewing—to the Bainbridge-Decatur County Planning Commission, which was approved in a 6-0 vote on a motion by Councilwoman Palmer and a second by Councilwoman Washington.

BIDS

Council approved two bids: Hall Contracting for demolition services at \$4 per square foot with a motion being made by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilman Adams with a vote of 6-0. A split bid for fuel bid totaling \$33,907.58, with \$17,477.40 awarded to Total Petroleum, \$16,262.50 to Sutton Systems, and \$167.68 to Home Oil Company with a motion by Councilman Whaley and a second from Councilman Adams with a vote of 5-0 with Councilwoman Bench recusing herself from the fuel bid.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

BY:



EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:



RANDEE EUBANKS, COUNCIL CLERK

