

MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR SYLVIA WASHINGTON, PRESIDING

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

CITY STAFF: CITY MANAGER ROY OLIVER, RANDEE EUBANKS, STEVE O'NEIL, LISA TAYLOR, GABE MENENDEZ, ASHLEY DONALSON, CRYSTAL HINES, DOYLE WELCH, RYAN WIMBERLY, FRANK GREEN, REDELL WALTON, AL KELLEY, RACHEL TROLINGER, CRYSTAL HINES

GUESTS: DONNA BARBER, DAVID BARBER, NADINE BEARD, ALICIA HURTT, PAUL PURDY, LILLIE BROWN, LINDA LUMPKIN, SUSAN RALPH, ALELA CANYAN, STANCIL TOOTLE, JANICE TOOTLE, HENRY BROWE, STEVE BENCH, LANESSA LAWRENCE, EMMETT THOMPSON, JR., EMMA REESE, SAQUEA ADAMS, ROSLYN MCCS, DORIS COSBY, BR SARGENT, TYNESE BUTLER, VANESSA LAWRENECE, BOBBY WASHINGTON, DENNIS COHEN, JUNE FAIRCLOTH, MAXINE COHEN, KAREN FORRESTER, LAUREN TURNER, MATT JOHNSON, ADRIAN WILLAIMSON, TED LEE, LJ STUCKEY, RAVEN PARRIS, JOEL HOLMES, ESTELLA BRYANT, HENRY BROWN, JAMES BRADLEY, JAMES CONYERS, CALLAHAN HARRELL, ARRINGTON HARRELL ASHLEIGH EAKIN, LAURA SUGAR WHITE, KRISTI CHILDS, CASSANDRA JACKSON, KENYATTA JACKSON, JOSALYN WELLS, PAUL FRYER, NICOLE GONZALES, ODELL WASHINGTON, LOUIE PEARSON, SANDRA CALHOUN, VALERIE BURKE, DIANNE MIDDLETON

ABSENT:

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of February 17, 2026, meeting minutes were considered. Councilwoman Palmer made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted edit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whaley and carried unanimously, 6-0.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Mayor Sylvia Washington recognized visitors and delegations in attendance. During the public comment portion of the meeting, the Mayor and City Council heard remarks from Paul Purdy and Karen Tobin.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council then entered into executive session for litigation upon a motion by Councilman Whaley, seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, with a 6-0 vote. Upon completion, Council exited executive session on a motion by Councilwoman Palmer, seconded by Councilman Adams, with a 6-0 vote, and returned to regular session on a motion by Councilwoman Palmer, seconded by Councilman Adams.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Sylvia Washington presented a Donate Life proclamation to Ms. June Faircloth.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION

The Council considered adoption of a resolution regarding rules for public participation, which was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bench and second by Councilman Whaley, passing 5-1 with Councilwoman Johnson voting in opposition.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

The intergovernmental agreement with Decatur County for inmate detail was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bench, seconded by Councilman Whaley, with a 5-1 vote with Councilwoman Johnson abstaining.

BIDS

Two bids were presented and approved unanimously (6-0) on a motion by Councilwoman Johnson and second by Councilman Whaley: a Caterpillar CB4.4 Street Paver Roller from Yancey Bros. Co. in the amount of \$99,389.00, and Fire Dex FXR Turnout Gear from Williams Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$45,328.48.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

For mayoral appointments, the appointment of Raven Parris to the Decatur County Board of Health was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bench, seconded by Councilman Close, with a 6-0 vote. The appointments to the Bainbridge Housing Authority were tabled on a motion by Councilman Close, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, with a unanimous vote of 6-0.

DISCUSSION

The Council held a discussion regarding the Bainbridge-Decatur County Recreation Authority.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business, Mayor Washington adjourned the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

BY: *Sylvia Washington*
SYLVIA WASHINGTON, MAYOR

ATTEST: *Randee Eubanks*
RANDEE EUBANKS, COUNCIL CLERK