

MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 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, GABE MENENDEZ, SARAH HOWELL, RYAN WIMBERLY, FRANK GREEN, TIM MCCAIN, JOSH GLOVER, RICHARD COLLINS, TREY MOCK, GASTON CORSON, MARK ESQUIVEL, KYLE SWICORD, PEYTON DODSON, KRIS WEAVER, DONNIE MCLENDON, AUSTIN SPENCE, CHRIS MOORE, TREY MOCK, AL KELLEY

GUESTS: LILLIE BROWN, SHAWN SWARTZ, CAROLYN COLLINS, KATIE CUMBIE, MAX CUMBIE, SHERRIE HOWELL, DENNIS COHEN, VERA CHOEN, LINDA LUMPKIN, SCOTT BRINSON, FLO BRASWELL, SARAH DODSON, JACKIE JOY, JOY BURGER, KATHERINE BEDWELL, CALLAN MCCONNELL, KELSEY MCCAIN, KATHRYN COLLINS, GREG BROWN, JEFF HOUR, MELISSA MOCK, JIM KIRK, SAMANTHA AKOM, DAVID AKOM, SARAH BETH HARRISON, AMY EASKIN, TED LEE, LAUREN TURNER, AMANDA RENTZ, STEVE BENCH, DONNA BARBER, DAVID BARBER, PAUL PURDY, JANICE TOOTLE, STANCIL TOOTLE, MICHEL LOVE, HEATHER SANDERS, SHANE SNADERS, DANA BRYANT, LINDA COLLINS, JASON MYERS, BRANDY MYERS, BRADLEY WARREN, BRENDA HARRELL, KERI DOLLARM CHAD DOLLAR, T. MILLS, NANCY MOYE, BOBBY WEEKS, LANDEN BRYANT, COLBY SWICORD, SD. MCMILLAN, MJ, JUNE FAIRCLOTH, KENNETH ZACHARY, VALERIE BURKE, KAITLYN BURGER, MARK HARRELL

ABSENT:

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of March 17, 2026, meeting minutes were considered. Councilwoman Bench made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Adams 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 Ted Lee, Katherine Bedwell, Colby Swicord, Scott Brinson, Joy Burger, Gaston Corson, Charlene Walker, and Tori Green.

OATH OF OFFICE – BAINBRIDGE PUBLIC SAFETY

An oath of office for Donnie McClendon with Bainbridge Public Safety was administered by Mayor Washington.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Mayor Sylvia Washington presented Richard Lane as Employee of the Quarter.

RESOLUTION – GEORGIA CITIES WEEK

Mayor Sylvia Washington presented a resolution for Georgia Cities week. Councilwoman Bench made a motion to adopt the resolution, and it was seconded by Councilwoman Palmer and adopted 6-0.

RECOGNIZE GEORGIA CITIES CONTEST WINNERS

Mayor Washington, City Council, and City Clerk Randee Eubanks recognized our four coloring contest winners for Georgia Cities Week.

**INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENT TO THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION
ORDINANCE**

Steve O’Neil, Community and Economic Development Director, then introduced the proposed amendment to the City’s Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Mr. O’Neil explained that the amendment is required to keep the City’s ordinance current and in compliance with applicable state and federal floodplain management requirements. The amendment must be approved prior to July 2026 in order for the City to remain in good standing and ensure continued compliance with flood damage prevention regulations.

CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE

The Council considered an alcohol beverage license request for Smooth Brewing for distilled spirits by applicant Andrew Kelley; Councilman Adams recused himself from the vote. Councilman Whaley made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Bench, and the motion passed 5–0.

CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL PARK USE APPLICATION

The special park use application for Black Men United was approved with a motion from Councilwoman Palmer and a second by Councilman Adams, passing 6–0.

BILLS

Under bills, the GIRMA insurance policy was approved upon a motion by Councilwoman Bench and a second by Councilwoman Palmer, passing unanimously, 6-0.

COUNCIL RETREAT DISCUSSION

A discussion regarding the council retreat was held, with no action taken.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Washington appointed Mike Holt to the Historic Preservation Committee, with a motion by Councilwoman Bench and a second by Councilwoman Harris, which passed 6-0.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business, Mayor Washington adjourned the meeting at 8:18 P.M.

BY: *Sylvia Washington*
SYLVIA WASHINGTON, MAYOR

ATTEST: *Randee Eubanks*
RANDEE EUBANKS, COUNCIL CLERK