

## **Summary – Regular Session of Mayor and City Council**

Tuesday, January 20, 2025 – 6:30 PM

The Regular Session of the Mayor and City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Roslyn Palmer. BPS Chaplain Dwight Tomlin delivered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of December 16, 2025, meeting minutes were considered. A motion was made by Councilman Adams and seconded by Councilwoman Washington. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Judge David Kendrick administered the Oath of Office to newly elected officials Sylvia Washington, Glennie Bench, Keenan Adams, and Marquita Johnson.

Mayor Sylvia Washington recognized visitors.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilwoman Bench to appoint Councilman Don Whaley (Post 6) as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2026. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Council considered reappointments for municipal positions. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilman Adams to reappoint Josh Bell as Municipal Court Judge, Benny Harrell as Municipal Court Solicitor, Eric Gay as Municipal Court Public Defender, and Tom Conger as City Attorney. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Lisa Taylor presented the FY25 budget amendments. A motion to adopt the amendments was made by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilman Adams. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Council considered adoption of the annual meeting schedule. A motion was made by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilwoman Bench. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Jennifer Clary of the Administrative Services Department was recognized as Employee of the Quarter.

Council considered the SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement based on the 2020 Census, allocating 43.3% of projected proceeds to the City of Bainbridge. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilman Adams. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Council considered an Intergovernmental Agreement with Decatur County and the Development Authorities clarifying the appointment process for the Industrial Development Authority. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilman Adams. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

City Engineer Gabe Menendez presented a resolution for the purchase of a new street sweeper. A motion was made by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilman Whaley. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Council considered a lease agreement for five sanitation trucks. A motion was made by Councilman Adams and seconded by Councilman Close. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

A Planning Commission recommendation was withdrawn by the applicant and required no action.

Council considered an alcohol beverage license application for Family Dollar Stores of Georgia, located at 303 S. Scott Street. A motion was made by Councilman Adams and seconded by Councilwoman Bench. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Council considered a street closure request from the Mardi Gras Society of Southwest Georgia for a rolling golf cart parade on March 4, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A motion was made by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilman Adams. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.