

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**  
**SPECIAL CALLED SESSION – 6:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** MAYOR SYLVIA WASHINGTON, PRESIDING

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** KEENAN ADAMS, 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, DOYLE WELCH, TIM MCCAIN, MEGAN  
TARNOW, AL KELLEY, GABE MENENDEZ, CRYSTAL  
HINES

**GUESTS:** HENRY NEEL, NICOLE GONZALES, APRIL LEWIS,  
BOBBY WASHINGTON, LAUREN TURNER, CASSANCHA  
JACKSON, STANCIL TOOTLE, JANICE TOOTLE,  
CHARLENE WALKER, ISIS DALLIS, CHRISTIE GIMPEL,  
ANGELICA GRAY, NADINE BEARD, DORIS COSBY, PAUL  
PURDY, YVENA MERRITT

**ABSENT:** GLENNIE BENCH

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of August 31, 2026, Special Called meeting minutes were considered. Councilwoman Palmer made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Whaley and carried unanimously, 5–0.

**FY2027 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

City Manager Roy Oliver presented the proposed FY 2027 Operating Budget and reviewed economic conditions, growth and development within the City, the recently adopted millage rate, General Fund revenues and expenditures, paving projects, and the City's enterprise funds. Oliver reported that the proposed General Fund budget totals approximately \$16.7 million and is balanced. The budget includes a 4% cost-of-living adjustment for employees, additional pay adjustments for Public Safety personnel, and funding for street paving and sidewalk improvements. He also reviewed proposed 4% increases to water and sewer rates and inflationary adjustments to other utility rates. Oliver noted that the City's millage rate was reduced from 4.721 mills to 2.178 mills following implementation of FLOST.

**PUBLIC HEARING – FY2027 BUDGET**

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Roslyn Palmer, seconded by Councilman Kregg Close, the Council voted 5-0 to open the public hearing on the proposed FY 2027 Budget. Public comments were received from Charlene Walker, Paul Purdy, Nicole Gonzales, Doris Cosby, and Stancil Tootle. Upon a motion by Councilman Whaley, seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, the Council voted 5-0 to close the public hearing.

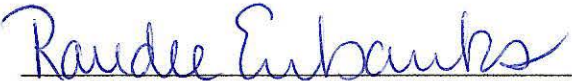
**ADJOURN**

With there being no further business, Mayor Washington adjourned the meeting at 7:13 P.M.

BY:

  
SYLVIA WASHINGTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
RANDEE EUBANKS, COUNCIL CLERK