



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 02, 2025 at 7:00 PM

THREADMILL COMPLEX

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Invocation – Pastor John Bailey – Gospel Nation Christian Fellowship Church

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Add Items to Agenda

9B - Cobb County Emergency Communications Presentation

15A - Cobb County Service Delivery Strategy Resolution

Motion to add items to the agenda made by Anderson, Seconded by Leverette

Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

2. CONSENT AGENDA – INFORMATION AND UPDATE

(No action required by Council – See Specific Department Director before a Meeting)

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Bills

B. Approve Legal Bills

C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

Motion to approve made by Myrick, Seconded by Leverette

Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

5. CITIZENS REPORT

Derek Caffé - has concerns about real estate in the city and the vision of the city.

Pat Burns - Concord Covered Bridge District - Ms. Burns provided an invitation to Mayor & Council for the Juneteenth event on June 14, 2025.

6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE

Ollie Clemons

Attorney Kimbrough stated that everything is about the same as of right now.

7. FINANCE REPORT

Valerie Anderson, Chairperson
Rachel Yarbrough, Interim Director

8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Devon Myrick, Chairperson
Elizabeth Young, Director

A. No Report

9. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sandra Leverette, Chairperson
Shameta Jones-Harrell, Interim Police Chief

A. Stats

B. Cobb County Emergency Communications Presentation

Cobb County gave a presentation of the last year in review since the city turned 911 over to them.

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Meredith Adams, Chairperson
Brandon Merritt, Fire Chief

A. Monthly Run Report

11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Marlin Lamar, Chairperson
Bo Garrison, Director

A. No Report

12. PARKS DEPARTMENT

Devon Myrick, Chairperson
Darrell Weaver, Director

A. No Report

13. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Melanie Elder, Chairperson
Darrell, Weaver, Director

A. Code Enforcement May 2025 Monthly Report

B. Public Hearing: 2025-02SLUP Special Land Use Permit request by Angel Caring Hands to allow for a personal care home located at 5989 Bowden Street.

Application 2025- 02SLUP: by Angel Caring Hands, LLC for a Special Land Use Permit to allow for a personal care home located at 5989 Bowden Street. Both the Planning and Zoning

Commission and staff recommend denial. The full staff report and supporting documents are attached.

Attorney Kimbrough opened the public hearing. No one was present to speak on behalf of the applicant, and no one spoke in opposition.

Mr. Myrick made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Mrs. Adams. Motion passed. 6-0

Motion to deny made by Elder, Seconded by Myrick
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

- C. Public Hearing: 2025-01SLUP Special Land Use Permit request by Evergreen Tropical to allow for truck leasing/rentals located at 2401 Clay Road.

Application 2025-01SLUP: by Evergreen Tropical for a Special Land Use Permit to allow for truck rentals (U-Haul) located at 2401 Clay Road. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval with the following stipulations:

The full staff report and supporting documents are attached.

Attorney Kimbrough opened the public hearing. The applicants came forward and Mr. Kimbrough swore them in. No one spoke in opposition.

Mr. Myrick made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Mrs. Adams. Motion passed. 6-0

Motion to approve made by Elder
Voting Yea: Elder
Voting Nay: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Lamar

- D. Public Hearing: Update the City's Buildings and Construction Ordinance, Nuisances and Administration sections (Chapters 2, 8, 28) of the City's Code of Ordinances pertaining to the International Property Maintenance Code.

After much research and consideration, Staff is recommending amending the City's Code of Ordinances, which adopted an outdated version of the International Property Maintenance Code as well as other supportive enforcement sections that pertain to the International Property Maintenance Code. Doing so will allow the Code Enforcement Division greater ability to enforce the City's Codes and Ordinances.

Motion to approve made by Elder, Seconded by Myrick
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

14. HUMAN RESOURCES

Melanie Elder, Chairperson

Michelle Page, Director

- A. May Workforce Stats

15. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH

Attorney Kimbrough stated they need to go into executive session regarding the Cobb County SDS.

Ms. Elder made a motion to go into executive session. Seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion passed. 6-0

Mayor Clemons stated no motions were made and no votes taken. Mrs. Anderson made a motion to go back into the regular council meeting. Seconded by Ms. Elder. Motion passed. 6-0

A. Cobb County Service Delivery Strategy

Attorney Kimbrough stated that this had to be revisited since the City of Mableton and Cobb County finally reached an agreement.

Motion to approve made by Elder, Seconded by Myrick
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

16. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Recommendation for Finance Director

It is my recommendation to appoint Rachel Yarbrough as the Finance Director. Rachel holds a BBA in accounting and is a Certified Public Accountant. She has served as Assistant Director in the Finance Department for over 10 years. Rachel has been with the city full-time for over 10 years and has done a phenomenal job. I feel extremely confident that Rachel has the knowledge, skills, and ability necessary to lead the City of Austell Finance Department.

Motion to approve.

Motion to approve made by Elder, Seconded by Anderson
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

B. Recommendation for Police Chief

It is my recommendation to appoint Shameta Jones-Harrell as Police Chief. Shameta's experience and dedication during her roughly 25 years in law enforcement has prepared her to lead the department. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and has served as a Major with the City of Brookhaven prior to her appointment as Deputy Police Chief in Austell. I feel confident that Shameta possesses the experience and leadership necessary to lead the City of Austell's Police Department.

Motion to approve.

Motion to approve made by Myrick, Seconded by Anderson
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

17. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Adams, Seconded by Lamar
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

Mayor

Ollie Clemons, Jr.

Attest

Elizabeth Young

Date

7.8.2025