



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 06, 2025 at 7:00 PM

THREADMILL COMPLEX

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation - Pastor Lander Collins - New Vineyard Church of God in Christ
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Add Items to Agenda
Attorney Kimbrough added an executive session to the agenda for litigation purposes.

Motion to add to agenda made by Anderson, seconded by Myrick
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 Anderson, seconded by Myrick
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

Mr. Myrick made a motion to go into executive session. Seconded by Mrs. Leverette. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Clemons stated they are back from executive session and there were no motions made and no votes taken. Mr. Myrick made a motion to return from executive session. Seconded by Mrs. Adams. Motion passed 6-0.

4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

5. CITIZENS REPORT

Mr. Kimbrough stated that after researching the charter amendment special called meetings, this does not need to be in executive sessions; therefore, we will add the charter amendment meeting to the November agenda.

Derek Caffé – Create Austell Downtown Walk will be on October 25 at 10:30 am.

Johnathan Foster – Thanked Mr. Kimbrough for researching the charter amendment meetings and asked if we will be on track with the legislation to move forward? Mr. Kimbrough stated yes, we would be on track. Will the city be refunded for the attorney's time for coming to the 3 special-called meetings for the charter? Mr. Kimbrough stated he would talk with the mayor and council to determine that.

Taj Millen – thanked everyone for coming to the recent events and stated there will be several more events coming up soon.

6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE
Ollie Clemons

Attorney Kimbrough stated they are preparing for winter.

7. FINANCE REPORT
Valerie Anderson, Chairperson
Rachel Yarbrough, Director

A. Monthly Financial Report

8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
Devon Myrick, Chairperson
Elizabeth Young, Director

A. No Report

9. POLICE DEPARTMENT
Sandra Leverette, Chairperson
Shameta Jones-Harrell, Police Chief

A. Stats

B. Faith & Blue

The Austell Police Department is hosting its annual Faith & Blue Community Engagement event on Saturday, October 11th from 10am-12pm at the I. T. & Lodemia Community Garden located at 2836 Windy Lane, Austell, GA 30106 (behind the Austell Food Store).

If you are not familiar with Faith & Blue, it is an initiative to reinforce connections between police and community through their houses of worship. These events are jointly hosted by churches and police departments nationally and are held annually in October. There will be several local churches represented to provide information about their respective places of worship. Also, we will have performances the Austell Elementary Eagle Chorus and Sisterly Voices of Christ. Refreshments will be provided and there will be giveaways.

We would like to invite each of you to join us for this wonderful community event and great opportunity to engage with our law enforcement personnel.

C. Police Department Essay Contest

The Austell Police Department recently hosted an Essay Contest to 6th-12th grade students currently enrolled in the Cobb County School system. The purpose of the essay contest is (1) to promote creativity and critical thinking among our youth, (2) to engage positively with our youth, (3) to encourage a love of writing, and (4) to inspire future female law enforcement professionals. The submission deadline was September 19, 2025, there were 13 submissions that met that deadline.

The topic of the contest was “The Power of Being a Trailblazer as the First Female Chief of Police in Cobb County. This essay contest was judged on creativity, presentation & neatness, topic relevance, spelling & grammar, and originality. The winner will be notified via email on October 1, 2025 and he/she will receive the following:

The runners-up will be recognized and receive a certificate of participation.

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Meredith Adams, Chairperson
Brandon Merritt, Fire Chief

No Report

11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Marlin Lamar, Chairperson
Bo Garrison, Director

A. Council Meeting Agenda

B. Monthly Report

12. PARKS DEPARTMENT

Devon Myrick, Chairperson
Zach Evans, Director

A. Referral Fee for Real Estate Brokers and Current Tenants of the Threadmill Complex (For New Threadmill Complex and City-Owned Property Tenants)

Current Tenants of the Austell Threadmill complex and City-owned property referral fee incentive for new lease will be \$200.

Real Estate broker referral fee for new lease will be the first month's rent.

B. Parks Maintenance Report for September 2025
Maintenance:

Continued grounds Maintenance on:

- All parks and parks green space areas
- Threadmill Complex including fire training facility

- Parks Bathrooms, ground trash, and all trash cans
- Keep walking trails at Suggs Park and Legion Park free of leaves and debris
- Replaced torn volleyball net at Legion Park
- Replaced broken cardio walker at Legion Park outdoor gym

Growth improvements and Projects:

- Worked with building maintenance and public works on creating a new park, Jefferson Street Park and new parking area. This area will provide a green space, stage, bathroom facility, trash compactor, fire pit, cornhole, an area for the large Christmas tree, as well as many other functions for the public and city to utilize.
- Continued working on Beavers Park to create a new green space with shade trees
- Hired one new employee to fill an existing parks maintenance position

Special events and Community gatherings:

Parks provided employees to work:

- Farmers market on Saturdays
- Thursday evenings food trucks
- Labor Day event
- Parks pavilions and community center rentals

Seasonal accents:

- Put out fall decorations on the interior entrance of the Threadmill complex
- Changed out banners on light poles throughout city, from summer to fall banners
- Put out traveling fence art, provided by Marietta Arts Council. This art is displayed one month at each city in Cobb County

C. Chills & Thrills Trunk or Treat at Legion Field

13. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Melanie Elder, Chairperson

Darrell, Weaver, Director

A. September 2025 Code Enforcement Monthly Update

B. Application 2025-05R & 2025-06A Request by Shawn A. Pinnock and Ferdinand Pinnock to rezone and annex approximately 0.68 acres located at 3630 Moore Road (Tax ID #19109200200) from R-20 (Residential) to NS (Neighborhood Shopping).

Application 2025-05R & 2025-06A: Request by Shawn A. Pinnock and Ferdinand Pinnock to rezone and annex approximately 0.68 acres located at 3630 Moore Road (Tax ID #19109200200) from R-20 (Residential) to NS (Neighborhood Shopping). Staff recommends approval of the request with stipulations:

Incorporate Cobb County's requested stipulations:

Additional Staff requested stipulations:

Attorney Kimbrough opened the annexation public hearing and swore in Shawn Pinnock & Ferdinand Pinnock. No one spoke in opposition.

Motion to close the annexation public hearing made by Anderson, seconded by Elder.
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

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

Attorney Kimbrough opened the rezoning public hearing. No one spoke in opposition.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Myrick, seconded by Anderson.
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

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

- C. Application 2025-07R Request by the Miranda Nicole Lawrence to rezone approximately 0.34 acres located at 2619 Bill Mark Avenue (Tax ID #18009100820) from R-15 (Residential) to RD (Residential Duplex).

Application 2025-07R: by Miranda Nicole Lawrence Request to Rezone approximately 0.34 acres located at 2619 Bill Mark Avenue (Tax ID #18009100820) from R-15 (Single Family Residential) to RD (Residential Duplex). Staff recommends approval of the request.

Attorney Kimbrough opened the public hearing and swore in Derek Caffé and Miranda Lawrence. No one spoke in opposition, and Andrew Henderson spoke in favor of the rezoning.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Anderson, seconded by Elder
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

Motion to approve the rezoning made by Elder, seconded by Anderson
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

14. HUMAN RESOURCES

Melanie Elder, Chairperson

Michelle Page, Director

- A. Stats

15. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH

- A. Cobb County IGA Amendment for the 2025 Douglas County Elections

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

16. MAYOR'S REPORT

- A. CMA Meeting
October 14, 2025 at 6:30 pm

City of Kennesaw Southern Museum
2829 Cherokee Street, NW
Kennesaw, GA 30144

17. ADJOURN

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

Mayor

Dellie Clemons Jr.

Attest

Elizabeth Foreay

Date

11.11.2025