

THE CITY OF DALTON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
JANUARY 5, 2026

The Mayor and Council held a Work Session this evening at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Present were Mayor Annalee Sams, Council members Nicky Lama, Dennis Mock, Tyree Goodlett and Steve Farrow, City Administrator Andrew Parker and City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Lama, the Mayor and Council amended the agenda to swap Item #4 titled “DPD Presentation for Firing Range Proposal” with Item #3 titled “Review of Draft Vape Shop Regulatory Ordinance 26-02” and approved the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor.

REVIEW OF DRAFT VAPE SHOPE REGULATORY ORDINANCE 26-02

City Attorney, Jonathan Bledsoe, provided an overview of a new regulatory ordinance for vape shops. A copy of the draft ordinance is enclosed. Councilmembers were advised to send their comments to the City Attorney or City Administrator to prepare for a first reading of the proposed ordinance at the Tuesday, January 20, 2026 regular meeting.

DPD PRESENTATION FOR FIRING RANGE PROPOSAL

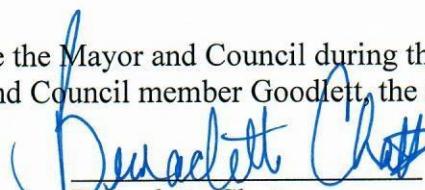
Police Chief, Cliff Cason, presented a proposal for a new firing range on City owned property for police department training/certification. A copy of the presentation is enclosed. No action was taken by the City Council, but they agreed to allow the Department to continue due diligence on the project and requested additional budgetary information for the proposal.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council during the Work Session, on the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the meeting was Adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

  
Annalee Sams, Mayor

Approved: 1-20-26  
Post: 1-21-26

  
Bernadette Chattam  
City Clerk

THE CITY OF DALTON  
SPECIAL CALLED  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 8, 2026

The Mayor and Council held a Special Called meeting this morning at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Present were Mayor Annalee Sams, Council members Dennis Mock and Steve Farrow, City Administrator Andrew Parker and City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe. Council member Tyree Goodlett was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sams called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Lama led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On the motion by Council member Mock, second by Council member Farrow, the agenda was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

SECOND READING - ORDINANCE 26-01 ANNEXATION REQUEST OF METRO INVESTMENTS, LLC  
City Administrator Andrew Parker presented a Second Reading of Ordinance 26-01 to hear the request of Metro Investments, LLC to annex 1.0 acres located at 1822 Chattanooga Road, Dalton, Georgia into the City of Dalton as General Commercial (C-2) Parcel (12-159-01-129). Parker stated the request received a positive recommendation from both the Staff and the Planning Commission. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the annexation request was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

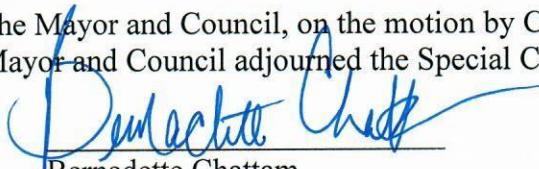
RESOLUTION 26-01 TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT OF COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD 2

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented a Resolution to Call A Special Election to fill the vacant seat of Councilmember for Ward 2. Parker stated Council member Nicky Lama resigned to qualify as a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives for the 14th Congressional District of Georgia. Parker further stated the Mayor and Council will need to call a special election for the purpose of filling the vacant seat in Ward 2 and to coincide with the special election called by the Governor for the U.S. House of Representatives seat for the 14th Congressional District of Georgia. Parker further stated the special election can be held March 10, 2026 with the qualifying period for candidates beginning at 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2026; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026; and 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council adopted the Resolution to call for a Special Election. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on the motion by Council member Mock, second by Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council adjourned the Special Called meeting at 8:05 a.m.



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Annalee Sams, Mayor

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THE CITY OF DALTON  
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JANUARY 5, 2026

The Mayor and Council held a meeting this evening at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor Annalee Sams, Councilmembers Dennis Mock, Nicky Lama, Tyree Goodlett and Steve Farrow, City Administrator Andrew Parker and City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sams called the meeting of the Mayor and Council to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Lama led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE

City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe administered the Oath of Office to Nicky Lama and Steve Farrow.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On the motion of Councilmember Lama, second Councilmember Farrow, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Melissa Williams, owner of a building next to the Deja Vu social club, told the city council that loud noise, vibrations, property damage, and disruptive behavior from the club's patrons are harming her tenants, her restaurant, and her historic building. She says the situation is now unmanageable and is asking the council for help. Mayor Sams asked Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle to assist Ms. Williams.

Claude Thomas told the council that parts of Dalton are becoming rundown, with trash, old furniture, and abandoned cars visible in neighborhoods. He believes the city's two code enforcement officers are not enough to keep up with the growing community and says more staff are needed to maintain cleanliness and prevent decline. He urged the council to prioritize adding code enforcement positions to keep the city beautiful, noting that conditions were much better in the past.

Cindy Walters, property manager of S&W Investment Properties at 226 Hamilton Street, told the council that her building is experiencing the same severe noise and vibration issues caused by the Deja Vu social club as described by previous speakers. She said tenants' pictures are shaking off walls, noise levels are documented, and the disturbances threaten her ability to keep apartments rented, creating financial risk for her company. Walters asked the council for help resolving the issue quickly and noted that a nearby church may also be too close to the nightclub under local rules.

Mayor Sams acknowledged the issue affecting both businesses and stated City staff would be in touch.

### STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented the Mayor and Council 2026 scheduled meetings. Parker gave the following overview:

#### Summary of Proposed 2026 Mayor & Council Meeting Date Adjustments

- Regular meetings are normally on 1st and 3rd Mondays.
- Spring Break: Move meeting to March 30 (possible 3 meetings in March).
- July 4th week: Move meeting to June 29 (possible 3 meetings in June).
- Christmas week: Move meeting from Dec 21 to Dec 14.
- Labor Day: Move meeting to Tuesday, Sept 8.
- MLK Jr. Day: Next meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan 20.

Parker further stated that if there are no objections, the schedule will be published online and sent to media outlets.

### MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2025. On the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second Councilmember Goodlett, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

### CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE CITY'S CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING

CFO Cindy Jackson presented the Certification of Consistency with the City's Consolidated Plan for Federal Grant Funding Applications. Jackson stated three agencies applied for Georgia's Continuum of Care funding:

- Dalton-Whitfield Community Development Corporation (previously approved)
- Salvation Army (new applicant)
- City of Refuge (new applicant)

Jackson continued stating that HUD requires the City to certify that applications align with the City's 5-year consolidated plan and all three applications meet the objectives of the City's consolidated plan. Jackson further stated that each applicant allocates funds for transitional housing or rental assistance for individuals who are homeless or at risk. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Lama, the Certifications were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

### TEXTCARE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MED INVESTORS DEVELOPMENT, LLC - 2026 HEALTH PLAN

HR Director Haliyma Jones presented an agreement with Med Investors Development, LLC for TextCare Services. Jones stated the proposed service, Text Care, will provide virtual healthcare access 24/7 to eligible employees through text messaging, phone calls, and video chats. Jones noted the cost of the service is fully covered by the employer and incurs no cost to employees. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Goodlett, the Agreement was approved and the Council authorized the HR Director Jones to execute the agreement. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**FIRST READING ORDINANCE 26-01 ANNEXATION REQUEST OF METRO INVESTMENTS, LLC**

The Mayor and Council held a First Reading of Ordinance 26-01 to hear the request of Metro Investments, LLC to annex 1.0 acres located at 1822 Chattanooga Road, Dalton, Georgia into the City of Dalton as General Commercial (C-2) Parcel (12-159-01-129). City Administrator Andrew Parker stated the request came with a positive recommendation from both the Staff and the Planning Commission.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Boards & Authorities Appointments**

Mayor Sams presented a list of appointments to various Boards and Authorities. Council members voted to approve all submitted appointees except the Tree Board Appointment of Nancy Farrow, Council member Mock, Lama and Goodlette voted aye, Council member Farrow recused himself - Motion passed. A copy of these appointments is a part of these minutes.

**Miscellaneous Appointments**

Mayor Sams presented a list of Miscellaneous Appointments. Council members voted to approve all submitted appointees. A copy of these appointments is a part of these minutes.

**Mayoral Appointments**

Mayor Sams presented the list of Mayoral appointments for 2026. A copy of these appointments is a part of these minutes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

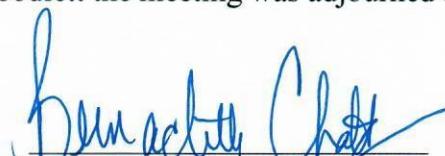
City offices will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026 in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The next Mayor and Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Goodlett the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:47 p.m.



Annalee Sams, Mayor



Bernadette Chattam  
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MAYORAL						
Type	Appointment	New Member	Current Member	New Expiration	Expiration	
Airport	Mayoral	Pangle, Todd	Lama, Nicky	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Building	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Building	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Convention Visitors	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Creative Arts Guild	Mayoral	Farrow, Steve	Farrow, Steve	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Defined Contribution Committee	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Downtown Development	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
DWCDC	Mayoral		Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Finance & Administration	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Finance & Administration	Mayoral	All Council Members	All Council Members	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Housing	Mayoral		Mock, Dennis	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Joint Development	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Library	Mayoral	Farrow, Steve	Farrow, Steve	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
MPO Policy	Mayoral	Farrow, Steve	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Municipal Court	Mayoral	Farrow, Steve	Farrow, Steve	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Pension	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Pension	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Public Safety	Commission / Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Public Works & Facilities	Mayoral	Goodlett, Tyree	Goodlett, Tyree	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Public Works & Facilities	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Lama, Nicky	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Recreation	Mayoral	Parker, Andrew	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Regional Development	Mayoral	Gowin, Kenny	Gowin, Kenny	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Service Delivery	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Service Delivery	Mayoral	Parker, Andrew	Parker, Andrew	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Solid Waste Mgmt	Mayoral	Goodlett, Tyree	Goodlett, Tyree	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Solid Waste Mgmt	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
TAD Policies	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Trade Center	Mayoral	Farrow, Steve	Lama, Nicky	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
Tree	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	
WL&SF	Mayoral	Parker, Andrew	Farrow, Steve	12/31/2026	12/31/2025	

## Boards & Authorities

Type	Appointment	Term	New Member	New Expiration	Current Member	Expiration
Housing Authority	Authority	5 Year	Gruner, America	10/14/2030	Gruner, America	14-Oct-25
Airport Authority	Authority	5 Year	Clark, Chester	12/31/2030	Clark, Chester	31-Dec-25
Housing Authority-Resident Member	Authority	1 Year	Barrett, Brenda	12/31/2026	Barrett, Brenda	31-Dec-25
Tree Board	Board	3 Year	Farrow, Nancy	12/31/2028	Hallsworth, Nancy (Unexpired)	31-Dec-25
Tree Board	Board	3 Year	Verhoeff, Anna	12/31/2028	Verhoeff, Anna	31-Dec-25
Tree Board	Board	3 Year	Purvis, Melva	12/31/2028	Purvis, Melva	31-Dec-25
Tree Board	Board	3 Year (Balance)	Poehlman, Sally	12/31/2026	Virgo, Troy	31-Dec-26
Convention Visitors Bureau	Bureau	2 Year	Rodriguez, Josafat	12/31/2027	Rodriguez, Josafat	31-Dec-25
Public Safety Commission	Commission	5 Year	Brown, Alex	12/31/2030	Brown, Alex	31-Dec-25
Recreation Commission	Commission	5 Year	Mitchell, Jacob	12/31/2030	Mitchell, Jacob (Unexpired)	31-Dec-25
WL&SF Commission	Commission	5 Year	Douglas, Mike	12/31/2030	Boogs, Tommy	31-Dec-25
Joint Development Authority - City Authority	Authority	3 Year	Davies, Bill	1/31/2029	Davies, Bill	31-Jan-26
Trade Center Historic Preservation Commission	Commission	1 Year	Kinsey, Mike	2/1/2027	Kinsey, Mike	01-Feb-26
Historic Preservation Commission	Commission	3 Year	Fincher, Reed	2/1/2029	Fincher, Reed	01-Feb-26
Historic Preservation Commission - Chairman	Commission	3 Year	Meza, Manuel	2/1/2029	Meza, Manuel	01-Feb-26
Historic Preservation Committee	Committee	3 Year	Granillo, Jeff	2/1/2029	Granillo, Jeff	01-Feb-26
W/C EMS Quality Review Library	Board	2 Year	Daniel, Matt	3/1/2028	Daniel, Matt	01-Mar-26
Library	Board	3 Year	Meza, Mayelli	3/2/2029	Meza, Mayelli (Unexpired)	02-Mar-26
Recreation Commission	Commission	5 Year (Balance)	Zeisig, Margaret	3/2/2029	Zeisig, Margaret (Unexpired)	02-Mar-26
				12/31/2029	Whittle, Allison	31-Dec-29

### Miscellaneous Appointments

Type	Appointment	Term	New Member	Expiration	Current Member	Expiration
Miscellaneous	Municipal Court Judge	1 Year	Cowan, Robert	12/31/2026	Cowan, Robert	31-Dec-25
Miscellaneous	Mayor Pro-Tem	Mayor Term	Goodlett, Tyree	Mayor Term	Goodlett, Tyree	N/A
Miscellaneous	Police Chief	2 Year	Cason, Cliff	12/31/2027	Cason, Cliff	31-Dec-25
Miscellaneous	Fire Chief	2 Year	Daniel, Matthew	12/31/2027	Daniel, Matthew	31-Dec-25
Miscellaneous	Fire Marshall	1 Year	Daniel, Matthew	12/31/2026	Daniel, Matthew	31-Dec-25
Miscellaneous	City Attorney	1 Year	Bledsoe, Jonathan	12/31/2026	Bledsoe, Jonathan	31-Dec-25