CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING 2026 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 9:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1859 CITY CENTER WAY, JONESBORO, GA 30236

MINUTES

I. CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sartor at 9:06 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll was called by City Clerk Jewett.

- Mayor Donya L. Sartor
- Mayor Pro-Tem Asjah Miller (Absent)
- Councilmember Chelsey Curney
- Councilmember Alfred Dixon
- Councilmember Cameron Dixon
- Councilmember Santia Fox
- Councilmember Tracey Messick (Absent)
- City Attorney, LaTonya Nix-Wiley (Absent)
- City Manager, Blue Cole
- City Clerk, Shandrella Jewett
- Code Compliance Officer, Derry Walker (Absent)
- Community Development Director, David Allen
- Downtown Development Authority Director, Blue Cole
- Economic Development Director - Faith Akuta (Absent)
- Finance Director, Karen Slaton-Dixon (Absent)
- Operation/Human Resource, Maria Wetherington (Absent)
- Police Chief, Christopher Cato (Absent)
- Public Works Director – N/A

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A. Council to consider approval and adoption of the Agenda.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Curney**
SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**

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Another motion was made to amend the Agenda to replace the words Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) with Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Fox**
SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing regarding the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Update and its transmittal to the Atlanta Regional Commission for review.

Councilmember Curney asked if the City was responsible for producing a document regarding how we would implement the five (5) year plan. She recommended a separate meeting. City Manager Cole recommended a Council Retreat to discuss the matter.

Councilmember C. Dixon entered the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Evelyn Carillio of ARC presented the draft 2026 Comprehensive Plan Update, noting only minor grammatical changes had been made since the distributed draft. (See agenda packet online).

The presentation included:

- Comprehensive planning requirements and timeline.
- Community demographics, housing, economic development, transportation, and broadband data.
- Public engagement efforts, including surveys, town halls, and Juneteenth outreach.
- Community priorities identified through public input, including:
  - Economic development and downtown revitalization
  - Public safety improvements
  - Infrastructure maintenance
  - Affordable and attainable housing options
- Future land use character areas and the five-year Community Work Program.

Public Hearing Opened

Council discussed implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and expressed interest in reviewing progress and priorities during future council retreats. They requested additional details on project completion percentages within the Report of Accomplishments.

Discussion focused on:

- Downtown redevelopment and attracting desired businesses
- Youth recreational and gathering opportunities
- Transportation improvements, including MARTA and future transit options
- Historic preservation efforts
- Addressing downtown infrastructure needs, including grease trap and waste management concerns
- Housing affordability and economic development strategies

Staff provided updates regarding city audits, grant eligibility, and SPLOST funding availability.

9:57 a.m. Councilmember Curney left the meeting.

No members of the audience came forth to speak.

Public Hearing Closed

A motion was made for Council to consider transmitting the 2026 Comprehensive Plan to the Department of Community Affairs.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**

MOVER: **Councilmember Curney**
SECONDER: **Councilmember C. Dixon**

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Fox**
SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**

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Donya L. Sartor, Mayor Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk

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