CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1859 CITY CENTER WAY, JONESBORO, GA 30236

MINUTES

I. CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sartor at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll was called by City Clerk Jewett.

- Mayor Donya L. Sartor
- Mayor Pro-Tem Tracey Messick
- Councilmember Alfred Dixon
- Councilmember Don Dixon
- Councilmember Bobby Lester *(Entered meeting at 6:07 p.m.)*
- Councilmember Asjah Miller
- Councilmember Billy Powell
- City Attorney, David Dreyer
- City Clerk, Shandrella Jewett
- Community Development Interim Director, Faith Akuta
- Finance Director, Donnette Cannady
- Police Chief, Christopher Cato *(Absent)*
- Police Sergeant John Upole
- Public Works Director, Marcus Heard

III. INVOCATION

Invocation by Robert Taylor (City of Jonesboro Police Chaplin)

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

There were no amendments made to the Agenda.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember D. Dixon**
SECONDER: **Mayor Pro-Tem Messick**

VI. MAYOR'S PRESENTATION

None

VII. PRESENTATIONS

- Proclamation Recognizing Veterans Day (Presented to Pastor Taylor)
- Mayor Sartor thanked past and present members of the armed forces.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE (3) MINUTES)

- Drew Andrews (Unincorporated Jonesboro) (Chair of Clayton County Democratic Party) - Extended congratulatory remarks to all of the candidates who ran for office and to the candidates who won. Also, he addressed concerns about political violence and comments made during the election campaign, emphasizing the need for immediate attention and action.
- Lance VanDyke (Business Owner) – Spoke regarding Condition Use Permit for properties located next this his property (251 South Main Street) and property value of the businesses.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING(S) & CONSIDERATION(S)

A. Public Hearing regarding Conditional Use Permit Application **#25-CUP-009** submitted by Max Kovtoun for properties located at 262 and 294 South Main Street (Parcels # 06032A B002, 06032A B002Z, 06032A B003, & 06032A B006), Jonesboro, Georgia 30236 within the MX (Mixed Use) District and the G (Gateway South District). The properties consist of 29.14 +/- acres. The request is for a multifamily development. (Staff recommended the item be tabled.)

Council to consider tabling the above-mentioned Conditional Use Permit Application #25-CUP-009.

RESULT: **Approved to Table (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Lester**
SECONDER: **Councilmember D. Dixon**

B. Public Hearing regarding Conditional Use Permit Application **#25-CUP-010** submitted by Sherita Cherry for property located at 8712 Tara Blvd. (Parcel # 05242B A002), Jonesboro, Georgia 30236. The property consists of 0.40+/- acres. The request is for the operation of a Technical and Trade School for cosmetology. (Staff Recommended Approval without Conditions.)

Public Hearing Opened

No one came forth to speak

Public Hearing Closed

Council to consider approval of the above-mentioned Conditional Use Permit Application #25-CUP-010.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Mayor Pro-Tem Messick**
SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**

C. Public Hearing regarding Variance Application **#25-VAR-001** submitted by Max Kovtoun for properties located 262 and 294 South Main Street (Parcels #06032A B002, 06032A B002Z, & 06032A B006), Jonesboro, Georgia 30236 within the MX (Mixed Use) District and the G (Gateway South District). The properties consist of 29.14 +/- acres. The request seeks relief from the Gateway South District's exterior architectural design and material standards specifically related to porches and balconies. (Staff recommended the item be tabled.)

Council to consider the above-mentioned Variance Application #25-VAR-001.

RESULT: **Approved to Table (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Lester**
SECONDER: **Councilmember D. Dixon**

D. **Public Hearing** regarding Variance Application **#25-VAR-002** submitted by Max Kovtoun for properties located at 262 and 294 South Main Street (Parcels #06032A B002, 06032A B002Z, & 06032A B006), Jonesboro, Georgia 30236 within the MX (Mixed Use) District and the G (Gateway South District).The properties consist of 29.14 +/- acres. The request seeks relief from the Gateway South District's exterior architectural design and material standards specifically related to primary materials. (Staff recommended the item be tabled.)

Council to consider the above-mentioned Variance Application #25-VAR-002.

RESULT: **Approved to Table (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Lester**
SECONDER: **Councilmember D. Dixon**

E. **Public Hearing** regarding Variance Application **#25-VAR-003** submitted by Max Kovtoun for properties located at 262 and 294 South Main Street (Parcels #06032A B002, 06032A B002Z, & 06032A B006), Jonesboro, Georgia 30236 within the MX (Mixed Use) District and the G (Gateway South District). The properties consist of 29.14 +/- acres. The request seeks relief from the Gateway South District's exterior architectural design and material standards specifically related to sidewalks. (Staff recommended the item be tabled.)

Council to consider the above-mentioned Variance Application #25-VAR-003.

RESULT: **Approved to Table (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Lester**
SECONDER: **Councilmember D. Dixon**

F. **Public Hearing** regarding Variance Application **#25-VAR-004** submitted by Max Kovtoun for properties located at 262 and 294 South Main Street (Parcels #06032A B002, 06032A B002Z, & 06032A B006), Jonesboro, Georgia 30236 within the MX (Mixed Use) District and the G (Gateway South District). The properties consist of 29.14 +/- acres. The request seeks relief from landscape requirements. (Staff recommended the item be tabled.)

Council to consider the above-mentioned Variance Application #25-VAR-004.

RESULT: **Approved to Table (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Lester**
SECONDER: **Councilmember D. Dixon**

X. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Council to consider approval of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 09/08/2025. (This item was tabled on 10/14/25.)

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

B. Council to consider approval of the Work Session Minutes dated 10/06/2025.

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

C. Council to consider approval of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated 10/14/2025.

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

D. Council to consider approval of the Special Called Council Meeting Minutes dated 10/17/2025.

RESULT: **Approved to Table (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Mayor Pro-Tem Messick**
SECONDER: **Councilmember D. Dixon**

E. Council to consider approval of the Special Called Council Meeting Minutes dated 10/22/2025.

RESULT: **Approved to Table (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Miller**
SECONDER: **Councilmember Lester**

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Council to consider approval of a resolution regarding a budget transfer of $5,000.00 from Tuition Reimbursement line item (100-1500-57-9100) to the Youth Council line item (100-1300-52-3450).

B. Council to consider an agreement between the City of Jonesboro, Georgia, and Falcon Design Consultants, LLC for Comprehensive Construction Project Management Services related to 100 Gloria Drive Project (Public Works Building).

A motion was made to remove letter B. from the Consent Agenda and add it to Old Business on the 12/01/25 Work Session Agenda.

RESULT: **Approved – Will be added under Old Business on 12/01/25 Agenda**
MOVER: **Councilmember Miller**
SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**

C. Council to consider approval of the Jonesboro Police Department's purchase of 4 in-car radios for the four (4) newly purchased patrol vehicles.

D. Council to consider approval of a fee for Tyler Technologies to do a data conversion on Fund 250 so that the City can manage Grant Accounting.

RESULT: **Approved Letters A, C, and D (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Miller**
SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**

XII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Council to discuss FY 26 Budget.

Mayor Pro-Tem Messick requested a printed copy of the (draft) FY26 Budget for Council to receive.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIV. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

A. Economic Development Report by Community Development Interim Director, Faith Akuta. 26 to 15. The SCEI grant was submitted October 31, 2025. A decision will be made the 2nd week of December.

Mayor Sartor thanked Mrs. Akuta, Lesa Adeboya, Shelby Bently, Taylor Johnson and other staff for working on the grant.

XV. REPORT OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Comments by Councilmember Powell:

- None

Comments by Mayor Pro-Tem Messick:

- Spoke regarding Veterans Days and read a scripture (John 15:13) – Thankful for all veterans who serve and those who continue to serve.

Comments by Councilmember D. Dixon:

- Thanked all of the veterans who have served.

Comments by Councilmember Miller:

- Thanked staff for being amazing
- Jamaica Relief Effort as it relates to Hurricane Melissa – Donation bucket will be placed in the lobby of the City Center. Accepting canned goods, diapers, wipes, non-perishable, etc. Will be collecting items until November 25, 2025.
- 2nd Annual Christmas Give-Away – The sign-up sheet will be posted in the lobby of the City Center. The information will be posted on the City's website and social media platforms. Please feel free to volunteer or donate. Please bring unwrapped gifts to the City Center.
- Happy Veterans Day

Comments by Councilmember Lester:

- Thanked all of the candidates that ran during the election.
- Thanked the candidates for attending the Council meeting.
- Happy Veterans Day

Comments by Councilmember A. Dixon

- Happy Veterans Day
- Congrats to all of the candidates than ran and to those that won
- 11/17/25 - JYCG Friendsgiving Budget Retreat at the City Center (Community Room)
- Shout out to the Cigar Parlour for being voted as the #1 cigar lounge in the Metro Atlanta area for 2025.

XVI. REPORT OF MAYOR

- Happy Veterans Day
- The sanitation route will not change, and Police Dept. will be open on Veterans Day
- In the process of hosting a Community Thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Day. Please follow us on all of our social media platforms as well as our website.
- Shout out to Shelby Bentley for a obtaining a $10,000.00 grant via the Georgia Tree Council, Georgia Forestry Commission, as well as Lowe's, our partner, is assisting with this. The City will be giving away trees (red maple, oak, magnolia, etc.), a mulch bag, and a tree care kit on 11/22/25 at the Community Garden located at 114 North Main Avenue. Please sign up.
- Calling all singers of all ages to join our Jonesboro Community Choir. Practice will be held on 11/18/25 and 12/2/25 at 6:00 p.m. This is done in collaboration with the Salvation Army. The choir will perform at our annual Community Tree Lighting Celebration on 12/03/25 at 6:00 p.m.
- 12/03/25 - Christmas Annual Community Tree Lighting Celebration at 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. A special guest will light the tree. The Salvation Army will bring out their band as well as their canteen for hot chocolate and donuts. It will be a great event. Let us know if you would like to volunteer.
- The Request for Proposal for City Attorney has been posted.
- Main Street Sock Drive during the month of November. December 12th is the Tree Lighting.
- The City will be closed tomorrow in honor of Veterans Day.
- 11/18/25 - Food Giveaway at Mundy's Mill High School
- Thanked the candidates that ran in the election
- Thanked City Clerk Jewett and Clayton County for a smooth election
- 01/05/26 at 4:00 p.m. - Receptions for Newly Elected Officials at the City Center.

- 01/05/26 at 5:00 p.m. - Swearing-in Ceremony for Newly Elected Official at the City Center.

XVII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate and personnel matters.

At 6:32 p.m., a motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Miller**
SECONDER: **Councilmember Lester**

At 6:46 p.m. a motion was made to reconvene the Work Session.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember D. Dixon**
SECONDER: **Councilmember Miller**

B. Consider any action(s), if necessary, based on decision(s) made in Executive Session.

A motion was made for the property that the City owns at 173 Cloud Street to move forward with the renovations needed with a budget not to exceed up to $22,000.00, including any necessary inspections that needs to be made.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Mayor Pro-Tem Messick**
SECONDER: **Councilmember Powell**

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Powell**
SECONDER: **Councilmember Lester**

Dr. Donya L. Sartor, Mayor

Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk