CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

JUNE 01, 2026 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 Asjah Miller
- Councilmember Chelsey Curney
- Councilmember Alfred Dixon
- Councilmember Cameron Dixon
- Councilmember Santia Fox
- Councilmember Tracey Messick
- City Manager, Blue Cole
- City Clerk, Shandrella Jewett
- City Attorney, LaTonya Nix-Wiley
- Assistant City Clerk, Pat Daniel
- Code Compliance Officer, Derry Walker
- Community Development Director, Faith Akuta
- Downtown Development Authority Director & Economic Development Manager, Blue Cole
- Finance Director, Karen Slaton-Dixon
- Operation/Human Resource, Maria Wetherington
- Police Chief, Christopher Cato
- Public Works Director, Marcus Heard

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Fox**
SECONDER: **Councilmember Curney**

The following amendments were noted:

- Old Business Item A. Council to discuss rescheduling the Mundy Mills High School Class Reunion at Lee Street Park from May 23, 2026 to June 7, 2026.

- New Business Item F. Council to discuss Hydration Stations.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Fox**
SECONDER: **Councilmember Curney**

IV. MAYOR'S PRESENTATIONS

None

V. PRESENTATIONS

None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS (PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE [3] MINUTES)

Khari Lewis (Unincorporated Jonesboro) - Spoke regarding Marta, Beautification, and Data Centers.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Council to discuss rescheduling the Mundy Mills High School Class Reunion at Lee Street Park from May 23, 2026 to a new date of June 7, 2026.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Council to consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between The City of Jonesboro, Georgia, And The Georgia Department Of Community Affairs Office Of Downtown Development regarding Georgia Affiliate Main Street Program Year 2026-2027; and to authorize Mayor Sartor to sign the agreement.

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

B. Council to consider a road closure on June 28, 2026 regarding First Baptist Jonesboro's Food Truck Party for families to celebrate our Nations American 250th.

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

C. Council to consider approval of the Flex Licensing & SmartNet Renewal Cisco Phone System.

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

D. Council to discuss and consider A Resolution Establishing The City of Jonesboro Veterans Memorial Project At Lee Street Park As A Public Purpose Project, etc.

This would be a temporary committee just to get it started. Council Curney wants the meetings governed by the Open Meeting Act, funds to be managed through the City as a line item, and if there is some type of business dealings with non-profits that those things be delineated at a later time...if there's a MOU that's necessary. Mayor Sartor concluded and clarified that this would be an official meeting and subject to everything that we do for all of our other committee meetings.

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

E. Council to discuss and consider a Resolution Establishing The Legislative Findings, Purpose, Authority, And Policy Framework For The Regulation And Use Of City-Owned Or City-Controlled Facilities; Recognizing The Distinct Legislative, Administrative And Executive Functions Relating To Municipal Facilities; Authorizing The Development And Implementation Of A Facilities Use Policy For Elected Officials; And For Other Lawful Purposes. *(This item was tabled from 06/01/26 Work Session.)*

RESULT: OLD BUSINESS

F. Council to discuss Hydration Stations at Lee Street Park.

Mayor Pro-Tem Miller led the discussion regarding the need for water at Lee Street Park. She provided two options that could be done over the next two weeks.

Option 1 - Hire someone to work in the concession stand to refill individual's water bottles. The hours would be 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the weekend. This is the higher cost option. A 10-gallon suspensor total cost is up to $9,500.00.

Option 2 - A monitored station that would be monitored two to three times per day to make sure it is full. Cost ranges from $2,500.00 to $5,000.00.

Councilmember Fox asked what the long-term costs for fixing the water fountains. Mayor Sartor shared it started with COVID when the water fountains were turned off. Director Heard said the underground pipes need to be fixed. Mayor Sartor said she would have to ask Karen where the funds would come from. Personal Savings or worst-case scenario, Contingency.

No need to bring this back before Council since it is an administrative matter. Unless it is over $9,999.00. Councilmember Curney to follow up with Clayton County.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, real estate, or personnel matter(s).

At 7:15 p.m., Council entered into Executive Session for the purpose of real estate and personnel matters.

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

At 7:49 p.m., Council reconvened the Work Session.

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

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

Council to consider the nomination and hiring of David Allen as the Community Development Director at a salary of $95,000.00.

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

C. Council to consider approval of the Executive Session Affidavit and Minutes dated June 1, 2026.

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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

Dr. Donya L. Sartor, Mayor

Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk