CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MAY 12, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

I. CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Sartor called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Jewett called the roll.

Present:

- Mayor Donya L. Sartor
- Councilmember Alfred Dixon
- Councilmember Don Dixon
- Councilmember Billy Lester
- Councilmember Asjah Miller
- Councilmember Billy Powell
- City Attorney, David Dreyer
- Interim City Clerk, Shandrella Jewett
- Community Development Director, Adleasia Cameron
- Downtown Development Authority Manager, Andrew Simpson
- Police Chief, Christopher Cato
- Public Works Director, Marcus Heard

Absent:

- Mayor Pro-Tem Tracey Messick

III. INVOCATION

Invocation by Pastor Gary Lewis of First Baptist Jonesboro.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

- To keep the Executive Session for the purpose of a personnel matter.
- Removed item B under New Business - Council to discuss Jonesboro Youth City Government upcoming events.
- The Economic Development Report was moved above the City Councilmembers' Report.

RESULTS: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Miller**

SECONDER: Councilmember D. Dixon

VI. MAYOR'S PRESENTATION

None

VII. PRESENTATIONS

- Proclamation honoring State Representative Eric Bell for successfully executing the inaugural Sine Die x 404 Day Block Party at the Georgia State Capitol.
- Proclamation honoring Lorei Smith regarding her retirement. (Absent)
- Proclamation recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month.
- Proclamation recognizing Georgia Cities Week (April 20-26, 2025), Supporting Inclusive Civic Engagement, and Outlining Community-Centered Events.
- Acknowledgement of Public Works Director, Marcus Heard on receiving his Public Manager Certification from Carl Vinson Institute of Government. Graduation Date: May 15, 2025.
- Jonesboro Youth City Government - Senior's Presentation

  Mayor Sartor thanked Councilmember A. Dixon and the youth advisors for their support regarding the Jonesboro Youth City Government graduating seniors. She thanked the seniors for serving in this capacity and hoped it has been a rewarding experience.

  Councilmember A. Dixon thanked each senior for their participation and gave each of them a flowerpot with seeds inside for them to nurture it and watch it grow.

  Present:
  - ❖ Daniela Avitia (JYCG Mayor) - Attends Riverdale High School
  - ❖ Ava Peterkin (JYCG Councilwoman) – Attends Martha Ellen Stilwell School of the Arts
  - ❖ Aliyah Jelli (JYCG Councilmember) - Attends Riverdale High School

  Absent:
  - ❖ Isaac Hathaway (JYCG Mayor Pro-Tem - Absent) – Attends Jonesboro High School
  - ❖ Syyianna McDowell (JYCG Councilwoman/Director of Health & Wellness - Absent) – Attends Utopian Academy of the Arts

- Certificate of Completion presented to Andrew Simpson (Downtown Development Manager) for completing the Atlanta Regional Commission Community Planning Academy - Spring 2025 Training for planning officials.

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

- Dr. Johnny Garcia, D.C. (Injury and Wellness Center 6348 ½ Tara Blvd., Jonesboro, GA) - Encouraged continued support of city events. He stated that he has supported community event for many years (Hispanic Heritage, Back to School event, Juneteenth, etc.). Dr. Garcia presented a check for $10,000.00 to encourage these types of events to continue happening in the community because they are important to the City.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Council to discuss Conditional Use Permit Application #25-CUP-002 (per Section 2.307) by applicant, Jessieca Sullivan, to register a business for a Professional Training School of Phlebotomy and EKG Certification Program in the C-2 Highway Commercial District. The property is located at 118 North Avenue, Ste. J, Jonesboro, GA. 30236.

Public Hearing Opened.

The applicant, Jessieca Sullivan, spoke in favor of the permit.

Public Hearing Closed.

X. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Council to consider approval of the Minutes from January 29, 2025 Public Hearing #1.

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

B. Council to consider approval of the Minutes from February 3, 2025 Public Hearing #2.

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

C. Council to consider approval of the Minutes from March 3, 2025 Work Session.

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

D. Council to consider approval of the Minutes from March 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

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

Discussion: City Clerk Jewett to remove the words "City Resident" from Susan Taylor's name and to add "Jonesboro, GA" under the Public Comment section.

E. Council to consider approval of the Minutes from April 7, 2025 Work Session.

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

F. Council to consider approval of the Minutes from April 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

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

Discussion: City Clerk Jewett to remove the words "City Resident" from McKenzie Newlove name and to add "JYCG member" under the Public Comment section.

An amended motion was made to approve the April 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes with noted change.

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

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Council to consider approval of a fee waiver regarding Clayton County's application to use Lee Street Park for the Sip & Sound event on the following dates: August 14 and 28, 2025, as well as September 11 and 25, 2025.

B. Council to consider approval and adoption of Ordinance #2025-004 regarding an FY 2025 Budget Transfer for:

Transfer $545.00 from Council's Education & Training GL Account (#100-1300-52-3705) to Council's Travel GL Account (#100-1300-52-3505) in order to cover travel expenses.

RESULT: **Approved – Consent Agenda (Vote was unanimous)**

MOVER **Councilmember D. Dixon**
SECONDER: **Councilmember Lester**

XII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Council to consider approval of Conditional Use Permit Application #25-CUP-002 (per Section 2.307) by applicant, Jessieca Sullivan, to register a business for a Professional Training School of Phlebotomy and EKG Certification Program in the C-2 Highway Commercial District. The property is located at 118 North Avenue, Ste. J, Jonesboro, GA. 30236.

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

B. Council to consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between Clayton County Water Authority and the City of Jonesboro, Georgia regarding Tara Boulevard Stormwater Rehabilitation Project.

City Attorney said this item was already approved by previous Mayor Day. Therefore, a vote was not needed.

C. Council to discuss HEROS Crosses for Memorial Day.

Mayor said the City will do the field of flag.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Council to consider approval of a road closure (Church Street, from Riley Way to Sims Street) regarding First Baptist Jonesboro's Family Fun Day on Sunday, June 22, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Police Chief Cato led the discussion.

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

B. ~~Council to discuss Jonesboro Youth City Government upcoming events.~~

XIV. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

A. Economic Development Report by Downtown Main Street Manager.

XV. REPORT OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Comments by Councilmember Powell:

None

Comments by Councilmember D. Dixon:

None

Comments by Councilmember Miller:

- Thanked staff for being so amazing.
- Thanked State Representative Eric Bell for all he is doing to move the culture forward.
- Happy Belated Mother's Day to all of the moms out there.
- Prayers extended to Mayor Pro-Tem Messick and her family.
- Congratulatory remarks extended to Jessieca Sullivan on a wonderful new adventure and thanks for choosing the City of Jonesboro.

Comments by Councilmember Lester:

None

Comments by Councilmember A. Dixon

- Thanked everyone for pouring into our future generation of leaders.
- JYCG meeting will be next Monday at the City Center.
- Clayton County Delegation Town Hall Meeting – Encouraged everyone to come out.
- Newsletter Submission Reminder
- Jonesboro Youth City Government is accepting applications for grades 9-12. Information can be found at www.youthcitygovt.com.

XVI. REPORT OF MAYOR

- The month of May is National Health Month and the National Initiative "Move with the Mayor"
- Staff has been challenged to do four (4) initiative regarding "Move with the Mayor".
- 5/28/25 - Quarterback Committee Meeting.
- Street closures for the 4th of July and Juneteenth.
- May 16, 2025 - Senior Luncheon (Clayton County Social Service)
- November 19-22, 2025 - National League of Cities in Salt Lake, Utah
- Mayor Sartor was selected for the 2025 Regional Leadership Institute through ARC.
- The City is moving forward with Southern Cities Economic Initiative – Thanked Mr. Simpson and Director Cameron for serving.

XVII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

At 6:43 p.m., a motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

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

At 6:52 p.m., a motion was made to reconvene to the Regular Council Meeting.

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

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

Council to consider approval of a promotion regarding Interim City Clerk, Shandrella Jewett to the position of City Clerk.

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

Council to consider approval of a salary increase regarding Shandrella Jewett, in the amount of $88,500.10, as the City Clerk for the City of Jonesboro, Georgia.

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

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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

MOVER: **Councilmember Powell**
SECONDER: **Councilmember D. Dixon**

Dr. Donya L. Sartor, Mayor

Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk