



City of Hogansville

City Council

Called Work Session Meeting Agenda

Monday, June 22, 2026 – 5:30 pm

Meeting will be held at Hogansville City Hall

111 High Street, Hogansville, GA 30230

Mayor: <i>Jake Ayers</i>	2029	City Manager: <i>Lisa E. Kelly</i>
Council Post 1: <i>Michael Taylor, Jr</i>	2029	Assistant City Manager: <i>Oasis Nichols</i>
Council Post 2: <i>Jason Baswell</i>	2029	City Attorney: <i>Alex Dixon</i>
Council Post 3: <i>Mandy Neese *</i>	2027	Chief of Police: <i>Jeffrey Sheppard</i>
Council Post 4: <i>Mark Ayers</i>	2027	City Clerk: <i>LeAnn Lehigh</i>
Council Post 5: <i>Kandis Strickland</i>	2027	* Mayor Pro-Tem

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BUSINESS

1. Discussion of the 2026/2027 Proposed Budget



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Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Called Work Session to order at 5:35 pm. Present were Mayor Ayers, Council Member Michael Taylor, Council Member Jason Baswell, Council Member Mandy Neese, and Council Member Kandis Strickland. Also present were City Manager Lisa Kelly, Assistant City Manager Oasis Nichols, City Attorney Alex Dixon, City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh, and Police Chief Jeff Sheppard. Council Member Mark Ayers was not present at the Called Work Session meeting.

BUSINESS

1. Discussion of the 2026/2027 Proposed Budget

City Council approved a \$3 per month sanitation rate increase, which was already included in the proposed budget. The Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) was increased from 2.8% to 3.5%, and one patrol position was removed from the Police Department budget to offset the additional expense. Council also approved moving forward with four new dispatch positions and a Deputy City Clerk position. A proposed part-time theater position will continue to be evaluated as a potential replacement for contracted marketing services without increasing overall costs. Council also requested the distribution of monthly unaudited financial reports via email and expressed support for beginning the budget process earlier.

Council reviewed proposals for a city recycling program. An estimated \$18,000 was included in the budget for the program, while details regarding the drop-off location and operating hours will be finalized at a later date.

Discussion continued regarding the City assuming operation of the splash pad, but no final decision was made. Council also discussed managing park pavilion use through posted time limits rather than a reservation system.

Approximately \$15,000 was budgeted for audiovisual upgrades to the Council Chamber, and the relocation of Council meetings to the Annex Building pending completion of the technology improvements. Security cameras for the lake and Strozier Park were discussed as a potential future SPLOST project.

Council agreed that the nonprofit funding policy requires clarification and revision. Recommended funding amounts included \$25,000 for Elevations, contingent upon reopening and meeting compliance requirements; \$25,000 for Pioneer Youth; \$4,250 for Celebrate Recovery; and \$3,000 for TCAC. One additional funding request was reduced from \$8,000 to \$4,250 to comply with policy guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ayers adjourned the Work Session Meeting at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully,

LeAnn Lehigh
City Clerk