City of Hogansville

City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday March 16, 2026 – 7:00 pm

Meeting will be held at Hogansville City Hall,
111 High Street, Hogansville, GA 30230

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

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order – Mayor Jake Ayers
2. Invocation & Pledge

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved by one blanket motion.

1. Approval of Agenda: Regular Meeting March 16, 2026
2. Approval of Minutes: Work Session Meeting March 2, 2026
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting March 2, 2026

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

1. Frederick Manley to Discuss Swings at Strozier Park

NEW BUSINESS

1. SPLOST Expenditures

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Council Member Baswell
2. Council Member Neese
3. Council Member Ayers
4. Council Member Strickland
5. Council Member Taylor

MAYOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Real Estate Exemption
2. Litigation Exemption

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Upcoming Dates & Events

- ***March 19, 2026 – 6:00 pm | Meeting Planning and Zoning Commission at Hogansville City Hall***
- ***March 24, 2026 – 6:00 pm | Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority at Hogansville City Hall***
- ***March 26, 2026 – 6:00 pm |HPD Easter Egg Hunt at HES Hendrix Field***
- ***April 6, 2026 – 7:00 pm | Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council at Hogansville City Hall***

The Royal Theater Happenings

- ***Saturday, March 21, 2026 – 7:30 pm |LIVE EVENT: The Beat Goes On***
- ***Friday, March 27, 2026 – 7:30 pm |LIVE EVENT: The Blind Boys of Alabama***
- ***Saturday, March 28, 2026 – 2:00 pm |MOVIE: Mary Poppins***
- ***Saturday, March 28, 2026 – 7:00 pm |MOVIE: Burlesque***
- ***Saturday, April 25, 2026 – 7:30 pm |LIVE EVENT: One Night in Memphis***

Purchase tickets online 1937royaltheater.org or call the box office 706-955-4870

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REGULAR MEETING

March 2, 2026

Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Present were Mayor Ayers, Council Member Michael Taylor, Council Member Jason Baswell, Council Member Mandy Neese, Council Member Mark Ayers, 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 Baswell gave the invocation, and Mayor Ayers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Council Member Strickland moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.
Motion Carries 5-0

PRESENTATIONS

1. ***Hogansville Charitable Trust***

Mrs. Nicole Ayers explained that the Hogansville Charitable Trust has partnered with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to launch a free book program for Hogansville children. The program provides free books to children ages 0 to 5 in the 30230-zip code and is completely free to families.

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

1. ***Paula Darden to Discuss Data Centers and Emergency Situations***

Ms. Paula Darden voiced concerns on lithium-ion battery systems used in data centers. She stressed the Importance of strong building and fire codes at design/build stages.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Citizen Appointments – Planning Commission***

Motion: Council Member Strickland moved to reappoint Andrew Smith and Adrain Porter to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.
Discussion: None
Motion Carries 5-0

2. ***Citizen Appointments – Hogansville Downtown Development Authority***

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to appoint Alexandrea Boyett and Jackson Fussell to the Downtown Development Authority. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.
Discussion: Applicant Rick Harrell has withdrawn his application for consideration for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Council has requested that the board position be re-advertised and that staff also reach out to previous applicants who have recently applied for the open seat.
Motion Carries 5-0

3. ***Citizen Appointments – Hogansville Development Authority***

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to reappoint John McKibben to the Hogansville Development Authority. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.
Discussion: None
Motion Carries 5-0

4. ***Citizen Appointments – Historic Preservation Commission***

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to reappoint Carol Smith and Nicholas Murphey to the Historic Preservation Commission. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.
Discussion: None

Motion Carries 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. ***Real Estate Exemption***

Council Member Neese made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:48 pm under the Real Estate Exemption. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Motion Carries 5-0

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 9:13pm.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Council Member Ayers and duly seconded, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully,

LeAnn Lehigh
City Clerk

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Work Session Meeting
March 2, 2026

Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Work Session to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Mayor Ayers, Council Member Michael Taylor, Council Member Jason Baswell, Council Member Mandy Neese, Council Member Mark Ayers, and Council Member Kandis Strickland. Also present were City Manager Lisa Kelly, Assistant City Manager Oasis Nichols, City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh, City Attorney Alex Dixon, and Police Chief Jeff Sheppard.

1) SPLOST Discussion

Council held a planning discussion regarding allocation of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds. The current balance is approximately $750,000–$780,000, with monthly revenues averaging $80,000–$90,000. To ensure long-term planning and flexibility, Council agreed to reserve $500,000 for future Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) matches as follows:

- $250,000 – Water, sewer, and equipment
- $250,000 – Streets, pavement, and sidewalks

Staff will provide prioritized departmental needs and detailed cost estimates for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

Street Paving & LMIG Match

Council identified matching Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) funds as a mandatory and high-priority use of SPLOST funds. The City has approximately $70,000 in available LMIG funds requiring at least a 40% match. Council intends to match beyond the minimum requirement to maximize paving efficiency while contractors are mobilized.

Streets identified for review include:

- South Oak Street
- College Street
- Elm Street
- Duck Walk Way subdivision

Staff will research cost estimates and Council Members will inspect streets prior to final prioritization.

Parks & Recreation Improvements

Council discussed moving forward with smaller, high-impact park projects they would like to be completed before summer, allocating approximately $100,000 for immediate improvements.

Priorities include:

- Swings at Strozier Park and Pine Street Park
- Shade structures at Strozier Park and Green Park

Staff will research costs and applicable grants and present findings at a future meeting.

Other Infrastructure & Operational Needs

Council discussed additional priorities:

- Storm Drain Project (Dickinson & Green) – Engineering and cost analysis to continue for scaled-down project area.
- Phone System Replacement – Required before July 1; must include recorded lines for Police Department.
- Council Chamber AV System – Staff to research upgrade options.
- Tree Management – Monitor and plan for potential removal of large pecan trees on City property.

Staff will return within the next two meetings with cost analyses and recommendations to support final allocation decisions.

Mayor Ayers adjourned the Work Session at 6:54 pm.

Respectfully,

LeAnn Lehigh
City Clerk

Entry #: 48 - Frederick Manley **Status:** Submitted **Submitted:** 3/11/2026 7:02 PM

If you would like to request to be placed on the City Council Agenda, please fill out the form below and submit.

Request must be made no later than 12:00 pm the Wednesday prior to the meeting if you would like to be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Name

Frederick Manley

Phone

(678) 672-7351

Meeting date for which you wish to appear

3/16/2026

Question/Issue you wish to discuss:

Swings at Strozier part as spring approaches at 7 pm meeting

Please describe in detail:

Requesting funding to put swings at park, look at pricing/cost

Have you previously discussed this with the City Manager?

Yes

If yes, when?

Have you previously discussed this with the Mayor or a member of Council?

Yes

What was the response from such discussion(s)?

Not addressed

Why was the above response not adequate?

Because we currently have funds available to fund swings. I need to understand why we would not have the funds or the will to service the kids in the community.

What is the resolution you seek?

To resolve the issues of swings at water park. It's already a major attraction, a hub, swings will make it complete.

It is the intention of this process to resolve the question/issue without the necessity of an appearance at a Council meeting. I understand that such appearance requires the approval of the Mayor and that the appearance is limited to five (5) minutes.