



City of Hogansville
City Council
Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday April 6, 2026 – 7:00 pm

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

Table listing Mayor Jake Ayers (2029), Council Post 1-5 (2027), City Manager Lisa E. Kelly, Assistant City Manager Oasis Nichols, City Attorney Alex Dixon, Chief of Police Jeffrey Sheppard, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh.

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 April 6, 2026
2. Approval of Minutes: Work Session Meeting March 16, 2026
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting March 16, 2026

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

- 1. Gage Bailey to Discuss Data Center Ordinance
2. Ila Burdett to Discuss UDO Revisions
3. Paula Darden to Discuss Data Center Disposal of Water
4. Evie Kettler to Discuss Animal Ordinance
5. Karen Spurlock to Discuss Animal Ordinance

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. LRA Funding

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

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

MAYOR’S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Litigation Exemption

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Upcoming Dates & Events

- April 16, 2026 – 6:00 pm | Meeting Planning and Zoning Commission at Hogansville City Hall
April 20, 2026 – 7:00 pm | Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council at Hogansville City Hall
April 19-25, 2026 – GEORGIA CITIES WEEK
April 22, 2026 – Community Clean Up, Tire Amnesty, Shred at Calvin Hipp Park Downtown Hogansville
April 25, 2026 – Touch-A-Truck and Celebrate Recovery’s Annual Car Show – Downtown Hogansville

The Royal Theater Happenings

- Friday, April 4, 2026 – 7:00pm | LIVE EVENT: GlowBand Tribute to Eagles and Friends
April 17, 2026 – 7:00 pm | LIVE EVENT: Callaway High School’s Little Mermaid Live at the Royal Theater
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 16, 2026

Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:06 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, City Attorney Alex Dixon, City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh, and Police Chief Jeff Sheppard. Assistant City Manager Oasis Nichols was not present at the Regular Meeting.

Council Member Baswell gave the invocation, and Mayor Ayers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Motion Carries 5-0

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

1. Frederick Manley to Discuss Swings at Strozier Park

Mr. Manley stated that for over a year, he has been advocating for the installation of swings at Strozier Park, which he described as an "anchor park" for the community. He notes that the park is nearly complete with amenities like a water park, slides, and a pavilion, and adding swings would finalize it for children and families. Mr. Manley estimates the cost to be modest and believes SPLOST funds are available,

NEW BUSINESS

1. SPLOST Expenditures

Motion: Council Member Ayers moved to approve procurement and installation of a swing set for Strozier Park at a not-to-exceed amount of \$17,500, conditional on verifying the requirements for mulch and the perimeter. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Discussion: If the total cost with mulch and the perimeter exceeds \$17,500 the swing set will be ordered, and the Council will address the additional funding at the next meeting.

Motion Carries 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Real Estate Exemption

2. Litigation Exemption

Council Member Strickland made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:57 pm under the Real Estate & Litigation Exemptions. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Motion Carries 5-0

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:19pm.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Council Member Neese and duly seconded, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 9:19 pm.

Respectfully,

LeAnn Lehigh
City Clerk



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**Work Session Meeting
March 16, 2026**

Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Work Session to order at 6:03 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, City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh, City Attorney Alex Dixon, and Police Chief Jeff Sheppard. Assistant City Manager Oasis Nichols was not present at the Work Session meeting.

1) SPLOST Expenditures

A) Parks, Recreation, & Trails

The specific focus for parks was procuring a new swing set for Strozier Park. Quotes varied, but the existing quote from Burke at approximately \$15,000 remained the least expensive option. To reduce costs, using a local contractor for installation was recommended over expensive vendor crews. A suggestion was made to approve a "not-to-exceed" amount of \$17,500 for the project to move it forward. Regarding ground cover, the group discussed the high cost of rubberized mulch (approx. \$6,800 or \$400/cubic yard) versus "PlaySafe" sprayed wood mulch (approx. \$3,000). Consistency in equipment and ground cover across all parks was deemed important. The purchase of benches and picnic tables was deferred pending an AARP grant application that could fund some of these items.

B) Streets, Paving, Sidewalks

The council reviewed available funds, noting over \$750,000 in SPLOST funds, a \$150,000 paving budget, and an additional \$65,000-\$78,000 from G-DOT/LMIG. A proposal was made to allocate \$100,000 of the SPLOST funds for "fun" projects like parks, leaving approximately \$650,000 for infrastructure.

A list of priority road projects, totaling \$399,806 (or \$664,806 with the Duck Walk Way), was discussed. Due to the cost, these projects require a formal bidding process, which will take at least 30 days. To potentially save money, the council agreed to bundle several projects into a single bid package, including the Duck Walk Way, LMIG paving & patching in the northeast, and a location on Lincoln Street.

Concerns were raised about paving Elm Street due to a stalled apartment complex project. Heavy construction traffic could damage a newly paved road. It was noted the developer has already prepaid for sidewalks, and these funds will be used as a match for the Home Street project, which has been delayed because it's being used as a construction entrance. The group agreed to develop a plan for the Elm Street situation before proceeding with road repairs.

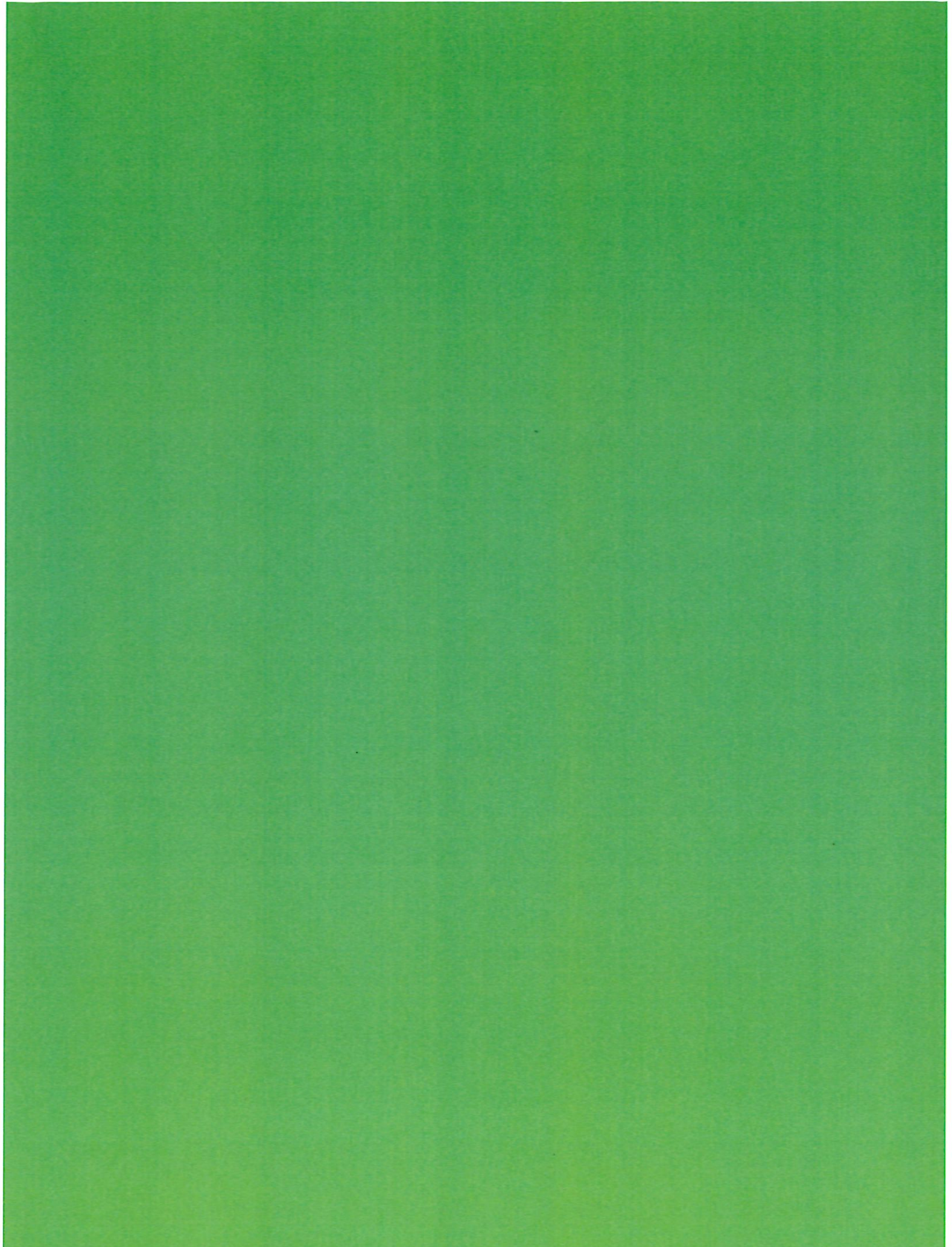
A suggestion was made to review the city's impact fees. The city also faces widespread issues with storm drains and failing pipes, indicating the need for a broader management plan.

Mayor Ayers adjourned the Work Session at 7:01pm.

Respectfully,

LeAnn Lehigh

City Clerk



Entry #: 50 - Gage Bailey

Status: Submitted

Submitted: 3/18/2026 3:45 PM

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

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Name

Gage Bailey

Phone

(706) 668-7988

Meeting date for which you wish to appear

3/30/2026

Question/Issue you wish to discuss:

Data Center Ordinances

Please describe in detail:

I'd like to give a few brief points on what I think will help the City of Hogansville craft strong data center ordinances. Information will be used from the feedback that I provided in previous ordinance drafts.

Have you previously discussed this with the City Manager?

Yes

If yes, when?

I haven't discussed the matter of a citizen appearance, but I have sent feedback about the ordinances to her before.

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

Yes

What was the response from such discussion(s)?

I haven't discussed the matter of a citizen appearance but have mentioned to a few members the feedback that I have shared before. I think it's important for them to hear the points I'd give in such an appearance.

Why was the above response not adequate?

I'm looking for greater clarification on what their thoughts are on the feedback that I have given so far.

What is the resolution you seek?

I want to further motivate the council to implement the strongest protections possible in the ordinances so that residents will be able to maintain their quality of life. In addition, I wish to foster more collaboration amongst the council and citizens.

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.

Entry #: 52 - ILA BURDETTE

Status: Submitted

Submitted: 4/1/2026 1:40 PM

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Name

ILA BURDETTE

Phone

(404) 275-0499

Meeting date for which you wish to appear

4/6/2026

Question/Issue you wish to discuss:

UDO Revisions

Please describe in detail:

Issues related to the evolving amendment drafts, including the new DLI reporting category Aaron Fortner has created.

Have you previously discussed this with the City Manager?

Yes

If yes, when?

Several times during the last few months

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

Yes

What was the response from such discussion(s)?

There has been general agreement on the care required to protect the City from adverse effects of data centers in the new Heavy Industrial District.

Why was the above response not adequate?

Individual issues with the latest revision have arisen recently during Working Group meetings where the general public has not been allowed to participate in discussions.

What is the resolution you seek?

A careful examination of the UDO revisions to help iron out remaining wrinkles.

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Entry #: 53 - Paula Darden

Status: Submitted

Submitted: 4/1/2026 5:19 PM

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Name

Paula Darden

Phone

(770) 301-0648

Meeting date for which you wish to appear

4/6/2026

Question/Issue you wish to discuss:

Data center use and disposal of water

Please describe in detail:

I wish to speak to the whole council about disposal of contaminated water

Have you previously discussed this with the City Manager?

Yes

If yes, when?

By email 10 days ago. Approximately

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

Yes

What was the response from such discussion(s)?

I want to express my opinion to the whole council

Why was the above response not adequate?

I want to express my opinion to the whole council

What is the resolution you seek?

I want to be heard

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Entry #: 49 - Evie Kettler **Status:** Submitted **Submitted:** 3/13/2026 4:07 PM

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Name

Evie Kettler

Phone

(706) 333-7101

Meeting date for which you wish to appear

4/6/2026

Question/Issue you wish to discuss:

dogs

Please describe in detail:

revising the animal ordinance

Have you previously discussed this with the City Manager?

No

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)?

Yes i have talked to the mayor and some the council members.

Why was the above response not adequate?

Nothing has changed or been discussed publicly

What is the resolution you seek?

Change

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.

Entry #: 51 - Karen Spurlock **Status:** Submitted **Submitted:** 3/29/2026 1:11 PM

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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

Karen Spurlock

Phone

(239) 231-0636

Meeting date for which you wish to appear

4/6/2026

Question/Issue you wish to discuss:

Animal ordinance

Please describe in detail:

Animal control

Have you previously discussed this with the City Manager?

No

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)?

Look into it

Why was the above response not adequate?

Nothing changed

What is the resolution you seek?

Animal ordinance amended

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