



City of Hogansville
City Council
Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 16, 2026 – 7:00 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

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 February 16, 2026
2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting February 2, 2026
3. Approval of Minutes: Work Session Meeting February 2, 2026

PRESENTATION

1. Wanda Lowe to Discuss Promoting Free Event for Hogansville

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

1. Paula Darden to Discuss Data Centers and PFAS Pollution

NEW BUSINESS

1. Street Repair at Duck Walk Way
2. Citizen Appointments – Planning Commission Discussion Only
3. Citizen Appointments – Hogansville Downtown Development Authority Discussion Only
4. Citizen Appointments – Hogansville Development Authority Discussion Only
5. Citizen Appointments – Historic Preservation Commission Discussion Only
6. Hogansville Charitable Trust Green Patch Contribution

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

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

MAYOR’S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Real Estate Exemption

ADJOURN

Upcoming Dates & Events

- February 17, 2026 – 6:30 pm | Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- February 19, 2026 – 6:00 pm | Meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- February 24, 2026 – 6:00 pm | Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority at Hogansville City Hall
- March 2, 2026 – 7:00 pm | Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council at Hogansville City Hall

The Royal Theater Happenings

- Friday, February 20, 2026 – 7:00 pm | MOVIE: Major League
- Saturday, February 21, 2026 – 2:00 pm | MOVIE: Kung fu Panda 2
- Saturday, February 21, 2026 – 7:00 pm | MOVIE: Madea’s Family Reunion
- Saturday, February 28, 2026 – 7:30 pm | LIVE EVENT: Grammy Award Winning Rebirth Brass Band
- Tuesday, March 3, 2026 – 7:30 pm | LOCAL: Storytelling with Rev. Robert B. Jones
- Friday, March 6, 2026 – 7:00 pm | MOVIE: Cool Hand Luke

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

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Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 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 Attorney Alex Dixon, City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh, and Police Chief Jeff Sheppard.

Council Member Taylor 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 Strickland.

Motion Carries 5-0

PRESENTATIONS

1. Wanda Lowe to Discuss Promoting Free Event for Hogansville

Ms. Wanda Lowe presented on the upcoming event featuring Rev. Robert Jones (musician/storyteller from Detroit). The event is designed to promote storytelling and provide free entertainment. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3rd, at 7:30 PM at the Royal Theater.

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

1. Paula Darden to Discuss Data Centers and PFAS Pollution

Ms. Paula Darden voiced opposition to the Hightower Road data center project. She detailed health risks associated with PFAS found in fire suppression systems and e-waste. She urged the council to oppose the project and strengthen environmental ordinances.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Street Repair at Duck Walk Way

Motion: Council Member Baswell moved to allow repairing the full section of roadway on Duck Walk Way not-to-exceed \$25,000, contingent upon obtaining three quotes and verifying sewer alignment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Discussion: Council discussed a failing street section and manhole in the Mallard Lake subdivision caused by improper sewer lateral installation and poor compaction. The recommended repair would cover approximately 1,875 square feet rather than just the immediate manhole area. Funding was identified from LOST (Streets and Pavement).

One quote was received from Crawford Grading, which would subcontract the work. Council expressed a preference for a DOT-certified paving specialist and requested that at least two additional quotes be obtained.

Motion Carries 5-0

Items 2-5 were discussed together as one item: Citizen Appointments – Discussion Only

Staff presented applicants for vacancies on several boards. This was for discussion only; appointments will occur at the next meeting.

2. **Planning Commission:** Three openings
3. **Downtown Development Authority (DDA):** Three vacancies
4. **Hogansville Development Authority:** One seat
5. **Historic Preservation Commission:** Two seats

6. Hogansville Charitable Trust Green Patch Contribution

Motion: Council Member Baswell moved to approve the motion to accept the donation from the Charitable Trust to add a swing set to the Green Avenue Park (Green Patch) and authorize the necessary city contribution for landscaping/playground mulch in the amount of \$3,000. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: Brandon Rettke with the Hogansville Charitable Trust stated that at its last meeting, the Trust agreed to donate a swing set for Green Avenue Park (Green Patch) at an estimated cost of \$11,000–\$12,000. The Trust is requesting the City contribute approximately \$3,000 for rubber mulch and landscaping.

Motion Carries 4-0 with Council Member Neese Recusing

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Real Estate Exemption

Council Member Neese made a motion to move into Executive Session at 8:108pm under the Real Estate Exemption. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Motion Carries 5-0

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 9:33pm.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Council Member Strickland and duly seconded, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 9:33 pm.

Respectfully,



LeAnn Lehigh
City Clerk