



City of Hogansville
Mayor & Council Retreat
Saturday, February 21, 2026

Meeting to be held at Hogansville Municipal Annex, 600 E. Main St, 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

The Mayor and Council of the City of Hogansville will hold a Mayor & Council Retreat on Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm at the Hogansville Municipal Annex located at 600 East Main Street, Hogansville, GA 30230.



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02/21/2026**

The Mayor and Council held a Mayor and Council Retreat on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at the Hogansville Municipal Annex, 600 East Main Street, Hogansville, GA 30230.

Present were Mayor Jake Ayers; Council Members Michael Taylor, Jason Baswell, Mandy Neese, Mark Ayers, and Kandis Strickland. Also present were City Manager Lisa Kelly, Assistant City Manager Oasis Nichols, City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh, and City Attorney Alex Dixon.

The following City staff were also present: Public Works Director Andy Jones; Public Works Clerk Amber Johnson; Water Supervisor Matt Ivester; Gas Superintendent Ryan Diaz; Captain Rick Milliron; Assistant Police Chief James Vincent; Community Development Director Dhayna Portillo; WWTP Supervisor Mark Hammond; WWTP Operator Branden Christopher; Customer Service Manager Ameia Williams; Accountant Rhonda Richardson; Theater Director Rob Dippel; and Theater Front of House (FOH) Coordinator Alexandria Boyett.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

During the retreat, the Mayor and Council engaged in in-depth discussions regarding budget requests from departments, upcoming capital and infrastructure projects, and updates on ongoing projects throughout the City. Staff provided insight into current operational needs, projected expenditures, and priority initiatives.

Draft ordinances and potential policy considerations were also reviewed and discussed to ensure alignment with the City's long-term goals and regulatory responsibilities. Additionally, the Mayor and Council provided guidance on their vision and strategic direction for the City of Hogansville. Discussions focused on operating in a more aligned and cohesive manner across departments, strengthening communication, prioritizing responsible growth, and ensuring decisions are made with the betterment of the community at the forefront.

The retreat served as an opportunity for collaborative planning, goal setting, and establishing clear expectations moving forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully,

LeAnn Lehigh
City Clerk