



City of Hogansville
City Council
Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, May 5, 2025 – 7:00 pm

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

Mayor: <i>Jake Ayers</i>	2025	City Manager: <i>Lisa E. Kelly</i>
Council Post 1: <i>Michael Taylor, Jr</i>	2025	Assistant City Manager: <i>Oasis Nichols</i>
Council Post 2: <i>Jason Baswell</i>	2025	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 May 5, 2025
2. Approval of Minutes: Work Session April 21, 2025
3. Approval of Minutes: Public Hearing & Regular Meeting April 21, 2025

Presentations

1. Employee Recognition – Captain Jack Hollis – 5 Year Anniversary
2. Employee Recognition – Andy Jones – 20 Year Anniversary
3. Presentation – Andy Jones – Adopt A Street Program
4. Frederick Manley - Georgia Youth Impact Project Update and Request

Citizen Appearances

1. Mike Johnson to Discuss Transparency

Old Business

1. Ordinance – 2nd Reading & Adoption – UDO Amendments
2. Board Appointments – Planning & Zoning Commission
3. Board Appointments – Parks & Recreation Board

New Business

1. Preliminary Plat Approval – Project Hummingbird
2. Anticipated Millage Rate
3. Parks & Recreation – Pickleball Netting Replacement Discussion

City Manager's Report

Assistant City Manager's Report

Chief of Police Report

Council Member Reports

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

Mayor's Report

Executive Session

1. Real Estate Exemption

Adjourn

Upcoming Dates & Events – May 2025

- May 15, 2025 – 6:00 pm | Meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- May 19, 2025 – 7:00 pm | Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council at Hogansville City Hall
- May 20, 2025 – 6:30pm | Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- Thursday, May 22, 2025 – SPLASH PAD OPENING DAY!
- May 26, 2025 – City Offices Closed for Memorial Day
- May 27, 2025 – 6:30 pm | Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority at Hogansville City Hall

The Royal Theater Happenings – May 2025

- Saturday, May 10, 2025 – 7:30 pm – LIVE EVENT: 1964 (Beatles Tribute)
 - Friday, May 16, 2025 – 7:00 pm – MOVIE: Bonnie & Clyde
 - Saturday, May 17, 2025 – 7:00 pm – MOVIE: The Shining
- Purchase tickets online 1937royaltheater.org or call the box office

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PERMANENT RECORD

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

Regular Meeting

May 5, 2025

Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were 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, Police Chief Jeff Sheppard, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh. Council Member Mark Ayers was not present at tonight's meeting.

Council Member Taylor gave an 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 Taylor.

Motion Carries 4-0

Presentations

1. Employee Recognition – Captain Jack Hollis – 5 Year Anniversary

Captain Jack Hollis of the Hogansville Police Department was recognized for his five years of dedicated service. Captain Hollis was recently promoted to Patrol Commander and is committed to community engagement and improved policing.

2. Employee Recognition – Andy Jones – 20 Year Anniversary

Public Works Director Andy Jones joined the city April 22, 2005 and has worked in electric, water, public works, and garage departments. He was praised for developing procedures for service improvements, leading department growth, and supporting city events (e.g., theater operations, grilling at events, blood drives). Andy Jones achieved Certified Public Works Director certification three years ago and was praised for his hands-on leadership, community support, and passion for city improvement.

3. Presentation – Andy Jones – Adopt A Street Program

Public Works Director Andy Jones has been developing the Adopt-A-Street program for over 3.5 years to try and increase citizen involvement in city cleanliness. Citizens/groups can adopt streets, receive starter kits (vests, gloves, biodegradable bags, thank-you note). The program is modeled after similar initiatives in other cities; aims for sponsorship/donation-based funding (~\$2,500/year for signs and supplies). Sign-up currently in-person at City Hall; online forms to be added. Full instructions, safety guidelines, and waivers included in starter kits. City will assist with trash collection if needed. One entity has already committed to adopting a street and formal recognition of that entity will be planned for a future meeting.

4. Frederick Manley – Georgia Youth Impact Project Update and Request

Frederick Manley addressed Council about installing a swing set at Strozier Park (none currently in city parks). Council was supportive but noted recent \$140,000 playground investment at Strozier Park. The addition of swings and other amenities (benches, canopies) to be considered in next fiscal year's budget (July–June). Funding and long-term park planning cited as key considerations.

Mr. Manley also spoke about his plans for affordable summer youth programs through the Georgia Youth Impact Project, including a talent show at the Royal Theater. Programs postponed from spring break to summer to increase accessibility and affordability. Emphasis on sensitivity to local income levels and maximizing participation. He would like to further discuss details at the next Council Work Session meeting.

Citizen Appearance

1. Mike Johnson to Discuss Transparency

Mike Johnson again voiced concerns about transparency, potential conflicts of interest, and city funding to Pioneer Group and related entities. Mayor Ayers asked Mr. Johnson what resolution he is seeking, however no specific resolution was given by Mr. Johnson. Mayor Ayers offered to discuss concerns further outside the meeting.

Old Business

1. Ordinance – 2nd Reading and Adoption– UDO Amendments

Council Member Neese moved to adopt the Ordinance with major amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). The motion was seconded by Council Member Baswell.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 4-0

2. Board Appointments – Planning & Zoning Commission

Council Member Neese moved to appoint Sue Harrell to the Planning & Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 4-0

3. Board Appointments – Parks & Recreation Board

Council Member Neese moved to appoint Frederick Manley to the Parks & Recreation Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Baswell.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 4-0

New Business

1. Preliminary Plat Approval – Project Hummingbird

Council Member Taylor moved to approve the preliminary plat for Project Hummingbird. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 4-0

2. Anticipated Millage Rate

Council Member Neese moved to communicate to the Tax Commissioner's Office with the intent of maintaining the current millage rate at 7.950 mills. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Discussion: The City was asked to provide the anticipated millage rate to the Tax Commissioner for anticipated property tax bill notices that will go out in June. These early notices will give homeowners a good estimate of what their property tax bill will be in the fall. The millage rate is not binding until adopted by Council, after the budget and required public hearings. The City's millage rate has remained the same for the last 23 years.

Motion Carries 4-0

3. Parks & Recreation – Pickleball Netting Replacement Discussion

Council agreed to allow replacement of the pickleball netting (not frames) at the tennis courts for a cost of \$70 per net. City Manager will coordinate with Parks & Rec to get the nets ordered.

Executive Session

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to go into Executive Session under the Real Estate Exemption 8:19pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Strickland.

Motion Carries 4-0

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:48pm.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Council Member Strickland and duly seconded, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 8:49pm.

Respectfully,



LeAnn Lehigh
City Clerk