



City of Hogansville
City Council
Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday March 2, 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 March 2, 2026
2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting February 16, 2026
3. Approval of Minutes: Mayor and Council Retreat Minutes February 21, 2026

NEW BUSINESS

1. Citizen Appointments – Planning Commission
2. Citizen Appointments – Hogansville Downtown Development Authority
3. Citizen Appointments – Hogansville Development Authority
4. Citizen Appointments – Historic Preservation Commission

PRESENTATION

1. Hogansville Charitable Trust

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

1. Paula Darden to Discuss Data Centers and Emergency Situations

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

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Upcoming Dates & Events

- *March 16, 2026 – 7:00 pm | Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council at Hogansville City Hall*
- *March 19, 2026 – 6:00 pm | Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting*
- *March 24, 2026 – 6:00 pm | Downtown Development Authority Meeting*

The Royal Theater Happenings

- *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*
- *Saturday, March 7, 2026 – 5:00 pm | MOVIE: Space Jam*
- *Friday, March 14, 2026 – 6:00 pm | LOCAL: Live Comedy with Andrew Stanley*
- *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*

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 7:01 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 Alexandria 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.

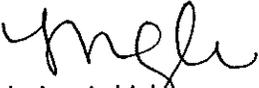
Motion Carries 5-0

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