



City of Hogansville

City Council

Work Session Meeting Agenda

Monday, June 2, 2025 – 5:30 pm

Meeting will be held at Hogansville City Hall

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

WORK SESSION – 5:30 pm

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Elevations of 5C's of Prophet – Annual Update and Funding Request
2. Pioneer Youth, Inc. – Annual Update and Funding Request
3. Georgia Youth Impact Project Funding Request by Frederick Manley
4. Annexation of Parcel Number 0030 000008
5. Rezoning of Parcel Numbers 0030 000008 and 0030 000007A to G-LI
6. LMIG – LRA Funding Project

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

Work Session Meeting - AMENDED
June 2, 2025

Call to Order: City Attorney Alex Dixon called the Work Session to order at 5:30pm. Present were Council Member Michael Taylor, Council Member Jason Baswell, Council Member Mark Ayers, and Council Member Kandis Strickland. Also present were City Manager Lisa Kelly, City Attorney Alex Dixon, Police Chief Jeff Sheppard, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh. Mayor Jake Ayers, Council Member Mandy Neese, and Assistant City Manager Oasis Nichols were not present at tonight's meeting.

Order of Business

1. Elevations of 5C's of Prophet – Annual Update and Funding Request

Charron Prophet with Elevations of 5C's of Prophet gave an update on their budget, and he is requesting the City to continue annual funding of \$25,000 to help with operations. He stated that summer camp has started with 42 enrolled children and ongoing inquiries for more. Children attend from multiple counties (e.g., Heard County, Meriwether County, Coweta County, etc.). The program serves a fluctuating number of children (initially around 70, now 60–65, with high pre-kindergarten enrollment). The program is now licensed and working toward a quality rating. Quality rating requires meeting curriculum standards and teacher training (all teachers complete Georgia PDS or equivalent). Capacity is 95 children; the peak operation is around 80. As a state-bound center, it can now accept children from neighboring communities and serve older students (middle school and beyond). He stated that insurance costs have risen significantly due to a new umbrella insurance requirement (\$1–\$2 million coverage). Budget adjustments are ongoing, especially after increasing staff from four or five teachers last year. Last year's operating budget was about \$400,000, with a detailed review scheduled for July.

2. Pioneer Youth, Inc. – Annual Update and Funding Request

Emily Abraham with Pioneer Youth gave an annual update on the program, now in its 4th year. The program serves ages 7-17 at its Granite Street center. The program is free for all kids and includes daily snacks, weekly meals, and access to a "dignity store" for hygiene items. The program currently serves about 40 children daily and has reached over 130 children in total. Additional programs include back-to-school supply events, Christmas sponsorships with the Pilot Club, and state-funded social emotional learning initiatives. Future plans include program expansion, annex building renovation, and strengthening community partnerships, with a focus on adolescent programming. Mrs. Abraham stated that rising insurance costs are also a concern for them. They are requesting for the City to continue annual funding of \$25,000.

3. Georgia Youth Impact Project Funding Request by Frederick Manley

Frederick Manley with the Georgia Youth Impact Project gave a presentation to Council requesting total funding of \$25,000, with the first \$7,400 to be paid for his adjusted one-week program for July. The original eight-week curriculum will be condensed to a one-week program for July. Funding for the one-week program is proposed to be included in the overall funding request if approved. Focus on gun violence prevention, substance abuse, family trauma, and mental health. Curriculum includes prevention, early intervention, and alternative programs addressing vaping, drug addiction, and meth use. He gave an overview of his anticipated revenue of \$50,000 (with funding coming from the City of Hogansville, grants, and donations). He anticipates his expenses to be \$45,000 for staff, materials, and transportation.

4. **Annexation of Parcel Number 0030 000008 and 5. Rezoning of Parcel Numbers 0030 000008 and 0030 000007A to G-LI**

Civil Engineer John Wise gave a presentation to Council regarding the request to annex an 85-acre parcel on Emmaus Church Road into the City of Hogansville and rezone that parcel and the adjacent parcel of approximately 8 acres, already inside the City limits, from CR-MX to G-LI.


The planned development will be three small-to-mid-sized industrial warehouses. The sanitary sewer will be provided by Meriwether County and all other utilities come from the City of Hogansville. Planned improvements include widening the road on Emmaus Church Road and intersection upgrades to Highway 54 and Sims Road per DRI recommendations. Council emphasized the need for a development agreement specifying traffic studies and DOT coordination for truck access, intersection safety, and buffer zones to protect nearby residential areas.

5. **LMIG – LRA Funding Project**

City Manager Lisa Kelly asked Council for their recommendation for using the \$65,000 LRA funds. After previous discussions, Council agreed with using the funding to upgrade existing sidewalks needing repair and addressing the need for safety railings on Askew Avenue at Granite Street.

City Attorney Alex Dixon adjourned the Work Session at 6:33pm.

Respectfully,



LeAnn Lehigh
City Clerk