



City of Hogansville

## City Council

Work Session Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 2, 2026 – 6:00 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

### WORK SESSION – 6:00 PM

#### BUSINESS

1. SPLOST Discussion

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

**Work Session Meeting**  
**March 2, 2026**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Jake Ayers called the Work Session to order at 6:00 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 Clerk LeAnn Lehigh, City Attorney Alex Dixon, and Police Chief Jeff Sheppard.

**1) SPLOST Discussion**

Council held a planning discussion regarding allocation of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds. The current balance is approximately \$750,000–\$780,000, with monthly revenues averaging \$80,000–\$90,000. To ensure long-term planning and flexibility, Council agreed to reserve \$500,000 for future Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) matches as follows:

- \$250,000 – Water, sewer, and equipment
- \$250,000 – Streets, pavement, and sidewalks

Staff will provide prioritized departmental needs and detailed cost estimates for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

**Street Paving & LMIG Match**

Council identified matching Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) funds as a mandatory and high-priority use of SPLOST funds. The City has approximately \$70,000 in available LMIG funds requiring at least a 40% match. Council intends to match beyond the minimum requirement to maximize paving efficiency while contractors are mobilized.

Streets identified for review include:

- South Oak Street
- College Street
- Elm Street
- Duck Walk Way subdivision

Staff will research cost estimates and Council Members will inspect streets prior to final prioritization.

**Parks & Recreation Improvements**

Council discussed moving forward with smaller, high-impact park projects they would like to be completed before summer, allocating approximately \$100,000 for immediate improvements.

Priorities include:

- Swings at Strozier Park and Pine Street Park
- Shade structures at Strozier Park and Green Park

Staff will research costs and applicable grants and present findings at a future meeting.

**Other Infrastructure & Operational Needs**

Council discussed additional priorities:

- Storm Drain Project (Dickinson & Green) – Engineering and cost analysis to continue for scaled-down project area.
- Phone System Replacement – Required before July 1; must include recorded lines for Police Department.
- Council Chamber AV System – Staff to research upgrade options.
- Tree Management – Monitor and plan for potential removal of large pecan trees on City property.

Staff will return within the next two meetings with cost analyses and recommendations to support final allocation decisions.

Mayor Ayers adjourned the Work Session at 6:54 pm.

Respectfully,



LeAnn Lehigh

City Clerk