



City of Hogansville

City Council

Work Session Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 16, 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 Expenditures
 - A. Parks, Recreation, & Trails
 - B. Streets, Paving, Sidewalks



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PERMANENT RECORD

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Call to Order: Mayor Jake Ayers called the Work Session to order at 6:03 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, City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh, City Attorney Alex Dixon, and Police Chief Jeff Sheppard. Assistant City Manager Oasis Nichols was not present at the Work Session meeting.

1) SPLOST Expenditures

A) Parks, Recreation, & Trails

The specific focus for parks was procuring a new swing set for Strozier Park. Quotes varied, but the existing quote from Burke at approximately \$15,000 remained the least expensive option. To reduce costs, using a local contractor for installation was recommended over expensive vendor crews. A suggestion was made to approve a "not-to-exceed" amount of \$17,500 for the project to move it forward. Regarding ground cover, the group discussed the high cost of rubberized mulch (approx. \$6,800 or \$400/cubic yard) versus "PlaySafe" sprayed wood mulch (approx. \$3,000). Consistency in equipment and ground cover across all parks was deemed important. The purchase of benches and picnic tables was deferred pending an AARP grant application that could fund some of these items.

B) Streets, Paving, Sidewalks

The council reviewed available funds, noting over \$750,000 in SPLOST funds, a \$150,000 paving budget, and an additional \$65,000-\$78,000 from G-DOT/LMIG. A proposal was made to allocate \$100,000 of the SPLOST funds for "fun" projects like parks, leaving approximately \$650,000 for infrastructure.

A list of priority road projects, totaling \$399,806 (or \$664,806 with the Duck Walk Way), was discussed. Due to the cost, these projects require a formal bidding process, which will take at least 30 days. To potentially save money, the council agreed to bundle several projects into a single bid package, including the Duck Walk Way, LMIG paving & patching in the northeast, and a location on Lincoln Street.

Concerns were raised about paving Elm Street due to a stalled apartment complex project. Heavy construction traffic could damage a newly paved road. It was noted the developer has already prepaid for sidewalks, and these funds will be used as a match for the Home Street project, which has been delayed because it's being used as a construction entrance. The group agreed to develop a plan for the Elm Street situation before proceeding with road repairs.

A suggestion was made to review the city's impact fees. The city also faces widespread issues with storm drains and failing pipes, indicating the need for a broader management plan.

Mayor Ayers adjourned the Work Session at 7:01pm.

Respectfully,

LeAnn Lehigh
City Clerk