



City of Hogansville

## City Council

### Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, August 18, 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 August 18, 2025
2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting August 4, 2025

#### CITIZEN APPEARANCE

1. Jimmy Norred to discuss Solicitation Ordinance

#### PRESENTATION

1. Employee Recognition – LeAnn Lehigh – 5 Year Anniversary

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. CDBG 2026 - Procurement – Grant Writer/Administrator
2. CDBG 2026 - Procurement – Engineering
3. Authorization to Open New Checking Account

#### 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. Litigation Exemption
2. Real Estate Exemption

#### ADJOURN

#### Upcoming Dates & Events

- August 19, 2025 – 6:30pm | Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- August 21, 2025 – 6:00 pm | Meeting of the Hogansville Planning & Zoning Commission at Hogansville City Hall
- August 26, 2025 – Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority at Hogansville City Hall
- September 2, 2025 – Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council at Hogansville City Hall

#### The Royal Theater Happenings Aug/Sept 2025

- Friday, August 22, 2025 – 7:00 pm | MOVIE: This is It
  - Saturday, August 23, 2025 – 7:00 pm | MOVIE: Despicable Me
  - Friday, August 29, 2025 – 7:00 pm | MOVIE: Bullit
  - Saturday, August 30, 2025 – 7:00 pm | MOVIE: Gone in 60 Seconds
  - Saturday, September 6, 2025 – 7:00 pm | MOVIE: Star Wars: The Force Awakens Fundraiser
  - Saturday, September 20, 2025 – 7:30 pm | LIVE EVENT: Jontavious Willis
- Purchase tickets online [1937royaltheater.org](https://1937royaltheater.org) or call the box office 706-955-4870

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## **Regular Meeting**

**August 18, 2025**

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, Police Chief Jeff Sheppard, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh.

Council Member Baswell gave an invocation, and Mayor Ayers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** Council Member Neese moved to amend and then to approve the consent agenda, adding a presentation from Chaplain George Bailey and a Presentation from State Representative David Huddleston. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

**Motion Carries 5-0**

### **CITIZEN APPEARANCE**

#### ***1. Jimmy Norred to Discuss Solicitation Ordinance***

Mr. Jimmy Norred expressed his frustration regarding the City's year-long inaction on his complaint about Solicitation Ordinance 54-50, which he first filed on June 29, 2024. He contended that the ordinance is unconstitutional. He stated the ordinance is outdated, superseded by state law, and has never been enforced, questioning why it is still on the books.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### ***Chaplain George Bailey***

Chaplain George Bailey reported on his duties and the training he received at the Georgia Association of Law Enforcement conference in Warner Robins from August 11th to August 14th, 2025. His training included topics like death notifications, human trafficking, stress management, and ethics. He outlined the requirements to become a chaplain and mentioned his plan to participate in the 'National Night Out' event in September to support officers and their families.

#### ***State Representative David Huddleston***

State Representative David Huddleston discussed his commitment to servant leadership and his efforts for the Hogansville area. He highlighted his responsiveness to constituent concerns, such as addressing safety issues by getting tree limbs cut on Highway 154 and adding bus stop signs on Highway 54. He also provided updates on major infrastructure projects.

#### ***Employee Recognition – LeAnn Lehigh – 5 Year Anniversary***

City Manager Lisa Kelly recognized City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh for her fifth year of service with the City.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### ***1. CDBG 2026 – Procurement – Grant Writer/Administrator***

**Motion:** Council Member Neese moved to select Alan Smith Consulting for the CDBG 2026 Grant Writer/Administrator. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Carries 5-0**

#### ***2. CDBG 2026 – Procurement – Engineering***

**Motion:** Council Member Strickland moved to select Turnipseed Engineers for CDBG 2026 engineering services. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Carries 5-0**



### **3. Authorization to Open New Checking Account**

**Motion:** Council Member Taylor moved to approve the City to open a new checking account for Escrow funds, with the same check signors as all other City checking accounts. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

**Discussion:** The builder DreamFinders, responsible for the Jones Crossing and Moss Creek Townhomes developments, requested to establish an escrow account with the city. This account would be funded by them to streamline the payment of tap fees, building permits, and other development fees, which they find more efficient than their current process.

**Motion Carries 5-0**

*\*Account signers for the new account are: Lisa Kelly, Oasis Nichols, LeAnn Lehigh, Jeffrey Sheppard, Jake Ayers, and Mandy Neese*

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** Council Member Neese moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:04 pm under the Litigation Exemption and Real Estate Exemption. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

**Motion Carries 5-0**

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:47pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Council Member Strickland and duly seconded, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully,

  
LeAnn Lehigh  
City Clerk