



City of Hogansville
City Council
Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, October 20, 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

PUBLIC HEARING – MILLAGE RATE – 7:00 PM

A Public Hearing to Hear Citizen Comments on the Millage Rate

REGULAR MEETING – IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING

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: Public Hearing & Regular Meeting October 20, 2025
2. Approval of Minutes: 10am Public Hearing October 6, 2025
3. Approval of Minutes: Work Session Meeting October 6, 2025
4. Approval of Minutes: Public Hearing & Regular Meeting October 6, 2025 - Cancelled
5. Approval of Minutes: Called Meeting, October 14, 2025

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

1. Toni Teagle to Discuss NAMI
2. Frederick Manley to Discuss GYIP Funding

PRESENTATIONS

1. Employee Recognition – Marcus Rakestraw – 5 Years of Service
2. Introduction of New Police Officers

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance – 2nd Reading and Adoption – Commercial Solicitation Repeal
2. Proclamation – Red Ribbon Week
3. Millage Rate Adoption
4. Construction Agreement - Amazon
5. Royal Theater Needs
6. Non-Profit Funding Policy
7. Meriwether County Amended Gas Agreement

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

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Upcoming Dates & Events

- *October 28, 2025 – Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority at Hogansville City Hall*
- *November 3, 2025 – Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council at Hogansville City Hall*

The Royal Theater Happenings September 2025

- *Friday, October 24, 2025 – 7:00 pm | MOVIE: Sinners*
- *Saturday, October 25, 2025 – MIDNIGHT SCREENING: The Rocky Horror Picture Show*
- *Saturday, October 25, 2025 – 7:00 pm | MOVIE: Little Shop of Horrors*
- *Friday, October 31, 2025 – 7:00 pm | MOVIE: Halloween*

Purchase tickets online 1937royaltheater.org or call the box office 706-955-4870

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PUBLIC HEARING – October 20, 2025 - 7:00 pm

Public Hearing – Millage Rate

Mayor Ayers called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 pm to hear citizen comments on the 2025 Millage Rate. There were no public comments, and the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Regular Meeting

October 20, 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 Captain Jack Hollis, and City Clerk LeAnn Lehigh. Police Chief Jeff Sheppard was not present at tonight's meeting.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Council Member Taylor moved to amend the agenda, striking Item #6 under New Business, adding a Resolution for the Comp Plan Adoption under New Business, and adding an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Motion Carries 5-0

Motion: Council Member Taylor moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Motion Carries 5-0

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

1. Toni Teagle to Discuss NAMI

Toni Teagle introduced "Echo of Hope Collective," a peer-led mental health and substance abuse support initiative for Hogansville and surrounding communities, with partnerships with NAMI Georgia, Georgia Parent Support Group, and others; programs include free support groups, wellness programs, education, stigma reduction, and resource sharing (988.org). She is requesting use of city facilities for free groups/events; visibility via city newsletter/social media; partnerships with schools and faith leaders. Council expressed appreciation and interest in future partnership

2. Frederick Manley to Discuss GYIP Funding

Frederick Manley referenced prior meeting (July 3) and concerns about youth program and nonprofit funding. He suggested an independent review board to recommend nonprofit funding; tiered nonprofit mapping; noted charter-based recusal requirements. Mayor Ayers noted that a nonprofit funding policy was discussed in the work session and was deferred for review, likely action at the next meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Employee Recognition – Marcus Rakestraw – 10 Years of Service

Captain Hollis recognized Lt. Marcus Rakestraw on his 10 years of service with the City of Hogansville Police Department.

2. Introduction of New Police Officers

Captain Hollis introduced the City's new Code Enforcement Officer, Jordyn Barnett and new Police Officers Justin Hendrix & Stephen Arndt.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance - 2nd Reading and Adoption – Commercial Solicitation Repeal

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to adopt the ordinance that would repeal chapter 54, article 3, Sections 54-50 through 54-54 of the commercial solicitation ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Baswell.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 5-0

2. Proclamation – Red Ribbon Week

City Manager Lisa Kelly read the Proclamation that proclaims October 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week at the request of Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services. No action was needed.

3. Millage Rate Adoption

Motion: Council Member Taylor moved to adopt the millage rate that remains the same at 7.95 mills. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 5-0

4. Construction Agreement - Amazon

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to approve the Construction Agreement with Amazon, contingent on developer fully funding escrow and transfer to GDOT. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 5-0

5. Royal Theater Needs

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to approve the purchase of items 1-4 on the request of needs for the Royal Theater in the amount of \$26,735, using remaining Royal Theater construction funds. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: Approved items: safety railings (\$6,712), communications system (\$6,999), green room kitchenette build-out (\$5,200), two illuminated display cases (\$7,824).

Motion Carries 5-0

ITEM NUMBER 6 WAS STRICKEN FROM THE AGENDA

7. Meriwether County Amended Gas Agreement

Motion: Council Member Taylor moved to approve the amended gas agreement with Meriwether County and City of Manchester. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neese.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 5-0

8. Resolution - Comp Plan Adoption

Motion: Council Member Neese moved to approve the Resolution adopting the 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan. The motion was seconded by Council Member Strickland.

Discussion: None

Motion Carries 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Council Member Strickland moved to enter into Executive Session under the Litigation Exemption at 8:21 pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ayers.

Discussion: None

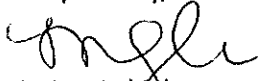
Motion Carries 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS RECONVENED AT 8:52 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Council Member Taylor and duly seconded, Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LeAnn Lehigh', written in a cursive style.

LeAnn Lehigh
City Clerk