



City of Powder Springs

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4426 Marietta Street
Powder Springs, GA 30127

Meeting Minutes - Final Council Work Session

*Mayor
Albert Thurman*

*Council Members:
Henry Lust, Doris Dawkins, Dwayne Green, Dwight McMutry, Patricia
Wisdom*

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

5:00 PM

Ford Center Reception Hall
4181 Atlanta Street | Building 2
Powder Springs, GA 30127

Location Information:

Onsite: Ford Center Reception Hall, 4181 Atlanta St., Powder Springs, GA 30127

Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86222891058>

Dial: 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 862 2289 1058

Call to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Henry Lust called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Mayor Albert Thurman was absent. All Council Members were present on site. Also present on site were City Attorney Julie Livingston and City Manager Pam Conner. City Clerk Kelly Axt was present via Zoom.

Staff in attendance: Phyllis Calloway, Dwayne Eberhart (Zoom), Travis Landrum, Rosalyn Nealy, Travis Sims (Zoom), and Henry Smith.

Present 5 - Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Henry Lust, Council Member - Ward 2 Doris Dawkins, Council Member - Ward 3 Dwayne Green, Council Member - At Large Post 1 Dwight McMutry, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Patricia Wisdom

Absent 1 - Mayor Al Thurman

Mayor's Comments

Work Session Matters

[RES0 25-090](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MARIANI ENTERPRISES LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$160,560.00 ANNUALLY.

Pam Conner, City Manager, recommends tabling to a later date to address staff concerns.

[RES0 25-091](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PATECO SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$58,800 FOR STREET SWEEPING SERVICES ON CERTAIN CITY ROADS EACH MONTH; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WATT COMMERCIAL SWEEPING, INC. TO EFFECTUATE SAME; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [Executed RESO 2025-091](#)

Dwayne Eberhart, Public Works Director, discussed the request for proposals (RFP) process and the recommendation to contract Pateco Services as the lowest and most responsive bidder at \$58,800.00 for street sweeping services.

[RES0 25-094](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TSW FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$94,600 TO PREPARE A USE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC PROPERTIES; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [Executed RESO 2025-094](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the request for proposals for an assessment for the use of the Ford Center Campus and the Primitive Baptist Church.

[RES0 25-093](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF POWDER SPRINGS (“CITY”) TO ENTER INTO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES, FIRE MARSHALL SPACE, COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT, AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE; GRANTING THE MAYOR AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [Executed RESO 2025-093](#)

[Animal Services IGA Powder Springs](#)

[IGA Cooperative Purchasing Powder Springs](#)

[IGA Powder Springs Fire Marshal space](#)

[IGA Powder Springs traffic signal maintenance](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the current service deliver agreement in place with Cobb County. Mrs. Conner added that if the City of Mableton and Cobb County doesn't come to a separate agreement then all involved Cobb County Cities agreements will be canceled. She also stated that the resolution authorizes the acceptance of these agreements as long as they are substantially similar.

Julie Livingston, City Attorney, discussed her concerns with traffic signal maintenance, animal services, fire marshal space, and the cooperative purchase governmental

agreements.

[RES0 25-095](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE JOINT LEGAL SERVICES AND REPRESENTATION WITH RELATING TO SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY NEGOTIATIONS; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [Executed RESO 2025-095](#)
[Continued Representation Letter to Mayors et al](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the continuation of the legal services with Andy Welch to represent the City's interest in mediation of service delivery negotiations with Cobb County.

[RES0 25-096](#) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING VOTING DELEGATES TO THE GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING DURING THE ANNUAL CONVENTION IN SAVANNAH; ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GMA BYLAWS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [Executed RESO 2025-096](#)
[GMA Bylaws - Proposed Amendments - Redline](#)
[GMA Bylaws - Proposed Amendments - Summary](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the resolution to authorize voting delegates and the change in the bylaws regarding establishing and/or ceasing advisory counsels with the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA).

[RES0 25-097](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CARL VINSON INSTITUTE FOR AN AMOUNT UP TO \$15,000 TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO A SALARY STUDY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [Executed RESO 2025-097](#)
[MOA City of Powder Springs Salary Study UGA final 05-02-25 partially executed](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the resolution to authorize the Carl Vinson Institute to conduct a salary study along side the Human Resources Department.

[RES0 25-098](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FOUR MOBILE AND ENCRYPTED IN-CAR RADIOS FROM MOTOROLA FOR AN AMOUNT OF UP TO \$28,000; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CERTAIN AGREEMENTS TO EFFECTUATE SAID PURCHASE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [Executed RESO 2025-098](#)

[Radio purchase for police 051425 Redacted](#)

Phyllis Calloway, Interim Agency Director, discussed the purchase of four police radios at a cost of \$27,812 that is already in the budget.

[ORD 25](#)
[-003](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING USE OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

1st Reading 2/3/25 2nd Reading 2/17/25 (Tabled)

Attachments: [Tabled ORD 2025-003](#)

[ORD 2025-003 EXH A GMA Model ROW Ordinance](#)

[GMA Model Utility ROW Encroachment Permit](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, recommends tabling ordinance to address staff concerns.

[ORD 25](#)
[-011](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POWDER SPRINGS (“CITY”) TO REPEAL SECTION 8-45 OF THE CITY OF POWDER SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO TERMINATION OF THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

1st Reading 05/19/2025 2nd Reading 06/02/2025

Attachments: [ORD 2025 - 011 Excise Tax on Lodging](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed that the current ordinance would need to be updated and consistent with the approved agreement with Cobb Galleria.

[ORD 25](#)
[-012](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND TO THE CAPITAL FUND AS ONE TIME EXPENDITURES; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

1st Reading 05/19/2025 2nd Reading 06/02/2025

Attachments: [ORDINANCE 2025 - 012 Budget Amendment transfer GF to Capital](#)

[Proposed Budget Amendment 5-19-25 and 6-2-25](#)

Travis Sims, Finance Director, discussed the amendments that will re-allocate funds to cover the City purchase of properties at the tax sale; increase finance budget for professional services; contract to purchase and configure several laptop computers; transportation study on Brownsville Road; projects not completed through the end of the fiscal year; the removal of the name on the Amphitheater; and police radio purchases.

[RPT 25-027](#)

Report - Presentation of Proposed FY26 Budget

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed that the budget presentation in full on Monday May 19, 2025.

[RPT 25-028](#)

Report - Departmental Update

Parks and Human Resources

Rosalyn Nealy, Human Resources Director, provided a report on promoting wellness, recruitment opportunities, and engagement in various training and development opportunities.

Travis Landrum, Parks and Recreation Director, provided a report on staff growth, professional development of staff, highlighted volunteers of 2024, new initiatives and park updates.

[RPT 25-029](#)

Report - anticipated change orders for city hall

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the placement of the access panel for the elevator on the rooftop.

Kelly Axt, Administrative Services Director, stated that due to the tariffs the furniture cost for the new city hall has increased.

Executive Session, if called for the purpose of Real Estate, Litigation or Personnel Matters**City Manager and Council Reports**

City Manager Pam Conner reminded the elected body that there will be proclamations this coming Monday May 19th for National Police Week and Public Work Appreciation Week.

Mayor Pro Tem Lust state he will be attending Tapp Middle School the next morning for their 7th Grade Awards; he'll also stand in for the Mayor on Friday for the Opening Ceremony of the Seafood Festival; reminded everyone to attend the Market Place in downtown Powder Springs this evening; and thanked everyone for joining the meeting.

Council Member Wisdom welcomed everyone that joined the meeting.

Council Member Dawkins thanked everyone for joining via Zoom and reminded everyone to attend the Seafood Festival.

Council Member Green shared his peace and blessing to everyone.

Council Member McMutry thanked everyone for attending the meeting via Zoom and

shared that he looks forward to the Seafood Festival.

Recess to Next Scheduled City Council Meeting

A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 3 Green, seconded by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, that this Recess to Monday May 19, 2025 at 6:30PM be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Henry Lust, Doris Dawkins, Dwayne Green, Dwight McMutry, and Patricia Wisdom

Absent: 1 - Al Thurman