



City of Powder Springs

City of Powder Springs
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, August 13, 2025

5:00 PM

City Hall
4483 Pineview Drive
2nd Floor Council Conference Room
Powder Springs, GA 30127

NO ZOOM AVAILABLE FOR THIS MEETING

NEW LOCATION - NEW CITY HALL

Call to Order

Mayor Albert Thurman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. All Council Members were present on site. Council Member Green arrived at 5:23pm. Also present on site were City Attorney Julie Livingston, City Manager Pam and City Clerk Kelly Axt.

Staff in attendance - Lane Cadwell, Phyllis Calloway, Travis Landrum, and Tamara Newkirt.

Present 6 - Mayor Al Thurman, 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

Mayor's Comments

Work Session Matters

[RPT 25-038](#) Report - Ingenuity Unlimited - Naming Right

Tony Alexander, of Ingenuity Unlimited, provided updates on the local business introductions and key takeaways, and naming rights postponement.

[RPT 25-039](#) Report- Code Enforcement Update

Phyllis Calloway, Interim Development & Infrastructure Agency Director, provided an update on Quality of Life (code enforcement), the initiation and response to citizen complaints, statistics and data on the business tax renewals, and abatements.

[RPT 25-040](#) Report - Reflections Benefits Office & Food Insecurity

Wayne Wright, Professional Services Contractor, discussed the proposed partnership with Reflections of Trinity to allow their services to screen applying citizens for mortgage and/or rental assistance as well as food insecurity.

[RPT 25-041](#) Report - Drainage Ditch Maintenance

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the responsibility of the ditch on New Macland Road that has overgrown.

Julie Livingston, City Attorney, added that the City code states if the drainage ditch is adjacent to a property owner the property owner is responsible for routine maintenance; however if debris is causing blockage or becomes a safety issue the City then becomes responsible.

[RPT 25-042](#) Report - Temporary Signs for SCAA event in Sept.

Travis Landrum, Parks and Recreation Director, discussed a request from the South Cobb Arts Alliance to align the Silver Comet Trail with temporary signage for their event.

[RPT 25-043](#) Report - Office Use - FMO

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the request to allow a Fire Marshall use of a second office while Cobb Fire is undergoing renovations.

[RPT 25-044](#) Report – parking by permit

Pam Conner, City Manager, asked for feedback from the Council regarding allowing permitted parking for nearby business employees on the gravel parking lot next to City Hall.

[RPT 25-045](#) Report – Short Term Rentals and code amendments

Pam Conner, City Manager, asked for feedback from the elected with regards to AirBnB and room rentals.

[RPT 25-046](#) Report – Marketing & PR Campaign

Michael Upshaw, of Above The Cloud Media, discussed his proposed plan to promote the City by having quarterly elected council member introductions, and marketing local businesses on social media.

[RPT 25-047](#) Report – Paseos

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed a possible utilization of two open spaces between two business buildings on Oakview Drive and for public use and access to additional parking.

[RPT 25-048](#)

Report – Right of Way – Powder Springs Road – Access Road

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the ongoing conversations regarding the access road acquisitions along Powder Springs Rd, the concerns of the storage company's signage and three parcel appraisals.

[RPT 25-049](#)

Report – Art Grant – Thriving Communities

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed applying for grants for an outdoor musical instruments and screen for the amphitheater.

[RPT 25-050](#)

Report – Food Truck Park

Pam Conner, City Manager, asked for the Council's support in going through Code Enforcement to enforce un-permitted activities.

Phyllis Calloway, Interim Agency Director, shared that the Quality of Life staff has made weekly visits with concerns of alcohol use, gambling on the site and un-permitted building adjustments.

[RPT 25-051](#)

Report - Heirloom Antiques and Art Gallery

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the request to allow Heirloom Antiques to sell teas and candles. Mrs. Conner added that the Council's feedback will change the condition of use for the already approved application should they approve the request.

[RPT 25-052](#)

Report - Thompson Thrift

Rob Hosack, of BH3 LLC, discussed the concurrency issues with the commercial building, clarifications with architectural and two annexations, and the project as it relates to Georgia Department of Transportation improvements.

[RES0
25-113](#)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT REMOVED FROM THE OLD CITY HALL, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND MUNICIPAL COURT FACILITIES AND CURRENTLY LOCATED IN STORAGE, INCLUDING THROUGH AUCTION, YARD SALE, SAME-DAY-REMOVAL OR SIMILAR MEANS; DECLARING AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN CITY VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the surplus of used City Hall, Community Development and Municipal Court furniture for a future yard sale.

[RES0
25-114](#)

A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE PAY CLASSIFICATION TABLE FOLLOWING THE COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT APPROVED FOR EMPLOYEES; ADDING JOB CLASSIFICATION TITLES TO SAID TABLE;

PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the adjustment pay table by half the percentage.

[RES0
25-123](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CIVICPLUS TO INCLUDE A CHATBOT SUBSCRIPTION FOR AN AMOUNT OF UP TO \$6000; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the recommendation by IT to utilize software for customer service purposes on the website.

[RES0
25-124](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA CRIME INFORMATION CENTER (GCIC) TO ACCESS BACKGROUND INFORMATION RELATING TO APPLICANTS FOR ALCOHOL LICENSES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed replacing a former employee with a current employee as point of contact for background licensing purposes.

[RES0
25-125](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH HOLIDAY DESIGNS FOR THE PURCHASE OF 72 HOLIDAY POLE MOUNTS FOR A SUM OF \$39,828 AS PART OF A DISCOUNT CHRISTMAS IN JULY SALE; AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION AND ACQUISITION OF INSTALLATION AND STORAGE FEES SUBJECT TO APPROVED BUDGET DOLLARS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Travis Landrum, Parks and Recreation Director, discussed the request by the elected body to expand the holiday decorations to include parts of New Macland, Old Lost Mountain, and Marietta Street in a phase approach and a cost of \$39,828.

[PZ 25-004](#)

Rezoning - To consider a change in the zoning conditions of PZ22-012. The property is Villas on Powder Springs Creek, located at 4975 and 5001 Hill Road, within land lot 953 of the 19th District, 2nd Section, and Cobb County, Georgia. PINs: 19095300070 & 19095300060.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed tabling or withdrawing rezoning application due to no resolve with NPDE (No Deforestation Peat and Exploitation).

Dinner recessed at 6:31pm

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, seconded by Council Member - At Large Post 1 McMutry, that this Dinner recess at 6:31pm be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Dinner concluded at 7:03pm

A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, seconded by Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom, that this Dinner conclude at 7:03pm be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Executive Session was called for the purpose of Real Estate, Litigation or Personnel Matters

A motion was made by Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom, seconded by Council Member - At Large Post 1 McMutry, that this Executive Session called for Personnel Matters be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Executive Session was concluded from the purpose of Personnel Matters

A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 3 Green, seconded by Council Member - At Large Post McMutry, that this Executive Session for personnel matters recess was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Al Thurman

City Manager and Council Reports

Recess to Next Scheduled City Council Meeting

A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 3 Green, seconded by Council Member - At Large Post McMutry, that this recess at 8:35 to the 8/18 City Council meeting was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Al Thurman