



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, April 30, 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/83669259246>

Dial: 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 836 6925 9246

Call to Order

Mayor Albert Thurman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Council Members Dawkins, Green, Lust and McMutry were present on site. Council Member Wisdom was absent. Also present on site were City Attorney Julie Livingston, City Manager Pam Conner and City Clerk Kelly Axt.

Staff in attendance: Lane Cadwell (Zoom), Phyllis Calloway, Tina Garver, Travis Landrum (Zoom), Tamara Newkirt, Travis Sims (Zoom), and Henry Smith.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Thurman mentioned that Council Member Wisdom is out of town attending her sister's funeral; and the he was a judge for the McEachern STEM Program last Tuesday.

Work Session Matters

[RES0 25-082](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT TO THE SOUTH COBB ARTS ALLIANCE FOR USE OF THE FORD CENTER RECEPTION HALL BETWEEN NOVEMBER 13 AND NOVEMBER 17, 2025 FROM 9AM TO 6PM DAILY TO CONDUCT ITS 2025 CHRISTMAS MARKET AND TEA ROOM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION 2025 - 082 SCAA Christmas Market at Ford Center](#)
[SAA Christmans House Event Ford Ctr 2025 Redacted](#)

Travis Landrum, Parks and Recreation Director, discussed the collaborative effort in working with the South Cobb Arts Alliance during the upcoming Christmas holiday in selling of vendor goods and entertainment at the Ford Center.

Mr. Landrum also discussed the recommended contract agreement with RCS Productions for services and entertainment for the July 4th event in the amount of \$16,400.

[RESO 25-083](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF POWDER SPRINGS CERTIFYING THE ANTICIPATED MILLAGE RATE TO TAX YEAR 2025; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION 2025-083 Certifying Millage Rate](#)
[Executed RESO 2025-083](#)

Travis Sims, Finance Director, discussed the anticipated millage rate for the tax year 2025. Mr. Sims added that House Bill 581 had a provision requesting jurisdictions to certify an estimated rollback millage rate; and can't be set at a higher rate.

[RESO 25-084](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TINA GARVER TO CONDUCT ZONING, DEVELOPMENT AND PROJECT ASSISTANCE FOR THE CITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR A MONTHLY FEE OF \$3000; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION 2025 - 084 Zoning etc assistance Tina Garver](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the recommended consulting contract with Tina Garver after she leaves her position with the City to assist in Community Development projects she's currently working on.

[RESO 25-085](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE WRIGHT TO CONTINUE TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO CERTAIN SPECIAL PROJECTS FROM THE CITY MANAGERS OFFICE, INCLUDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SERVICE DELIVERY, STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND LICENSING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR A MONTHLY FEE OF \$5000; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION 2025 - 085 Wayne Wright renewal](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the recommended renewal consulting contract with Wayne Wright for him to finish out the storm water improvement projects funded

by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); the affordable housing plan and the homelessness response plan; and other special projects.

[RES0 25-086](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT OR DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO AUTHORIZE VC3 TO CONFIGURE RECENTLY PURCHASED LAPTOPS WITH ALL SYSTEM FEATURES NEEDED FOR SYSTEM SUPPORT FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$24,780; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION 2025 - 086 Laptop Configuration](#)
[Laptop configuration quote](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the recommendation to allow VC3 to configure laptops of staff at a cost of \$24,780.

[ORD 25](#)
[-008](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE POWDER SPRINGS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

1st Reading 4/21/25 2nd Reading - 5/5/25

Attachments: [ORD 2025 - 008 Alcohol Bev](#)
[Exhibit A Alcohol Ordinance](#)

Tina Garver, Community Development Director, discussed verifying that MuniCode is updated to remove the restriction of alcohol on Thanksgiving and at Christmas events.

[ORD 25](#)
[-009](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE POWDER SPRINGS HEALTH SPA ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

1st Reading 4/21/25 2nd Reading 5/5/25

Attachments: [ORD 2025 - 009 Health Spas](#)
[ARTICLE XIV. HEALTH SPAS](#)

Tina Garver, Community Development Director, discussed the ordinance to strengthen the enforcement provisions in employment and signage. Mrs. Garver added that provisions follow suit with Cobb County's ordinance.

[PZ 24-029](#) Rezoning Request to rezone an approximate 4.9-Acre Tract from R-20 to PUD-R. The property is located at 3720 and 3716 Powder Springs Rd, within land lots 833 and 870, 19th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia. PINs: 19087000010, 19087000150.

Attachments: [Tabled PZ 24-029](#)
[PZ 24-029. Motion to Table. 04072025](#)
[Site Plan. 2025-3-16. NELSON - POWDER SPRINGS](#)
[Signed Table to Motion 02-03-25](#)
[Signed table to Dec 2nd](#)
[Renderings. 28' wide th- streetscape 4-8-21 fin](#)
[Traffic Impact Study](#)
[Fiscal Impact Analysis. Powder Springs Road FIA 10 16 24](#)
[Public Opposition. CREEKWOOD SUBDIVISION PETITION](#)
[Rezoning Application. 3716 & 3720 Powder Springs Road Redacted](#)
[Signed PZ 24-029 Tabled Motion to 11-04](#)
[Signed Motion to table to Apr 7](#)
[Motion to Table PS Road 3720 and 3176.docx](#)

Tina Garver, Community Development Director, discussed that PZ 24-029 was tabled due to transportation concerns at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting; and the recommendation is for Council is to table the matter to the June meeting.

[ORD 25](#)
[-010](#)

Annexation of a 9.3-acre tract, to rezone from R-20 (county) to PUD-R (city). The property is located at Old Horse Shoe Bend Road at Barrett Pwky., within land lot 691, 2nd section, Cobb County Georgia. PIN: 19069100070 and 19069100010. Applicant: Traton, LLC.
1st Reading 5/5/25 2nd Reading 5/19/25
Motion to Table 1st reading to June 2, 2026

Attachments: [Survey - 02-18-2025 \(1\)](#)
[Legal Description - Tract 2 \(Brown\)](#)
[Legal Description - Tract 3 \(Brown\)](#)
[Legal Description - Tract 4 \(Garrett Estate\)](#)
[Legal Description - Tract 1 \(Garrett Estate\)](#)
[Motion to Table Traton Annexation Barrett Pkway](#)

Tina Garver, Community Development Director, discussed the recommendation to table the ordinance to allow for the completion of a fiscal analysis and design review.

[PZ 25-005](#)

Rezoning. For a 9.3-acre tract, to rezone from R-20 (county) to PUD-R (city). The property is located at Old Horse Shoe Bend Road at Barrett Pwky., within land lot 691, 2nd section, Cobb County Georgia. PIN: 19069100070 and 19069100010. Applicant: Traton, LLC.

Motion to Table to June 2 2025 Council Meeting

Attachments: [Rezoning Application Redacted](#)
[Site Plan \(Revised\) - 03-24-2025](#)
[List of Requested Variances](#)
[Survey - 02-18-2025](#)
[Site Map \(Overall\)](#)
[Constitutional Challenge Redacted](#)
[2024 Cobb Tax Receipt \(Brown\)](#)
[2024 Cobb Tax Receipt \(Garrett\)](#)
[Deed \(Brown\)](#)
[Deed \(Garrett\)](#)
[Exhibit A - Contact Information Redacted](#)
[Legal Description - Tract 1 \(Garrett Estate\)](#)
[Legal Description - Tract 2 \(Brown\)](#)
[Legal Description - Tract 3 \(Brown\)](#)
[Legal Description - Tract 4 \(Garrett Estate\)](#)
[Letters of Administration \(Garrett Estate\)](#)
[Site Map \(Brown\)](#)
[Site Map \(Garrett Estate\)](#)
[Motion to Table Traton Rezoning Barrett Pkway](#)

Tina Garver, Community Development Director, discussed the recommendation to table the rezoning application to allow for the completion of a fiscal analysis and design review.

[PZ 25-007](#) Rezoning. For a 6.26-acre tract, to rezone from CRC to PUD-R. The property is located at 3200 Powder Springs Road, within land lots 866 and 867, 2nd section, Cobb County Georgia. PIN: 19086700050. Applicant: Kenneth Ellsworth

Motion to Table to June 2, 2025 Council Meeting

Attachments: [Rezoning Request Application and attachments Redacted](#)
[Motion to Table PS Road](#)

Tina Garver, Community Development Director, discussed the recommendation to table the rezoning application to allow for the site plan and fiscal analysis to be completed.

[2025 -024](#) Mental Health Awareness

Attachments: [Mental Health Awareness Month May 2025](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, stated that Irene Barton of Cobb Collaborative will be present Monday to accept the proclamation.

[PR 25-003](#) Still Elementary Student Council and Principal Certificates

Pam Conner, City Manager, stated that the students from Still Elementary School will be present Monday to receive their recognition as Student Council members.

[PR 25-004](#) Certificate of Recognition & Achievement

Attachments: [Isaiah Upshaw](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, stated that the City will present a Certificate of Recognition and Achievement to Isaiah Upshaw on Monday.

[RPT 25-026](#) Report – use of structure for PD Training

Lane Cadwell, Chief of Police, discussed the request to use the soon to be demolished City owned building for police training for simulated scenarios. Chief Cadwell added that there will no damage to the building or use of weapons.

RECESS AT 6 PM FOR SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, seconded by Council Member - At Large Post 1 McMutry, that this Recess for Special Called City Council Agenda at 6pm be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Henry Lust, Doris Dawkins, Dwayne Green, and Dwight McMutry

Absent: 1 - Patricia Wisdom

RECESS CONCLUSION FROM THE 6 PM SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, seconded by Council Member - At Large Post 1 McMutry, that this Recess conclude from the 6 PM Special Called City Council Agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Henry Lust, Doris Dawkins, Dwayne Green, and Dwight McMutry

Absent: 1 - Patricia Wisdom

Executive Session was called for the purpose of Real Estate Matters

A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 3 Green, seconded by Council Member - At Large Post 1 McMutry, that this Executive Session be called for the purpose of Real Estate and Potential Litigation be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Henry Lust, Doris Dawkins, Dwayne Green, and Dwight McMutry

Absent: 1 - Patricia Wisdom

Executive Session was concluded from the purpose of Real Estate Matters

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, seconded by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, that this conclusion of the Executive Session from the purpose of Real Estate matters be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Henry Lust, Doris Dawkins, Dwayne Green, and Dwight McMutry

Absent: 1 - Patricia Wisdom

Executive Session was called for the purpose of Potential Litigation Matters

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, seconded by Council Member - Ward 3 Green, that this Executive Session be called for the purpose of Potential Litigation be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Henry Lust, Doris Dawkins, Dwayne Green, and Dwight McMutry

Absent: 1 - Patricia Wisdom

Executive Session was concluded from the purpose of Potential Litigation Matters

A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, seconded by Council Member - At Large Post 1 McMutry, that this Executive Session conclude from the purpose of Potential Litigation be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Henry Lust, Doris Dawkins, Dwayne Green, and Dwight McMutry

Absent: 1 - Patricia Wisdom

City Manager and Council Reports

City Manager Pam Conner, reminded everyone of the current week City events.

Council Member McMutry shared his concerns with advertising the City's events based off citizen feedback.

Council Member Lust shared that he attended the Georgia Municipal Association District 3 Listening Session April 24; April 28th attended the Cobb WellStar Regional Awards; and earlier today attended the Council for Quality Growth.

Council Member Green shared that his hopes that everyone stay safe.

Council Member Dawkins shared that she will be traveling to Madison for the Georgia Municipal Association Board Meeting tomorrow; and reminded everyone of the Shred Day this coming Saturday at the Police Department's parking lot.

Recess to Next Scheduled City Council Meeting

A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, seconded by Council Member - Ward 3 Green, that this Recess to Monday May 5, 2025 at 6:30 PM be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Henry Lust, Doris Dawkins, Dwayne Green, and Dwight McMutry

Absent: 1 - Patricia Wisdom