



# City of Powder Springs

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Council Work Session

*Mayor  
Albert Thurman*

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

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Wednesday, October 1, 2025

5:00 PM

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

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New City Hall - 2nd Floor Council Conference Room

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84008822517>  
Meeting ID: 840 0882 2517 Dial: 1-929-205-6099**

### Call to Order

Mayor Albert Thurman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. All council members were present onsite. Also present were City Attorney Julie Livingston, City Manager Pam Conner and City Clerk Kelly Axt.

Staff in Attendance: Joe Bennett, Phyliss Calloway, Travis Landrum (Zoom), Tamara Newkirt, and Travis Sims (Zoom).

### Mayor's Comments

### Work Session Matters

[RPT 25-056](#) Report - MOU - Highland Rivers

Kathleen Varda, Vice President of Highland Rivers, provided an overview of the public health services of the center.

Steven Schmid, Director of Highland Rivers, provided an overview of the clinical and co-response services of the center.

[RPT 25-057](#) Report - Annexation - Fiscal Impact

Michael Hughes, of H5 Consulting Services, provided a presentation on the fiscal impact of potential annexation at the intersection of Powder Springs Road and East West Connector.

Jason Gaines, of H5 Consulting Services, provided the potential cost of city

services the city would have to incur due the annexations.

[RPT 25-058](#) Report - Flood Plain Property - Lewis Road

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the land lot property and asked for the elected body's feedback on the City purchasing the parcel. The Council body unanimously had no objections to the purchase.

[RPT 25-059](#) Report - Gallery Use Policy

Attachments: [City Hall Art Gallery Public Use Policy](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the proposed policy for the Art Gallery use for public access.

[RES0  
25-134](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE POWDER SPRINGS AND FOREST HILL ROAD ACCESS ROAD PROJECT KNOWN AS PROJECT NO. 1476.013, INCLUDING THE USE OF CONDEMNATION IF NEEDED; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE DEEDS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO COMPLETE ACQUISITION, CLOSING AND CONVEYANCE TRANSACTIONS FOR PROJECT PARCELS 10, 11 AND 12; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [Executed RESO 2025-134](#)  
[RESOLUTION 2025 - 134 Acquisition Condemnation Parcel 10 11 12](#)  
[3745 Powder Springs Rd Offer 2025-07-07 Redacted](#)  
[3751 Powder Springs Rd Offer 2025-07-07 Redacted](#)  
[3765 Powder Springs Rd Offer 2025-07-07 3765 Powder Springs Rd Offer 2025-07-07 Redacted](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the recommended purchase of the three parcels for condemnation on Powder Springs Road.

[RES0  
25-135](#)

A MORATORIUM OF ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY (120) DAYS (UNLESS SOONER TERMINATED) ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF CITY RESIDENTIAL REZONING APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [Executed RESO 2025-135](#)  
[RESOLUTION 2025 - 135 Moratorium Extension](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the extension to review financial analysis on the long term plan.

[RES0  
25-136](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS DOCUMENTS AS NEEDED REGARDING THE

ACQUISITION AND RENEWAL OF SOFTWARE PROGRAMS USED IN MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS SUBJECT TO BUDGET AVAILABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Attachments:* [RESOLUTION 2025 - 136 Software](#)  
[Executed RESO 2025-136](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the renewals of financial, development and police software contracts.

[ORD 25](#)  
[-016](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO CHILD CARING INSTITUTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

1st Reading - 09/15/2025    2nd Reading 10/06/2025

*Attachments:* [Adopted ORD 2025-016](#)  
[ORD 2025-016 Ext A](#)  
[Child Caring Institution Exh A with PZ recommendations \(002\)](#)  
[ORD 2025 - 016 Child Caring Inst UDC Amendment](#)  
[ORD 2025- 016 Exh A Child Caring Institution](#)  
[Ord 2025-016 Exh A Child Caring Institution revised](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the proposed amendment to allow use of child care institutions subject to conditions.

[PZ 25-016](#)

Special Use - Request to operate a Residential Child-Caring Institution (RCCI) at 5780 Warren Farm Road.

*Attachments:* [Child Caring Institution Exh A with PZ recommendations \(002\)](#)  
[Staff report child caring institution revised](#)  
[Special Use Application - RCCI - Warren Farm Road Redacted](#)

Latoya Skinner, special use applicant, read her prepared speech discussing her request to allow up to 12 foster children live within her residential home in a family environment as a care giver per State allowance.

Council Member McMutry added that the Planning and Zoning Commission did not recommend approval of the special use application due potential surrounding home values going down, the property owner not being in the home, and security concerns.

**Dinner recess was called at 6:30pm**

**A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, seconded by Council Member - At Large Post 1 McMutry, that this Dinner recess 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

**Dinner recess was concluded at 7:00pm**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, seconded by Council Member - At Large Post 2McMutry, that this Dinner recess conclude at 7pm be approved. Council Member Wisdom returned late from Dinner Recess. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**No:** 1 - Patricia Wisdom

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

No executive session was held.

**City Manager and Council Reports**

City Manager Pam Conner made no reports.

Council Member Lust shared that he is apart of a reading literacy group and that he is responsible for establishing a committee in Powder Springs; and that he will be attending the GMA District 3 meeting this coming Friday.

Council Member Green shared that he enjoyed the ribbon cutting for the Chick Fil A on Barrett Parkway.

Council Member Dawkins made no reports.

Council Member McMurry shared that he attended the ribbon cutting for Chick Fil A in Powder Springs; and enjoyed the State Fair this past Saturday.

Council Member Wisdom welcomed everyone that attended the meeting.

**Recess to Next Scheduled City Council Meeting**

A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 3 Green, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, that this Recess to Monday October 6, 2025 at 6:30pm be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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